

YALE CITY CODE

Chapter 12

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Article 1. Toilet Facilities.

Sec. 12-1. Definition of terms.

- (a) Human excreta: means the bowel and kidney discharges of human beings.
- (b) Sanitary water closet: means the flush type toilet which is connected with a sewer line of sufficient capacity and so constructed as to carry away the contents at all times.
- (c) Septic tank: means a septic tank which is built, rebuilt or constructed so as to conform to the specifications approved by the State Health Department.
- (d) Health Officer and City Marshal; means the persons appointed to said positions according to the laws governing such appointments, or person or persons authorized to act as their agents.
- (e) Sanitary Pit Privy: means a privy which is built, rebuilt or constructed so as to conform to the specifications approved by the State Health Department.

Sec. 12-2. Proper toilet facilities required.

Every residence and building in which humans reside, are employed or congregate shall be required to have a sanitary method for the disposal of human excreta, namely, sanitary water closet or closets, or septic tanks. The toilets required by this article shall be the sanitary water closet type when located within two hundred and fifty (250) feet of a sanitary sewer and accessible thereto, and the septic tank type when not so located.

Sec. 12-3. Proper disposal of human excrement required.

All human excrement disposed of within the City of Yale shall be disposed of by depositing it in closets of the type hereinabove provided for. It is unlawful for any owner of property within the City to permit the disposal of human excrement thereon in any other manner, and for any person to dispose of human excrement within the City in any other manner.

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Sec. 12-4. Permit required.

No septic tank shall be constructed within the corporate limits of the City of Yale, Oklahoma, without a permit from the city health officer or county health officer, and same must comply with the requirements of the State Health Department.

Sec. 12-5. Proper plumbing facilities.

All connections from the public water supply to toilets and other plumbing fixtures shall be made in such a manner as to make impossible the return of any of the water, liquid or waste from the toilet or other plumbing fixtures to the public water supply distributing system either by gravity or siphonage.

Sec. 12-6. Cost borne by owners.

The cost of providing for a sanitary method of disposal of human excreta shall be borne by the owner or owner's agent of the property.

Sec. 12-7. Health officer; inspections; notice.

It shall be the duty of the City Commission to appoint the health officer, police officer or other duly authorized representative to make an inspection of the methods of disposal of sewage within the City of Yale as frequently thereafter as is necessary to secure compliance with this chapter. Written notification of any violation of this chapter shall be given by the health officer, police officer or their duly authorized representative to the owner or owner's agent and occupant of the property upon which the violation occurs. If the provisions of this chapter have not been complied with within the period of fifteen (15) days following the date of notice of violation, the owner or owner's agent of the property will be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 12-8. Septic tanks.

No person shall maintain any septic tank with the City of Yale upon any premises adjoining the public sewer, unless property is situated so connection to the public sewer cannot be made. The installation of septic tanks will meet the requirements of the State Health Department.

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Sec. 12-9. Improperly constructed or maintained facilities a nuisance.

(a) All septic tanks installed on any premises within the incorporated limits of Yale, Oklahoma, not constructed and maintained in conformity with the provisions of this article are declared to be a nuisance and a menace to public health.

(b) All facilities for the disposal of human excrement in a manner different from that required by this Article, and all privies and closets so constructed, situated, or maintained as to endanger the public health, are hereby declared to be public nuisances, and may be dealt with and abated as such.

Sec. 12-10. Toilets: Cleanliness; what may be put into them.

All public privies shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times, and the covers of the seats of privies shall be kept closed at all times when the privies are not being used. No wash water, kitchen slop, or anything other than human excrement and toilet paper, shall be emptied into a public privy. No excrement from any person suffering from typhoid fever, dysentery, or other serious bowel disease shall be deposited in any sanitary pit privy or sanitary water closet until it is disinfected in such a manner as may be prescribed by the health officer.

Article 2. Miscellaneous Provisions.

Sec. 12-11. Open Storage, Unlawful, Notice to Remove.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any residential structure or property to utilize the exterior premises of such property for the open storage of any vehicle part, appliance, furniture, building material, building rubbish, or other similar items. It shall be the responsibility of every such owner or occupant to keep the premises of such property clean, to not allow an accumulation of the above described materials and to remove from the premises any such items as described above. For the purposes of this section, open storage shall be defined to include, but shall not be limited to, all storage on the premises which is not inside a building, such as storage on porches, storage under a carport and similar areas and storage in a fenced or non-fenced yard. That keeping of the above described items shall endanger the health and safety of the residents and inhabitants of the City of Yale.

(b) When it comes to the attention of any code official or Police Officer of the City of Yale that a premises is in violation of this Section, then a written notice of the violation has occurred and that notice is given demanding removal of such materials and an abatement of such

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violation has occurred and that notice is given demanding removal of such materials and an abatement of such violation within ten (10) days of such notice. Such notice may be served by posting a copy in a conspicuous place upon the property where the violation is located and by mailing copies of the notice to the responsible parties at their last known address.

(c) The notice shall contain the demand for removal of such materials within the ten (10) day period and shall state that upon failure to comply with notice to remove, the City of Yale may undertake prosecution in the municipal court for such violation.

Sec. 12-12. Abandoned ice boxes, refrigerators.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to leave in a place accessible to children any abandoned or discarded ice box, refrigerator, or other container which has an air-tight door with a lock or other fastening device which cannot be easily released for opening from the inside of the ice box, refrigerator, or container, without first removing the door, lock, or fastener.

Sec. 12-13. "Trash" defined.

As used in this Article, the word "trash" extends to the widest sense of that term, and includes, but without limitation upon any other meaning, refuse, litter, ashes, leaves, debris, paper, combustible materials, offal, whether solid or liquid in form.

Sec. 12-14. Potable water.

All premises intended for human habitation or occupancy shall be provided with potable water.

Sec. 12-15. Non-potable water.

Non-potable water may be used for flushing water closets and urinals and other purposes not requiring potable water, provided that such water shall not be accessible for drinking or culinary purposes.

Sec. 12-16. Rainwater.

Rainwater leaders which are installed to convey the waters from the roof of any building shall not be connected to a sanitary sewer.

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Sec. 12-17. Surface drainage.

No opening shall be provided in any waste pipe in any building, or upon any premises, for the purpose of receiving the surface drainage.

Sec. 12-18. Penalty.

Any person who violates any provisions of this article or of any ordinance, code, or standard adopted by reference by this chapter, or maintains or permits to continue any public nuisance as defined by this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) excluding costs. Every day upon which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.