

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OR STORAGE OF ICEBOXES, REFRIGERATORS AND OTHER CONTAINERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS instances have been reported in many areas of deaths due to suffocation of children in unattended iceboxes, refrigerators, and other containers having airtight doors which might close and cannot be opened from the inside, and

WHEREAS such unattended containers are a continuing menace to the health, safety and welfare of the children of the Village of Otisville.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Otisville ordains:

Section 1 -

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place, leave, or suffer or permit to remain in any place accessible to children, any icebox, refrigerator or any other container of any kind which has an airtight door, or lock or device, which may not be released for opening from the inside of said icebox, refrigerator, or container, except an icebox, refrigerator or container in actual use for the storage of foods or drugs and except an icebox, refrigerator or container used for display purposes inside of any store building and attended by some employee of such store, unless the door or doors shall have first been removed from such icebox, refrigerator or container, or unless the lock or device thereon shall have first been removed so that such door may be released for opening from the inside of such icebox, refrigerator or container, or unless a metal strap, band or wire of at least 400 pound tensile strength shall have first been tightly and securely placed about said icebox, refrigerator, or other container in such a manner as to effectively prevent the opening of said door or doors without removing such strap, band or wire, and which strap, band or wire shall have been mechanically fastened or sealed in such a manner that the said strap, band or wire cannot be removed from said icebox, refrigerator or container, except by mechanical means, or unless said door shall have been securely padlocked.

Section 2 -

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$100.00 or imprisoned not exceeding 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

Section 3 -

This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be enforced twenty (20) days after its passage by the Village Council.

APPROVED, ADOPTED and ORDERED PUBLISHED in three public places in the Village of Otisville this ____ day of _____, A.D. 1953.

Village President

Village Clerk