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ORDINANCE NO. 554

An ordinance to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious and infectious diseases, within the city of Payette, and to punish violations thereof.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Payette.

Section I. That it is hereby made the duty of the Mayor and the council of the city of Payette, upon receiving information from a satisfactory and reliable source, that any person therein, or within one mile of the city limits, is afflicted with small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other contagious or infectious disease, dangerous to the public health, to immediately cause the premises or house in which such afflicted person may be residing or lying, to be immediately quarantined by giving notice to, the occupant~~s~~ of such house or premises, that no person therein who has been exposed to the malady from which such afflicted person is suffering, will be permitted to leave such premises until the further order of the mayor, and also not to send out or cause to be sent out from such house or premises any washing, garments, or packages of any kind, until such premises shall have become clear of such contagion, and shall have been thoroughly fumigated and disinfected under the directions of a competent physician, provided, that such restrictions shall not apply to practicing physicians in the discharge of their professional duties.

Section II. That it shall be the duty of the mayor or any member of the city council and the city marshal, upon receiving reliable and satisfactory information, that there is any person within the city afflicted with any of the ailments mentioned in section one of this ordinance, who has no home or stopping place within the city or in its immediate vicinity, to immediately procure proper quarters for such afflicted person, and cause him to be confined therein until all danger of the spread of the malady from which he or she is suffering has passed; and if such afflicted person be an indigent, it shall be the duty of such officer to take immediate steps to have such person declared a county charge.

Section III. That it is hereby made the duty of the mayor of the city, and he is empowered, whenever, in his judgment, the safety of the public health demands it, to, by written proclamation, forbid the admission, within the city limits of the city of Payette, of any and all persons who have been exposed to any pestilence or epidemic disease, or others peculiarly liable thereto, and to forbid all public gatherings, such as church meetings, balls, dances, shows, and the like, and he in like manner, may cause any public or private school to suspend until his further order; and in the discharge of his duties in protecting the health of the inhabitants of the city, it shall be his duty to solicit the advice and counsel of any reputable physician or physicians therein, as to the best methods of suppressing any of the maladies, or preventing their further spread, and he may, on such advice, go beyond the powers herein specifically granted, and take such other and further steps as he, in his judgment and the judgment of his advising physicians may deem necessary and proper for the preservation of the public health; and he shall declare by public proclamation posted in at least three public places within the city, such regulations as he may deem necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this ordinance.

Section IV. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or of any proclamation by the mayor, by virtue of the provisions hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars and not more than one hundred dollars, and in default of payment of any fine imposed, shall be imprisoned in the city or county jail at least one day for each two dollars of such fine.

Section V. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this 9 day of Sept 1903

M. Sateris
 Mayor.

Attest:
Geo W Daker
 Clerk.