

Chapter 262

LAUNDERETTES

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Fees and applications — See Ch. 256.

§ 262-1. Definitions.

The following words, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings:

LAUNDERETTE — An establishment or place of business conducted for the purpose of washing, cleaning, drying and laundering clothes and other washable materials that may be brought to said establishment or place of business by customers and wherein the work is done in machines, coin-operated or otherwise, located on the premises, by the customers themselves or by or under the supervision of the owners or operators of said establishment or place of business for said

customers, and shall include a "laundromat," "wash-o-mat," "washeteria" and similar names and types under which laundering of the self-service type is carried on.

PERSON — Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity, including the agents thereof.

§ 262-2. License required; expiration of license.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate any launderette without securing from the Board of Health a license for said purpose. A separate license shall be required for each establishment. Said license shall expire on the 31st day of December following the date of its issuance.

§ 262-3. License fee.¹

The annual license fee for the full year, or any portion thereof, shall be at the rate as set forth in Chapter 256, Fees and Applications.

§ 262-4. Rules of operation.

- A. The entire premises shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
- B. All areas where the actual work of washing or laundering is performed shall be adequately ventilated and provided with sufficient natural or artificial light.
- C. All walls shall be covered with nonabsorbent paint, cement or other impervious material.
- D. There shall be available an adequate supply of water for flushing and cleaning purposes.
- E. All machines shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
- F. The floor shall be kept clean and dry.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 250, General Provisions, Board of Health, Art. I.

- G. No unnecessary or unreasonable noise or vibration shall be permitted, and the machinery shall be so maintained that it will not constitute an annoyance to residents in the neighborhood, nor will it constitute a detriment to the well-being of persons residing in the area.
- H. No diapers or any other articles containing bodily excrement or discharges shall be permitted to be washed on the premises.
- I. Automatic controls.
- (1) Each machine used for washing or laundering shall be supplied with an automatic control capable of providing for a process adequate to clean articles of any description, which process shall require not more than thirty (30) minutes of operation consisting of washing with a recognized detergent and three (3) rinses with water to a temperature of one hundred eighty degrees Fahrenheit (180° F.) during the entire cleaning process.
- (2) Each machine may provide an automatic control capable of providing for a process requiring not more than twenty (20) minutes of operation with water to be a temperature of one hundred thirty degrees Fahrenheit (130° F.) for the washing of perishable materials, such as woolens, blankets and similar fabrics.
- J. All dryers shall be required to provide, when in operation, a temperature of not less than two hundred degrees Fahrenheit (200° F.).
- K. It shall be unlawful for any launderette to be open for the conduct of business on any day of the week other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. prevailing time. **[Amended 12-17-62 by Ord. No. 1-62]**
- L. No food or beverages shall be sold or consumed on the premises.
- M. All machines shall be kept thoroughly clean and in a sanitary condition at all times.
- N. Machines shall be kept in working order.

- O. Machines not in working order shall be repaired immediately or designated "not in use."
- P. No detergent or chemicals shall be used which are deemed to be harmful to or which interfere with the operation of the Wood-Ridge sewer disposal plant or system.
- Q. No water from the operation of the launderette shall be discharged into the storm sewers or drainage structures of the borough.

§ 262-5. Violations deemed nuisances.

- A. The operation of a launderette in violation of the provisions of this chapter or the commission of any act in violation of any of the provisions thereof is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the public health.
- B. All acts which are declared and defined by this chapter to constitute a nuisance shall be abated and removed by the owners or operators of the premises wherein the same exists upon notice from the Board of Health.
- C. If the owners or operators, when notified, shall not comply with the notice or order, the Board of Health shall abate the nuisance.

§ 262-6. Violations and penalties.²

- A. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other association of persons who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter or with any order of the Board of Health or its representative, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine, at the discretion of the court imposing it, of not less than two dollars (\$2.) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.).
- B. Each day, during which a violation shall continue, shall constitute a separate offense.

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 250. General Provisions, Board of Health, Art. I.