

ORDINANCE #33  
(5-21-1934) amended 3-13-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE, MICHIGAN, RELATIVE THERETO.

THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE ORDAINS:

CHAPTER 1. GARBAGE.

No person or persons shall suffer or permit garbage, swill, or house offal from a house, restaurant, hotel, fruit stand, soda fountain, saloon, bakery, grocery store, or from any place of business or dwelling, to be deposited on their premises or in any street or alley, but shall deposit same in properly covered metal garbage cans, and same shall be cleaned at least twice a week, between the first day of May and the last day of November, and once a week at all other seasons, by properly burning same, or causing same to be properly removed outside of the corporate limits of the Village of Nashville, and properly buried.

CHAPTER 2. CARE OF YARDS, OPEN LOTS, ALLEYS, AREAWAYS, ETC.

SECTION 1: No person or persons shall suffer or permit any stagnant or filthy water, decayed fruits, or vegetables, dead animals, putrid meats, decayed fish, or refuse of any kind of waste materials from a butcher shop or fishing establishment, or offensive drain, sink, privy, cesspool, slops, garbage, manure, or any other offensive thing that may be detrimental to the health of, or a continuous nuisance to, any one person, to remain on their premises. Nor shall they deposit same in any street, alley, open lot, nor in any ditch, stream or river. All such nuisances shall be removed from the premises at once, and the offensive article shall be buried, burned or drained as may be necessary; or disposed of in some other way, so that said offensive article may not be detrimental to the health of, or a continued nuisance to any person.

SECTION 2: All public and private alleys and areaways must be kept clean by the owner or occupant of the premises adjoining said alleys and areaways. No ashes, manure, tin cans, paper, bottles, boxes or rubbish of any kind shall be deposited in the same by any person or persons, unless deposited in ash houses or proper receptacles for such rubbish, and said ash house and receptacles shall be cleaned at least twice a year, in the spring and fall of the year, viz., before the 31st day of May and again before the 30th day of November following.

SECTION 3: All stables, yards or enclosures, where cattle or fowl are kept, shall be kept free from filth and dirt. All manure must be kept in enclosed bins so that it shall at all times be out of sight and view, and must be removed by the owner or occupant of the premises at least once a month.

### CHAPTER 3. HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, AND HOGS, FOWL, DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS. (amended 3-13-2025)

SECTION 1. No cow or cows shall be kept in stable within 50 feet of any dwelling, spring, well or source of drinking water within the limits of the Village of Nashville. Same shall be kept in barns and in stables entirely free from standing water and shall be regularly cleaned at least once a day. The manure shall be kept in bins as described in chapter 2, section 3 and carried away at least once every two weeks. The grounds around these barns must be kept in a perfectly sanitary condition. They must be kept well filled in with sand, so that there shall not be any stagnant or filthy water in such ground.

SECTION 2. No person or persons shall be allowed to keep hogs in pens within the limits of the Village of Nashville within 20 rods of any dwelling house.

SECTION 3. No chickens, geese or other fowl shall be allowed to run at large within the limits of the Village of Nashville, but same shall be kept in properly constructed yards or enclosures and not within 10 feet of any dwelling, house, well, spring or sources of drinking water.

SECTION 4. No person owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any dog shall intentionally, or through failure to exercise due care, permit such dog or other animal to defecate on any public or private property, unless such person immediately collects and properly disposes of all such fecal matter; provided, however, this section shall not apply to guide dogs for the visually handicapped and aid dogs for the physically handicapped.

### CHAPTER 4. PRIVY VAULTS, CESSPOOLS AND SEWERS.

SECTION 1. No privy vault, cesspool or reservoir into which a privy, water closet, stable or sink is drained, shall be established or permitted within fifty feet of any well, spring or other source of water supply used for drinking or culinary purposes.

SECTION 2. Also no privy vault, cesspool or reservoir into which a privy, water closet, stable or sink is drained shall be established or permitted within such distance of any dwelling so that it is dangerous to the health of, or a continuous nuisance to any person.

SECTION 3. All privy vaults, cesspools or reservoirs, as above described, shall be cleaned out at least twice each year, in the springtime and fall of the year, viz., in the springtime before the 31st day of May and in the fall before the 30th day of November following; shall be thoroughly disinfected at least once in every year by adding two pounds of copperas dissolved in a pail full of water, or a similar disinfect and deodorant. Same shall be properly cleaned and the contents removed in tightly covered barrels or tank wagon, so constructed that they shall not leak or spill, and carried outside of the Village limits, there to be disposed of by the trenching method.

SECTION 4. No property owner shall suffer or permit water to be drawn from any well or other source of water supply on premises owned by said property owner or owners which is not perfectly clean and wholesome. He shall cause such contaminated source of water to be

removed at once. If any such well, spring or source of water supply is deemed unwholesome or unsafe by the board of health, the same shall be removed and its use discontinued.

SECTION 5. A compulsory sewer district is hereby established to include the entire Village of Nashville, and it is hereby ordered that whenever in the judgment of the board of health it shall be deemed necessary and requisite for the public health that any dwelling, store, hotel, restaurant, and other buildings where lavatories, urinals or closets are maintained in the Village of Nashville, shall make connection with the sewer system and shall hereafter use the same and shall clean out and discontinue the use of all privies, vaults and cesspools.

#### CHAPTER 5. DEAD ANIMALS.

When any dumb animal shall die accidentally or in any other way within the limits of the Village of Nashville, the same shall be removed and buried outside the Village limits by the owner, within twenty-four hours, except fowls or small animals which may be buried on the premises at a reasonable depth below the surface so as to leave no stench; and not within 50 feet of any well, spring or source of drinking water.

#### CHAPTER 6. MARKETS, BAKERIES, STORES, ETC.

SECTION 1. All meat men or person or persons engaged in the sale of meat, poultry and fish, etc., all bakers, confectioners and all dealers in baked goods, fruit, candies, vegetables or confectionery, shall not be allowed to expose same outside of their stores or place of business, in the street or open windows, but shall keep same inside of their stores or place of business, and shall keep same well protected from flies, dirt and dust.

SECTION 2. All butcher and meat market men, all confectioners, bakers, grocers and dealers in fruit, candies, ice cream, vegetables, and hotel men shall protect their stores or places of business from flies during the summer months, from the first day of June until the last day of November, by adjusting properly fitted screens to all open windows and properly fitted screen door, leading into their stores or places of business.

#### CHAPTER 7. SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

No slaughter houses or slaughter yards shall be kept or maintained within the limits of the Village of Nashville within 40 rods of any dwelling house, and no new slaughter house or slaughter yard shall be constructed, kept or maintained within the corporate limits of the Village of Nashville without first securing a permit from the Village Council.

#### CHAPTER 8.

Whenever in the judgment of the Board of Health it shall be deemed necessary for the public health, the said board will at once take possession of any slaughter house, building, dwelling house, shed, outhouse, premises, or ground upon which, in their judgment, there exists any nuisance prejudicial to the public health, and if the owner or occupant shall refuse or neglect to forthwith abate such nuisance in the manner directed by said board, said board will cause the

same to be abated forthwith in such manner as they deem proper, and all expense incurred thereby shall be a legal claim against the owner and a lien upon said property, to be collected in the same manner as other special assessments. Said board will also, when they deem it requisite for the public health, at once and by force, if necessary, close up such aforesaid buildings or premises, and exclude all occupants there from until such nuisance shall have been fully abated. Any person who shall resist the action of the board or its agents under this rule, shall be liable to the penalties hereinafter provided.

## CHAPTER 9.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of any dwelling house or other building in which there shall occur a case of diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, pneumonia, consumption, meningitis, measles, whooping cough, typhus fever, or any other communicable disease dangerous to the public health, to immediately give notice thereof to the health officer.

SECTION 2. Whenever any physician, or any person acting as such, whether living in the Village or outside thereof, shall be called to treat any patient who is sick with smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or any other communicable disease dangerous to the public health, such physician shall immediately give notice thereof to the health officer.

SECTION 3. This Board of Health, or its health officer, will, upon receipt of such notice as provided for in chapter 9, section 1, whenever in their opinion a disease dangerous to the public health exists, take steps for the prevention of the spread of such disease by placard, quarantine, or isolation, and by such other measures as they may deem, necessary or expedient. And it shall be the duty of every person connected with such a case of dangerous communicable disease to strictly abide by the orders and advice which this board or its health officer may issue.

SECTION 4. No person, shall down, remove, injure or deface any card or sign which may have been placed by order of the Board of Health or health officer upon any building or premises. No occupant of said placarded building or premises shall leave same, and no person, except the attending physician and nurses, shall enter the same without first obtaining the permission of said Board of Health or health officer.

SECTION 5. Any person recovering from any contagious or infectious disease shall not leave the premises in which said person was sick with such disease without first thoroughly disinfecting him or herself and without first thoroughly disinfecting all clothing, rooms and all such articles as shall have been exposed to such disease. Same to be done by the health officer. All articles that cannot be thoroughly disinfected shall be destroyed by fire.

SECTION 6. In case of death of any person from diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, poliomyelitis, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, leprosy, cholera, glanders, anthrax, yellow fever, typhus fever, or plague, the body of such deceased person shall not be taken to or inside any church, public building or any other public place, nor to any private residence or building other than that upon the premises where said death occurred, but said body shall be privately conveyed to any proper cemetery, and therein buried without any public demonstration or public funeral services, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Health or its health officer.

SECTION 7. No person sick with any of the diseases mentioned in chapter 9, section 6, or any other dangerous communicable disease, and no corpse of a person dead from one of the above named diseases, or from any other dangerous communicable disease, and no article which has been infected or is liable to propagate or convey any such disease shall be brought within the limits of the Village without the special permit and direction of the Board of Health.

SECTION 8. Any person or building or room vacated by any person or persons sick with any contagious or infectious disease, shall be thoroughly disinfected by the health officer, or under his supervision.

SECTION 9. Permits for the removal of infected articles or persons in accordance with the law, may be granted by this board, or by its health officers when the board is not in session under circumstances and conditions recommended by the State Board of Health.

SECTION 10. All cases of tuberculosis must be reported to the health officer by the attending physician, or any one who has knowledge of such disease existing, where no physician is employed. And it shall be the duty of the health officer at once to instruct the patient having said disease as to the methods of preventing the spread of this disease. In case of death from tuberculosis in any form, the house, dwelling or rooms in which such disease existed shall be thoroughly disinfected under the direction of the health officer. All clothing, bedding, etc., which has been in contact with the patient or exposed to same, shall be treated in the same manner as described in chapter 9, section 5.

SECTION 11. Spitting on the sidewalks, crossings, floors or public buildings, street cars or any public conveyances, or steps or entrance of any building is hereby expressly forbidden.

#### CHAPTER 10. PREVENTING OF DISEASE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the superintendent or principal or the teacher in any schoolroom or building, whenever any disease dangerous to the public health breaks out in their room or building, to immediately notify the health officer, whose duty it shall be upon receiving such notice to investigate the same at once, and institute such restrictive measures as will control the spread of the disease.

SECTION 2. Whenever smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other dangerous communicable disease breaks out in the household containing school children, it shall be the duty of the health officer to immediately notify the superintendent or the principal of the schools of the name of such family and character of the disease.

SECTION 3. Whenever the superintendent, principal, or teacher of any public or private school in the Village receives from the health officer notification that any disease dangerous to the public health exists in any household, such superintendent, principal, or responsible head shall exclude from his or her school, all pupils from such household until receiving further notice from the health officer that such disease no longer exists in said household and that the premises have been properly disinfected and renovated. Teachers in the public schools shall, during an

epidemic of smallpox and varioloid exclude all pupils who have not been properly vaccinated, or have not had smallpox or varioloid. Parents and guardians are directed not to send children sick with whooping cough, chickenpox on any other contagious disease to any private or public school until such children shall have fully recovered from such disease.

SECTION 4. All these rules pertain to contagious and infectious diseases in public schools, including pulmonary tuberculosis in any form, especially when pupil is coughing consumptive as well as the other infectious and contagious diseases.

#### CHAPTER 11. PENALTY.

Penalties for Violation: Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who violates any term or provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be punished by a civil fine of \$50 for a first violation, \$150 for a second violation, and \$300 for a third or subsequent violation and shall be liable for the payment of costs in an amount of not less than \$9.00 and not more than \$500.

#### CHAPTER 12. REPEAL.

All former ordinances and parts of ordinances in anywise contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance to take effect twenty days from the day of its passage.

Passed and approved by the Village Council on May 21, 1934.

Stewart Lofdahl  
President

Arthur Housler  
Village Clerk

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly published in the Nashville News, a newspaper published in the Village of Nashville, Michigan, on May 31 and June 7, 1934.

Arthur Housler  
Village Clerk