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CHAPTER 231

PUBLIC DUMPS

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§ 4101. Acquisition

Any municipality may by action of its legislative body direct its municipal officers to take suitable lands for public dumping grounds. When so directed, the municipal officers shall proceed in the same manner as used in laying out public ways, except that a fee simple title shall be acquired.

1. Acceptance. The public dumping ground is not established until it has been accepted, as laid out, by the legislative body of the municipality.

2. Disposal. Any public dumping ground that ceases to be usable as such may be disposed of in the same manner as other lands owned by the municipality.

3. Application. Public dumping grounds established under this section shall be subject to Title 12, chapter 215, subchapter V.

1959, c. 130.

§ 4102. Nuisances

Whoever personally or through the agency of another leaves or deposits any offal, filth or other noisome substance in any public dumping ground, except in the manner prescribed by the local health officer, and in such manner as may be satisfactory to such health officer, shall be guilty of committing a nuisance. Such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months. Any expenses incurred by a municipality in the abatement of such nuisances may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the municipality against the guilty party. If requested, and if the gravamen of the offense so indicates, the court in its discretion may award double damages in such actions.

1959, c. 130; 1961, c. 317, § 302.

§ 4103. Rat control

Whenever a municipality shall maintain public dumping grounds, it shall be the duty of its municipal officers to see that such dumping grounds are treated at least once a year with proper rat exterminating agents, such agents to be applied by competent persons properly trained in the use thereof.

At the request of the municipal officers of any municipality, the State Bureau of Health shall provide information as to the most effective methods and materials for the purpose of carrying out this section.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 8.