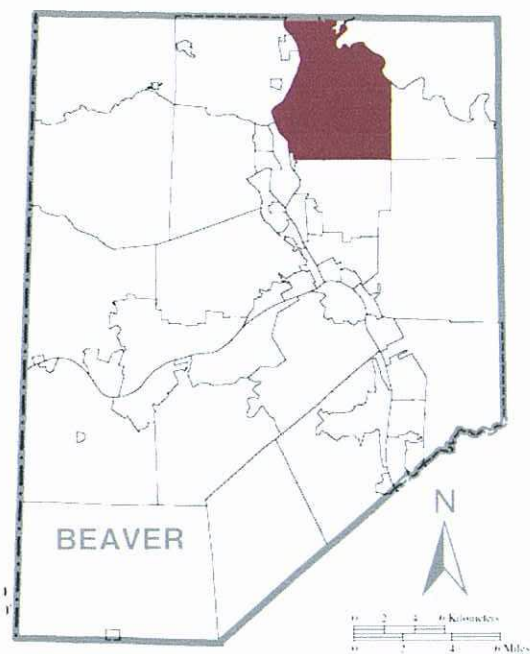


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## Chapter 10 Health and Safety



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## PART 1

### Vector Control

#### §10-101 SHORT TITLE

This Chapter shall be known as the "Vector Control Ordinance."

#### §10-102 DEFINITIONS

- A. **ACCESSORY STRUCTURE:** A detached structure which is not used or not intended to be used for living or sleeping by human occupants and which is located on or partially on any premises.
- B. **BREEDING AREA:** Any condition which provides the necessary environment for the birth or hatching of vectors.
- C. **COLLECTION OF WATER:** Any condition of standing or running water that facilitates the breeding of vectors.
- D. **DILAPIDATED:** Fallen into partial ruin or decay.
- E. **DISPOSAL:** The storage, collection, disposal or handling of refuse.
- F. **EXTERMINATION:** The control and elimination of vectors by:
  - (1) Eliminating their harborage places;
  - (2) Removing or making inaccessible materials that may serve as their food; and
  - (3) Any recognized and legal vector control elimination methods approved by the local or Commonwealth authority.
- G. **GARBAGE:** All animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or consumption of foods.
- H. **HARBORAGE:** Any place where vectors can live, nest or seek shelter.

- I. OCCUPANT: Any persons over one (1) year of age living, sleeping, cooking or eating in, or actually having possession of, a dwelling unit or a rooming unit; except that in dwelling units, a guest will not be considered an occupant.
- J. OWNER: The person who, along or jointly or severally with others:
  - (1) Shall have legal title to any premise, dwelling or dwelling unit, with or without accompanying possession thereof; or
  - (2) Shall have charge, care or control of any premise, dwelling or dwelling unit, as owner or agent of the owner, or an executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian of the estate of the owner. Any such person thus representing the actual owner shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this Chapter and of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, to the same extent as if he were the owner.
- K. REFUSE: All solid wastes, except body wastes, and shall include garbage, ashes and rubbish.
- L. RUBBISH: Glass, metal, paper, plant growth, wood or non-putrescible solid wastes.
- M. VECTOR: A rodent, arthropod or insect capable of transmitting a disease or infection. Vectors shall include, but not be limited to, rats, mice, mosquitoes, cockroaches, flies, ticks, etc.
- N. VECTOR-PROOFING: A form of construction to prevent the ingress or egress of vectors to or from a given space or building or gaining access to food, water or harborage. This term shall include, but not be limited to, rat proofing, fly proofing, mosquito proofing, etc.

#### **§10-103 PROHIBITED ACTS**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to deposit any refuse, offal, pomace, dead animals, decaying matter, or organic substance of any kind in or upon any private lot, building, structure, accessory structure, premises, or in or upon any street, avenue, alley, parkway, ravine, ditch, gutter, or into any of the waters of the Commonwealth so that same shall or may afford food, harborage, or breeding areas for rats, flies or other vectors.
- B. Except in areas of construction it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to deposit or permit to accumulate in or upon any premise, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley, any lumber, boxes, barrels, building materials, bottles, cans, glass, scrap iron, wire, pipe, broken crockery, broken plaster, metal articles, broken stone or cement, or rubbish of any kind, unless the same may be kept in approved covered receptacles or placed on open racks that are elevated not less than eighteen inches (18") above the ground and evenly piled or stacked, or disposed of as may be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- C. In areas of construction, reasonable care must be taken by the owner and/or building to prevent the buildup of debris and to maintain the premises in an orderly manner.
- D. It shall be unlawful to store refuse in containers other than those which shall be made of durable, watertight, rust resistant material having a tight-fitting lid which must be kept on the container when in use. These containers must be kept clean by thorough rinsing and draining as often as necessary so as not to provide food or breeding areas for flies.
- E. It shall be unlawful to dump, bury, destroy, or otherwise dispose of refuse except at an approved refuse disposal site.
- F. It shall be unlawful to have, keep, maintain, cause or permit any collection of standing or flowing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed, unless such collection of water is treated or maintained so as effectually to prevent such breeding.