

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA; PROHIBITING THE SALE OF MEAT WHICH IS UNSOUND, UNHEALTHFUL, UNWHOLESOME OR OTHERWISE UNFIT FOR HUMAN FOOD, OR TO OFFER THE SAME FOR SALE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS TO CARRY ON INSPECTION OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER, CARCASSES, AND WHOLE PARTS OF SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS, AND INSPECTION OF SANITARY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MEAT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE MANUFACTURED; PROVIDING FOR A FEE FOR SUCH EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION, REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND PROVIDING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA:

8-32-1 MEAT FOR SALE MUST BE INSPECTED. The sale and offer for sale of meat and meat food products which are unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome and otherwise unfit for human food within the corporate limits of the City of Gothenburg, is hereby prohibited, and only meat which has been inspected and passed as hereinafter set forth and conspicuously marked as such shall be sold or offered for sale in any establishment.

8-32-2 MEAT INSPECTED ELSEWHERE THAN GOTHENBURG. It is understood that all meat or meat products bearing the approval of or inspected and passed by the Meat Inspection Bureau of the Department of Agriculture of the United States is acceptable under the terms hereof. All meat or meat food products, other than that last above described, slaughtered in slaughtering establishments other than in the City of Gothenburg, which in the opinion of the City Meat Inspector maintain inspection equal to that maintained by the City of Gothenburg, as herein set forth, shall be acceptable for sale in the City of Gothenburg, provided such products may be reinspected at any time by the City of Gothenburg, at the expense of the proprietor of that establishment.

8-32-~~2~~ MEAT INSPECTION BY THE CITY MEAT INSPECTORS, ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTIONS. The City Meat Inspector of Gothenburg, or inspectors shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Gothenburg and shall make a careful examination and inspection of all cattle, sheep, swine and goats, the meat of which is to be used for food purposes within the City of Gothenburg before the same shall be allowed to go into any slaughtering, packing, rendering, retail or similar establishment. Said examination is to be known as the "Ante-Mortem Examination", and shall be conducted on the premises of the establishment. All such animals found, upon Ante-Mortem inspection, to be fit for human food shall be slaughtered, adequately identified and eligible for Post-Mortem inspection. Any cattle, sheep, swine, and goats found, upon such inspection, to show symptoms of a disease shall be set apart from other animals to be slaughtered and shall, themselves be slaughtered separately, have placed upon said slaughtered carcasses, in a conspicuous place, the tag "Suspected", and shall be subject to careful re-examination at a future time set by said inspector. All cattle, sheep, swine and goats found, upon Ante-Mortem inspection, to be unfit for human food shall not, under any circumstances, be slaughtered and shall, by the proprietor of the establishment, be disposed of at the direction of the inspector. All animals passed at the Ante-Mortem inspection which are not suspected or condemned shall be tagged and their identity retained until completion of the Post-Mortem inspection. As a guide to the inspectors or in event of disputes on procedure or requirements, the applicable laws of the State of Nebraska, and

the regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Inspection, Regulations Governing Meat Inspection of the United States Department of Agriculture, Edition of January, 1947, and as may be subsequently amended, shall govern as far as practicable.

8-32-4 MEAT INSPECTIONS BY CITY MEAT INSPECTORS-POST-MORTEM INSPECTIONS. The City Meat Inspector shall make a further examination and inspection after the slaughtering of animals passed at the Ante-Mortem inspection, to be known as the "Post-Mortem Examination", all carcasses and all parts thereof, all cattle, sheep, swine and goats to be prepared for human consumption at any slaughtering, packing, rendering, retail or similar establishment within the City. All carcasses, and parts thereof including the head, tongue, tail, thymus and glands and like parts and all of the viscera and parts and blood used in the preparation of meat or meat food products shall be kept together for Post-Mortem inspection. If and when said carcasses and their parts are found to be fit for human food, they shall be conspicuously marked or tagged as "Inspected and Passed". All such inspectors shall mark any carcasses or parts thereof found to be unfit for human food "Inspected and Condemned". All condemned meat in the establishment shall be destroyed or otherwise rendered unfit for human consumption in the presence of the inspector, as soon as practicable. All carcasses or parts thereof tagged as "Suspected" at the Ante-Mortem examination shall be re-examined and either passed or condemned, and if condemned, disposed of as set out in this Section.

8-32-5 INSPECTION, WHEN. The inspection herein set forth shall be made by the appointed inspector or inspectors at a time convenient to the inspector and such examination and inspection shall be had before the carcasses of the animals or parts thereof, shall be allowed to enter into any department wherein the same are to be treated and prepared for meat or meat products.

8-32-6 INSPECTION OF MEAT PREVIOUS INSPECTED. The City Meat Inspector shall have authority to examine any meat offered for sale or stored in retail or other establishments, even though previously marked as passed and approved, and condemn the same if said meat has become spoiled or contaminated since further and prior inspection.

8-32-7 INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES. The City Meat Inspector shall frequently inspect all and every slaughtering, meat canning, salting, packing, rendering, poultry dressing, or similar establishments in the City of Gothenburg or adjacent thereto in which any of said animals or poultry are slaughtered and offered for sale in the City of Gothenburg as to sanitary conditions of the premises and the persons employed therein, and should the premises or any of the persons employed therein prove unhealthful or unsanitary he shall refuse to allow meat, poultry or meat products therefrom to be offered for sale.

8-32-8 QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS. The inspectors appointed shall be graduate veterinarians and have been approved by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the State of Nebraska to make the inspection as set forth herein.

8-32-9 ANIMALS TO BE INSPECTED. The inspection provisions hereof shall apply to all animals killed for sale in the City of Gothenburg whether killed inside or outside of the limits of the City, except those animals which are killed by persons not actively engaged in slaughtering business, which animals shall be inspected at a place and hour designated by the appointed inspector, and the entire cost of the inspection shall be borne by the person requesting the inspection. "Custom butchering", the act of slaughtering and butchering an animal not owned by the slaughtering establishment, upon order of the owner, and not for sale within the City of

Gothenburg, shall not fall within the provisions of this Ordinance.

8-32-10 INSPECTION FEES. The City of Gothenburg shall collect from all persons for whom an inspection or examination of meat is made the following fees which shall constitute payment for both Ante-mortem and Post-mortem inspection:

For inspection of beeves	-----	.80 each
For inspection of Veal, (up to 400 lbs. live weight)	-----	.35 each
For inspection of hogs	-----	.35 each
For inspection of sheep	-----	.35 each.

Said fees shall be paid in advance to the City Treasurer, through the inspector making the inspection, and shall be deposited to the Credit of the General Fund and used only to defray the expenses of the inspectors and inspections provided in this ordinance. The City Meat Inspection Department shall keep a complete record of all inspections made.

8-32-11 VIOLATION PROVISIONS. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars and shall stand committed to the City Jail until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid. Each day's violation of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be punishable as such.

8-32-12 ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby made a part hereof.

8-32-13 WHEN EFFECTIVE. An emergency exists and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 12th day of October, 1962.

ATTEST:

Mellie Sullivan
City Clerk

Edward W. Mullmann
President of the City Council