

ORDINANCE NO. 13

An Ordinance by the City of Belle Meade to make unlawful the construction of any privy or outhouse used as a toilet unless the same be equipped with running water and connected with an approved septic tank; and to provide that the use of any privy or outhouse used as a toilet at the present time and not equipped with running water and not connected with an approved septic tank, may be enjoined by the City of Belle Meade if the same be unsanitary to the extent of constituting a menace to the health of any of the citizens of Belle Meade.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade, that the erection of privys or outhouses used for toilets and not equipped with running water or connection with an approved septic tank is hereby recognized and declared to be a menace to the health of the citizens of the City of Belle Meade, due to the congestion in the area and the peculiar soil formation.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that no privy or outhouse used for a toilet and not equipped with running water and not connected with an approved septic tank shall hereafter be constructed within the City limits of Belle Meade and the City Manager is authorized and directed to enjoin any such construction or use after construction of any privy or outhouse used for a toilet and not equipped with running water and connected with an approved septic tank, unless the same has been constructed prior to and is in use at the time of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that it is hereby forbidden to maintain or use any privy or outhouse used as a toilet and not equipped with running water and connected with an approved septic tank, within the City limits of Belle Meade, if the same be in such unsanitary condition as to constitute a menace to the health of any of the citizens of the City of Belle Meade. The prohibition aforesaid shall apply to such privy or outhouse constructed prior to any in use at the time of the passage of this Ordinance. The City Manager is authorized and directed to have inspections made and whenever in his opinion he finds any such privy or outhouse used as a toilet and not equipped with running water or connected with an approved septic tank, in such an unsanitary condition as to constitute a menace to the health of any of the citizens of the City of Belle Meade he is authorized to apply to a Court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction against the use of such privy or outhouse as being in violation of this Section.

SECTION IV. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the words, "approved septic tank" shall be held to mean a septic tank constructed in accordance with the requirements of the plumbing inspector of Davidson County, Tennessee and the words, "equipped with running water," shall be held to be the customary and established type of plumbing connected with a recognized water main.

Adopted  
June 12<sup>th</sup>.  
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Morton B. Howell  
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