

CHAPTER 4-1 BOARD OF HEALTH

4-1-1 BOARD ESTABLISHED

A Board of Health is hereby established to consist of the Mayor, Chief of Police and City Physician, who shall be a doctor appointed by the Mayor. The City Finance Officer shall be the secretary of such board.

Authority: SDCL 9-32-2

4-1-2 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for business. The Board of Health shall hold special meetings as may be called from time to time by the City Physician. The City Physician shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Health.

4-1-3 POWERS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Health shall exercise a general supervision over the health of the City, with full power to take all steps and use all measures necessary to promote the cleanliness and healthfulness thereof, to prevent the introduction into the City of malignant, contagious, or infectious diseases, and to remove or otherwise take care of any persons attacked by any such diseases; and to adopt in reference to such person, any regulation, rules or measures deemed advisable; to establish rules for the government of a City hospital; and the City Physician shall have and exercise a general supervision over the sanitary conditions of the City.

Authority: SDCL 9-32-2

4-1-4 DUTIES OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician shall give the City Council and the Board of Health all such professional advice and information as they require in regard to the public health, and, whenever he shall hear of the existence of any malignant, contagious or pestilential disease, he shall immediately investigate the same and adopt measures to arrest its progress. It shall always be the duty of the City Physician to enforce all sanitary regulations of the City; and for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing requirements, he shall be permitted at all times to enter any house, store, stable or other building, and do whatever may be necessary in order to make a thorough examination of cellars, vaults, sinks, or drains, and to cause all privies to be cleaned and kept in good condition, and to cause all dead animals or other nauseous or unwholesome things to be buried, removed, or disposed of in the manner that he may direct.

Authority: SDCL 9-32-1

4-1-5 PHYSICIAN; DUTY TO REPORT

Every Physician practicing in the corporate limits of the City shall immediately report by telephone, or otherwise, to the Board of Health every case of contagious or infectious disease arising in his practice, and shall also report every case he suspects to be contagious, and said physician shall within twenty-four hours thereafter make a written report of such case to the Board of Health, which shall state the name, age, sex, and address of said case, the name of the disease, and source of contagion, if known. Said Physician shall also make a written report to the Board of Health upon the termination of the disease.

Authority: SDCL 9-32-1; See Also Authority: SDCL 9-32-1

4-1-6 NOTICE: HOW SERVED

In order to carry out the provisions of the foregoing section, it shall be the duty of the City Physician to serve or cause to be served a notice in writing, signed by him, upon the owner, occupant, or person having charge of any lot, building or premises, in or upon which any nauseous, unwholesome or offensive substance may be found, or upon the person causing, maintaining, or suffering any such nuisance, requiring him to abate the same in such a manner as he shall prescribe. If any such person shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of such order within the time specified, he shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred in abating such nuisance, and shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter prescribed. It shall be the duty of the City Physician to proceed at once, upon the expiration of the time specified in said notice, to cause such nuisance to be abated provided that whenever the owner, occupant, or agent of any premises in or upon which any such nuisance may be found is unknown or cannot be located, the City Physician shall proceed to abate the same without notice.

Authority: SDCL 9-32-1; See Also Authority: SDCL 9-32-1