

## CHAPTER 104A

# INTEGRATED RENDERING PLANTS

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**104A.01 PURPOSE.** The regulations established in this chapter are in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the community. They have been designed to regulate the location, the equipment and the mode of operation of the integrated rendering plant within the jurisdictional limits of the City, as defined in this chapter, for the purpose of protecting the general public as well as the residents of the City from health hazards arising from unsanitary conditions which may exist in conjunction with the operation of integrated rendering plants.

**104A.02 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.** The provisions of this chapter are adopted in the exercise of the powers granted to the City by the law including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 364 of the Code of Iowa.

**104A.03 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.** Any person being the owner, operator or person in charge at the time of the integrated rendering plant or any phase of the plant who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall be in violation of the Code of Ordinances. Every day on which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

**104A.04 ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Director of Public Works is hereby empowered to promulgate and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as deemed necessary and proper to effectively protect the public health and consistent with the provisions of this chapter. The Director of Public Works or his authorized representative is authorized to enter and inspect all integrated rendering plants at any reasonable hour or at any hour the plant is in operation.

**104A.05 APPROVAL OF PLANS.** No permit or license for the use, construction, reconstruction or repair of any building or structure used or to be used as a part of an integrated rendering plant shall be issued by any department of the City until the plan therefore shall show adequate means for carrying out the provisions of this chapter and until such plan shall have been approved by the Director of Public Works.

**104A.06 NUISANCE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any person within the jurisdictional limits of the City to operate an integrated rendering plant or any phase thereof unless the integrated rendering plant or phase thereof shall at all times be so conducted as to create no nuisance.

**104A.07 NUISANCE DEFINED.** All dead animals, dead fowl, dead fish, inedible offal, meat scraps, bones, suet, feathers, unrendered animal fat, waste cooking greases, and similar animal matter located within the jurisdictional limits of the City and not disposed of as garbage under the provisions of this chapter are hereby declared a nuisance and menace to the public health, requiring the prompt collection and disposal thereof under the authority and direction of the Director of Public Works. In addition, any, all or any combination of the following conditions or places within the jurisdictional limits of the City are hereby specifically declared to be a nuisance and menace to the public health, requiring the prompt collection and disposal thereof under the authority and direction of the Director of Public Works.

1. Any condition or place allowed to exist which permits any dangerous, unwholesome, nauseous, or offensive odors, gases or fumes to escape into the open air in such amounts as to be substantially offensive, uncomfortable and annoying to any community, family, or person of ordinary sensibilities, tastes, and habits at a distance of more than two hundred (200) feet from the building, premises, or processing area where such odors, gases or fumes emanated; or
2. Any condition or place allowed to exist which constitutes a breeding place for flies; or
3. Any condition or place allowed to exist where sewage, sewerage, human excreta, waste water, garbage, or any other matter is deposited, stored, discharged, or exposed in such a way as to be a potential instrument or medium in the transmission of disease to or between any person or persons; or
4. Any condition or place allowed to exist which harbors rats; or
5. Any condition or place allowed to exist which may be proven to injuriously affect the public health; or
6. Any collection of water in which mosquitoes are breeding.

**104A.08 NUISANCE—EXCEPTION.** All dead animals, dead fowl, dead fish, inedible offal, meat scraps, bones, suet, feathers, unrendered animal fat, waste cooking greases, and similar animal matter located within the jurisdictional limits of the City and not disposed of as garbage under the provisions of this chapter do not constitute a nuisance when all of the following conditions are complied with:

1. The delivery vehicle's container used for loading and transporting carcasses and/or offal material is constructed in a manner to prevent parts or liquids associated with the carcasses and/or offal material from escaping during transport;
2. The delivery vehicle's container is not overloaded with carcasses and/or offal material;
3. The delivery vehicle is loaded at the slaughterhouse which is contiguous to the integrated rendering plant and unloaded within the integrated rendering plant;
4. Carcasses and/or offal material do not remain in a delivery vehicle's container for more than twelve (1/2) hours; and
5. The delivery vehicle does not use municipal streets at any time for the transport of the carcasses and/or offal material.

**104A.09 METHODS OF DISPOSAL.** All matter declared a nuisance in Section 104A.06 which is derived in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the carcass or carcasses or any cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, hogs, or other livestock, domestic animals or domestic fowl which at the time of death had any disease or diseases for which Chapter 167 of the Code of Iowa proscribes or prescribes the manner in which the carcass or carcasses shall be disposed of, shall be disposed of in a manner permitted by said Chapter. All matter declared a nuisance in Section 104A.07, which is not subject to Chapter 167 of the Code of Iowa, shall be turned over or delivered by the owner thereof:

1. Directly to a rendering establishment having a current license as provided in Chapter 104; or
2. To a collector of material for processing having a current license as provided in Chapter 104; or

3. To a sanitary landfill designated by the Director of Public Works. The person having such animals and fowl in their possession and desiring to avail himself of this means of disposal shall contact the Department of Public Works for the location of the sanitary landfill, shall have such animals and fowl transported there at their expense, and shall supply sufficient personnel to unload and place same where designated.

**104A.10 INTEGRATED RENDERING PLANT LICENSE REQUIRED.** It is unlawful for any owner, operator, or person in charge at the time to operate an integrated rendering plant within the jurisdictional limits of the City without having a current integrated rendering plant license issued pursuant to this chapter. A separate license is required for each premises.

**104A.11 LICENSE APPLICATION, FEE AND ISSUANCE.** Every person who is operating or desires to operate an integrated rendering plant or any phase thereof, shall immediately make application in writing to the Director of Public Works, upon forms prescribed and furnished by such City officer, for all required permits to operate and do business with the jurisdiction limits of the City, and shall pay therefore an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) based upon the cost of inspecting the facilities of such integrated rendering plant or phase thereof to be computed as prescribed in this section. The annual fee shall include the cost of reinspecting the facilities to ensure that such facilities meet the requirements of all City ordinances. No license shall be issued for any premises which are in violation of any City ordinance.

All fees shall be payable to the City, and shall accompany the application for license. A license for operation of an integrated rendering plant shall be issued under the corporate seal of the City, shall be signed by the Director of Public Works and shall authorize the person therein named to establish, maintain and operate an integrated rendering plant at the place designated in such license. Such license shall expire in the month two (2) years from the date of original issuance or renewal, and shall be renewed every two (2) years thereafter. Following the receipt of an application for a license and proof that the required annual fee has been paid, the Director of Public Works will conduct such investigation as the City deems necessary to determine whether the applicant's premises, personnel and equipment comply with the requirements of the City Ordinances. Upon a determination by the Director of Public Works that the applicant has met the requirements of this chapter, the Director of Public Works will issue the applicant a license. The integrated rendering plant license will be displayed upon the wall of the main office located upon the premises for which the license is issued. Should the application for license be denied, three-fourths of the fee will be returned.

**104A.12 RULES FOR OPERATION.** Reserved.