

SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS No. 9

GARBAGE AND REFUSE, AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING; PROMULGATED

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO

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Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 9.—Garbage and refuse, amended Rules and Regulations governing; promulgated.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

The following rules and regulations approved by the Executive Council on January 12, 1911, as amended by the Insular Board of Health and approved by the Executive Council on July 18, 1912, and November 14, 1912, respectively, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE IN THE TOWNS OF THE ISLAND OF PORTO RICO

Section 1.—It is made the duty of the Sanitation Service to clean and sweep the streets, plazas and public walks in the towns of the Island of Porto Rico as well as to collect garbage and refuse; *Provided*, That the word "refuse", as herein used, shall not be construed as meaning human excreta.

Section 2.—Pursuant to section 35 of the Sanitation Law now in force each municipality of the Island shall provide a suitable site for the final disposal of garbage and refuse; such place shall be situated at a distance of not less than one kilometer from the urban zone and from any river, brook, stream, or well, and wherever possible against the prevailing winds; *Provided*, That in such municipalities where it may be impossible to select a site situated as aforesaid, the Director of Sanitation may temporarily designate any other place in accordance with the sanitary needs of the locality.

Section 3.—Garbage and refuse from houses, buildings, and other private premises shall be collected by the owner or tenant in receptacles made of metal with close-fitting covers, which shall be placed on the street near, but not upon the sidewalk, and with their covers on, to be collected by the Cleaning Department every twenty-four hours.

Section 4.—Uncovering, stealing, removing, or extracting the contents of the aforesaid receptacles is hereby prohibited, except to employees of the service for

the removal of garbage and refuse when engaged in the performance of this work.

Section 5.—The accumulation of garbage in urban premises not built upon, unless it be for the purpose of immediate burning of the same or within a maximum time for forty-eight hours if permitted by the conditions of the land, without prejudice to public health, is hereby prohibited.

Section 6.—Each municipality of the Island shall provide a receptacle, made of metal, with removable wire cover, on the streets and other public places, in which said receptacles the public shall deposit papers and other dry refuse. These receptacles shall be placed at such distances as shall be determined by the Health Officer and in a number proportionate to the needs of each town.

Section 7.—The sweeping of the streets shall be performed daily and at such hours as the Sanitation Service shall determine. In towns having aqueducts the sprinkling of the streets shall be indispensable before proceeding to sweep the same.

Section 8.—In towns of the Island of Porto Rico where there is no sewer or other proper drain, the waste waters shall be collected by the owner, tenant, or person responsible therefor in metallic receptacles with covers and shall be placed in the same manner provided in section 2 and 3 of these rules; *Provided*, That for the purpose of these regulations the words "waste waters" shall be understood to be such as are used in washing kitchen utensils and such other as contain refuse of food or organic matter susceptible to putrefaction.

Section 9.—No liquid substance of any kind shall be thrown into the receptacles or garbage cans, and no papers nor other substances that may dirty the streets shall be thrown thereon.

Section 10.—The Sanitation Service shall provide for each town the necessary number of covered carts for the collection of garbage and refuse, and shall see to it that this service is regularly performed.

Section 11.—In towns having municipal markets, the proper authorities shall maintain the same in a perfect condition of cleanliness in the same manner as other public buildings thereunto belonging.

Section 12.—Any violations of these regulations shall be punishable as provided under section thirty-three of an "Act to reorganize the Sanitation Service," approved March 14, 1912.

Section 13.—All rules and regulations or municipal ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

These rules and regulations shall take effect when approved by the Executive Council, and promulgated and published in accordance with section thirteen of an "Act to reorganize the Sanitation Service," approved March 14, 1912.

Being so promulgated, and having been published in two newspapers of general circulation in the Island, in accordance with the provisions of section thirteen of Act No. 81, approved March 14, 1912, the said regulations, entitled "Rules and Regulations for the Collection of Garbage and Refuse in the Towns of the Island of Porto Rico," on and after this date have the force and effect of law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused

the seal of the Government of Porto Rico to be affixed, at the city of San Juan, this second day of December, A. D. nineteen hundred and twelve.

[SEAL]

GEO. R. COLTON,
Governor.

Promulgated according to law, December 2, 1912.

R. SIACA PACHECO,
Acting Secretary of Porto Rico.

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