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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITALS IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK:

Section 1.

PERMIT—location—treatment.) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation, other than the regularly constituted authorities of the United States, the state of Illinois, the county of Lake or the city of Highland Park, to open, conduct, manage or maintain any hospital as hereinafter defined in this ordinance within the corporate limits of the city of Highland Park without first obtaining a license therefor; as hereinafter provided. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring such license shall apply in writing to the board of health and shall truly state in such application the location or proposed location of such hospital; the purpose for which it is to be opened, conducted or maintained; the accommodations or proposed accommodations for the inmates thereof; the nature and kind of treatment given or proposed to be given therein; and the name and address of the chief physician, surgeon, or attending chief physician or surgeon, or board of physicians or surgeons attendant therein.

Section 2.

INQUIRY—license fee—expiration of license—License fee remitted.) It shall be the duty of the said board of health upon the presentation of such application to make or cause to be made strict inquiry into the facts set out in such application, and if upon such inquiry he shall find such hospital is or is intended to be so constructed as to afford proper accommodations for the care of the persons received or proposed to be received therein, and that the chief physician or surgeon, or intended chief physician or surgeon or board of physicians or surgeons thereof, gives or is under agreement thereafter to give such attendance therein as does or will render him or them responsible, professionally, for the medical or surgical treatment given or to be given to any and all persons therein, and that such chief physician or surgeon, or board of physicians or surgeons, is regularly authorized to act as such under the laws of the State of Illinois, and that such hospital complies or is intended to comply with all the rules and regulations which shall then be in force concerning the management and control of such hospitals; then the said board of health shall recommend to the Mayor that a license be issued, and upon the payment by the applicant of the license fee hereinafter provided to the city collector, the Mayor shall issue or cause to be issued a license attested by the city clerk authorizing such applicant to open, conduct, manage or maintain for the current municipal year a hospital at the place, in the manner, and for the purpose in such application set forth.

The license fee to be paid annually to the city collector for such hospital license shall be one hundred dollars. All such licenses shall expire on the thirtieth day of April following the date of issue, and when issued for a period of less than one year, the fee to be paid for the unexpired license period shall be the proportionate part of the annual rate, but no fee shall be less than twenty-five dollars; provided, that if an affidavit is made by the applicant for such hospital license that the said hospital during the previous calendar year has given to its patients not less than ten per cent (10 per cent) of its general average capacity of bed days for such calendar year free of charge of any sort (by bed days being meant the use of one bed and its proportionate use of equipment and cost of maintenance includ-

ing food, medicine and care of nurses and physicians) then an inquiry shall be made into the facts set forth in such affidavit by the board of health, upon whose recommendation the said license fee may be remitted.

Section 3.

Accommodation for patients—Frontage Consents—Location of hospitals near school.) In every such hospital each room occupied or to be occupied by patients shall be of such dimensions as to give each patient not less than 800 cubic feet of space; every room shall have at least one window connecting with the external air for each two beds; said windows shall be of such dimensions as shall secure to each patient at least 2,400 cubic feet of fresh air per hour by natural ventilation, or in case said window shall not secure said 2,400 cubic feet of air per hour by natural ventilation, then each room shall additionally be fitted with such appliances for ventilation as shall secure to each patient in said room at least 2,400 cubic feet of fresh air per hour. Each bed shall have at least eighty square feet of floor space. In case of a maternity hospital, a regularly licensed physician must reside on the premises. Each ward or wing in said hospital shall have running water furnished in one or more places either in said ward or convenient thereto so that the same may be adequate and convenient to the occupants thereof; the plumbing, water closets, bath rooms and other sanitary appliances and conditions shall be constructed in accordance with the city ordinances relating to these matters. The building shall have the floor of the cellar properly cemented so as to be water tight; the halls of each floor shall be open to the external air with suitable windows and shall have no room or other obstruction at the end unless sufficient light or ventilation is otherwise provided for said hall, and the building as a whole shall be provided with adequate and proper fire escapes, stairways or inclines or exits.

There shall be provided in each hospital building a suitable room or rooms approved by the board of health to be used for the isolation of cases of contagious, infectious, epidemic or communicable diseases that may be found in the hospital until such time as the parties suffering from such contagious diseases shall be removed, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of health; and a suitable room or rooms approved by the board of health for the proper care of the dead pending their removal.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to build, construct, maintain, conduct or manage any hospital for the care, treatment or nursing of two or more insane persons; or any hospital for the care, treatment or nursing of two or more inebriates, or person suffering from the effects of the excessive use of alcoholic liquors; or any hospital for the care, treatment or nursing of two or more epileptics; or any hospital for the care, treatment or nursing of two or more persons addicted to, or suffering from, the excessive use of morphine, cocaine or other similar drugs or narcotics; or any hospital for the care, treatment or nursing of any person or persons affected with any contagious disease except upon the written consent of the owners of not less than two-thirds of all the property within a radius of not less than one thousand feet in every direction from the extreme limits of the property to be occupied by said hospital and also two-thirds of the adult persons occupying or in possession of the property within said radius of one thousand feet as aforesaid. Such written consent of said property owners and adult persons shall be filed with the board of health before a permit

shall be granted for the building or constructing, or a license be issued for the maintaining, conducting or managing of any such hospital.

No hospital of any kind or description shall hereafter be erected or established within four hundred (400) feet of any property used for public or parochial school purposes.

Section 4.

Body of patient dying in hospital not to be removed.) No person acting as superintendent, manager, or who is otherwise in charge or control of any hospital, nor any person connected with any hospital in any capacity whatsoever, as nurse, physician or attendant, shall order, permit or allow the body of any patient or person who has been under treatment in such hospital, and who shall have died therein, to be removed from such hospital to any undertaking establishment at any time within twenty-four hours after the hour of death unless the removal of such body has been authorized in writing by some member of the immediate family of such deceased person, or by some other person legally authorized to order or permit such a removal, and no such body shall be removed otherwise than in accordance with the ordinances of the city governing and concerning the removal of dead bodies. Provided, that no dead body shall be kept at any hospital longer than thirty-six hours after death without permission from the board of health.

Section 5.

Complete Records to be Kept. Daily, Weekly and Monthly Reports.) Each and every hospital shall keep a complete record of all patients admitted to the institution, giving name, age, social condition of each patient, except as hereinafter provided, and the disease or injury for which such patient is being treated, together with any complications which may arise from or during such treatment, and the date of admission and discharge. In the case of maternity hospitals this record shall show the date of birth, sex and disposition of the child, if any. These records shall be open at all times to the inspection of the board of health or their duly authorized representatives.

It shall be the duty of every such person or corporation licensed as aforesaid to open, conduct or maintain any hospital within the city, to make a report to the board of health daily by telephone and by mail of all such actively contagious diseases as small pox, chicken pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, mumps, measles, German measles, impetigo contagiosa, or any other disease which may now or at any future time be classified by the board of health as an actively communicable disease. It shall also be the duty of all such persons or corporations licensed as aforesaid, to make a weekly report to the board of health covering all forms of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, epidemic cerebro-spinal fever, pneumonia, and such other diseases as may be designated by the board of health. Such daily and weekly reports shall contain the names and residences of all persons suffering from any and all of the above mentioned diseases together with such other information as shall be of use in aiding the board of health in stamping out the said diseases. It shall be the further duty of all such persons or corporations licensed as aforesaid to make a report to the board of health on or before the fifth day of each calendar month, showing a complete record of such hospital during the preceding month, including the names and addresses of patients dying during the month, the cause of death, and such other information as may be necessary to an intelligent supervision of the establishment. In case of a maternity hospital such report shall set forth the

names or the registered numbers of patients received and discharged, the disposition of the infants, the results of treatment, and such other information as the board of health may require. All reports required under this section shall be made in full upon blanks which shall be furnished for that purpose by the board of health, and all weekly and monthly reports shall be verified by the affidavit or affirmation of the chief physician, superintendent, or officer in charge of such hospital.

Section 6.

Inspection. Revocation of License.) Every hospital conducted, maintained or managed by any person or corporation licensed as aforesaid shall at all times be open to the inspection of the said board of health or their duly appointed assistants or inspectors; and the board of health are authorized and empowered to inspect the same or cause inspection thereof to be made, whenever and as often as they may deem proper; and if, upon such inspection, they shall find the same to be conducted, managed or maintained in violation of the terms of the application for the license under which the same was opened, conducted, managed or maintained, or in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of the health or sanitary ordinances, rules or regulations of said city, then and in that event, they shall recommend to the Mayor the revocation of any such license issued for the opening, conducting, managing or maintaining of the same. And the Mayor shall revoke such license upon such recommendation, or for any other good and sufficient cause.

Section 7.

Penalty.) Any person, firm, association or corporation opening, conducting, managing or maintaining a hospital, as herein defined, within the city without first having obtained a license therefor, as provided in this ordinance; or after revocation of such license under the authority conferred by this ordinance; or in violation of any of the terms of this ordinance shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each offense; and each and every day on which any person, firm, association or corporation shall be guilty of such violation, failure or refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

Provided, that in the event of a conviction of any such person, firm, association or corporation for a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance relating to the safety and accommodations of patients, it shall be the duty of the board of health, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to close such hospital conducted, managed or maintained by any such person, firm or association or corporation convicted as aforesaid, and to cause its vacation pending the repairs, alterations or additions necessary to make it safe and proper for the occupancy of its inmates and to make it comply with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8.

Hospital Defined.) For the purposes of this ordinance a hospital is hereby defined to mean any institution or place used for the reception or care, temporary or continuous, of two or more sick, injured or dependent persons, including women awaiting confinement; or used for the treatment of three or more persons suffering from or afflicted with any mental or physical disease or bodily injury; including all hydropathic and massage institutions.

It shall be unlawful for any physician, midwife, or nurse to take a woman into his or her home for confinement or to confine her there or to place her for confinement in any place except a licensed

maternity hospital as defined herein without permission from the board of health.

Any patient may, either before or after entering such maternity hospital, file her name and address, that of the father of the prospective child, the names of the party or parties adopting the infant, or any part of such information with the board of health and a card bearing a registered number and stamped Maternity Record, City of Chicago, shall be given to such patient, which number shall thereafter serve to designate the case, and further inquiry into the sociological facts of the case by the owner or owners of such hospital or by any one connected therewith shall be illegal.

Any information filed by any patient in accordance with the foregoing provision shall be registered and kept in a secret record to which no person except officials and employees of the board of health shall have access unless by the certified order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Any person furnishing information contained in this record except upon the order of court as aforesaid shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

Section 9.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 10.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed July 20, 1909.

Approved July 21, 1909.

[Seal] WILLIAM M. DOOLEY, Mayor.

Attest: JOHN FINNEY, City Clerk.

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