To be Revised

ORDINANCE NO. 170

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate privies in the Town of Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas.

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Atkins.

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SECTION 1. All privies in the Town of Atkins that have not sewer connections for the flushing thereof, shall be constructed entirely above the ground, and it shall be unlawful to connect the same with any sink, vault or cess pool, excavated under the ground, for the purpose of receiving the deposits or offial, refuse or filth of any kind that may be thrown therein; privies of not more than two openings shall have a substantial and suitable box under them which shall be the length of the seat and not less than eighteen inches in breadth and twelve inches in depth, for the reception of the offal, refuse, house dirt, night soil or any filth that may pass or be deposited through the openings, and have a properly constructed hinge door so arranged as to close over or behind the box or boxes and prevent flies from entering same. Where there are more than two openings, boxes of suitable length will be used; said privies shall be located and constructed so that they shall be easily accessable for the purpose of removing the boxes and cleaning and disenfecting the same.

SECTION 2. The occupant, or occupants or owner of the premises upon which is situated the privy or privies unconnected with the sewer of the town shall keep said privy or privies in a sanitary condition, so as to prevent any offensive or unhealthy affluvia or odurs excaping therefrom, and to that end shall keep constantly on hand a sufficient quantity of dry pulverized earth or lime, which shall be used at least once a day, to disinfect said privies and cover any deposit and accumulation that may be made therein, and shall place new and fresh boxes under the openings of said privies as soon as sanitary reasons may require, or the proper health officer may order.

SECTION 3. The occupant or occupants or owner of said premises shall have the accumulations and deposits in said privies removed by the person or persons authorized by or under contract with the Town to clean the unsewered privies at least once every thirty days, and oftener if sanitary reasons may require, or it shall be ordered by the Marshal, Sanitary Committee or Town Health Officer, or any officer authorized to enforce rules of sanitation and to prevent the creation of nuisances dangerous to the health of the town, and shall pay to the party removing said accumulations or cleaning the same, the sum of fifty cents for each residence, and seventy-five cents for each business

house, hotel or railroad station owning or using said privies on said premises; provided if said premises be cacated at any time, and the privies thereon be securely fastened so as to allow no one to enter same then the accumulations and deposits in such premises are occupied. If the occupant, occupants or owner of such premises with the unsewered privy thereon shall fail or refuse to disinfect such privy as herein provided, or to provide suitable and proper boxes as herein provided therefor when necessary or ordered to do so, or to have the accumulations and deposits therein removed at least once every thirty days as above provided, or shall fail or refuse to have such accumulations and deposits promptly removed when ordered to do so as above privided, or shall fail or refuse to pay for having same cleaned as above provided, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdeameanor and fines in any sum not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Town Marshall or the Sanitary Officer, when the occupant or occupants or owner of the premises upon which is situated an unsewered privy shall fail or refuse to place proper and suitable boxes for the openings thereof as in section one and two provided; to have same done at the expense of the Town, if ordered to do so by the Sanitary Committee.

SECTION 5. All accumulations of privies, including any offal, refuse, house dirt, night soil, or any filth of any kind that may be deposited therein shall be removed between the hours of eight o'clock P. M. and four o'clock A. M. and shall be conveyed in wagons, trucks or other vehicles or conveyances, so constructed as to permit of no leakage or waste while being hauled, and the same shall be deposited or buried at such place or places as the town council may by order, ordinance or resolution from time to time direct.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for anyone other than the person or persons with whom the Town has contracted or his or her agents or employees to remove, or convey through any of the streets or alleys of the town, such accumulation and deposits of such privies, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons whomsoever under contract with the Town or otherwise to remove the accumulations and deposits in any other than wagons, trucks or other vehicles or conveyances so constructed to permit of no leakage or waste, or between any hours other than eight o' clock A. M. or to dump and deposit any such accumulations and deposits or privies at any point or places other than such as herein before described and provided, and any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

SECTION 7. It is hereby made the duty of the Town Marshal of the Town of Atkins, upon report being made to him of the violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, to immediately have a warrant issued and arrest the person or persons violating such provisions and take them before the Mayor to be dealt with according to the law as to such violations, and a violation of any of the provisions or requirements of this Ordinance whatsoever shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction of any person thereof he or they shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peach, health, and safety an emergency is declared to exist and same shall take effect and be in force from the 1st day of August, 1920.

Passed and approved by the Council of the Town of Atkins, at its regular meeting on this, the 6th day of July, 1920.

ARDIS TYSON, Mayor

J. M. BARKER, Recorder