

# Mandatory Powers Of Municipal Councils

[Section 2242, Administrative Code]

It shall be the duty of the municipal council, conformably with law:

(a) To fix the salaries of all municipal officers and employees except the treasurer and teachers in the public schools, and to provide for such expenditures as are necessary in the proper conduct of the lawful activities of the various branches of the municipal government.

(b) To provide a municipal building adequate for the municipal offices, and other buildings required for municipal uses, including schoolhouses.

(c) To provide for the levy and collection of municipal taxes and for the collection of all fees and charges constituting lawful sources of municipal revenue or income.

(d) To establish and maintain an efficient police department and an adequate municipal jail or prison.

(e) To regulate the construction, care, and use of streets, sidewalks, canals, wharves and piers in the municipality, and prevent and remove obstacles and encroachment on the same.

(f) To construct and keep in repair bridges and viaducts, and regulate the use of the same.

(g) To regulate the selling, giving away or dispensing of intoxicating, malt, vinous, mixed, or fermented liquors at retail.

(h) To declare and abate nuisance.

(i) To restrain riots, disturbances, and disorderly assemblages.

(j) To prohibit and penalize intoxication, fighting, gambling, mendicancy, prostitution, the keeping of disorderly houses, and other species of disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace.

(k) To provide for the punishment

and suppression of vagrancy and the punishment of any person found within the town without legitimate business or visible means of support.

(l) To suppress and penalize cruelty to animals.

(m) To prohibit the throwing or depositing of filth, garbage, or other offensive matter in any street, alley, park, or public square; provide for the suitable collection and disposition of such matter and for cleaning and keeping clean the streets, alleys, parks and other public places of the municipality.

(n) To regulate the keeping and use of animals in so far as the same affect the public health and the health of domestic animals.

(o) To require any land or building which is in an insanitary condition to be cleansed at the expense of the owner or tenant, and, upon failure to comply with such an order, have the work done and assess the expense upon the land or building.

(p) To construct and keep in repair public drains, sewers and cesspools, and regulate the construction and use of private water-closets, privies, sewers, drains, and cesspools.

(q) To establish or authorize the establishment of slaughterhouses and markets, and inspect and regulate the use of the same.

(r) To provide for and regulate the inspection of meat, fruits, poultry, milk, fish, vegetables, and all other articles of food.

(s) To adopt such other measures, including internal quarantine regulations, as may from time to time be deemed desirable or necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of disease.

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