

## Chapter 219

### VECTOR CONTROL

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Port Carbon 11-11-1997 by Ord. No. 7-97. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Code enforcement — See Ch. 102.

Solid waste collection and disposal — See Ch. 203, Art. I.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 182.

Abandoned vehicles — See Ch. 223.

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#### § 219-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**ERADICATION** — The elimination of rodents or insects and other pest life from any building, lot or premises through the use of traps, baiting, fumigation or any other method of extermination approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the appointed or designated Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Port Carbon or authorized representative and subject to applicable laws relating to poisonous substances and fumigations.

**HARBORAGE** — Any condition which provides shelter or protection for rodents, insects or other pest life.

**PERSON IN CONTROL** — The owner or part owner of a building, lot or premises, whether an individual, partnership or corporation, the agent or occupant of a building, lot or premises, or any person who has the use or custody of the same, or any part thereof, whether an individual, partnership or corporation.

**RATPROOFING** — The treatment or shielding, with material impervious to rodent gnawing, of all actual or potential openings in the exterior and interior walls, ground or first floors, roofs, foundations, basements, sidewalk gratings and other places that may be reached by rodents from the ground or by climbing or burrowing.

#### § 219-2. Elimination of harborages.

- A. All buildings, lots or premises within the corporate limits of the Borough of Port Carbon shall be kept free from any condition conducive to rodent, insect and other pest life. The person in control shall not allow the accumulation of automobiles or trucks without current license plates or current inspection stickers, garbage, refuse or any other material which may afford harborage or provide food for rodents, insects or other pest life.
- B. Whenever conditions inside or under unoccupied buildings provide harborage for rats, the Code Enforcement Officer or the authorized representative is empowered, if said conditions are not corrected in a period of 60 days after written notice to the owner, to institute equity and/or demolition proceedings. The cost of such proceedings is to be borne by the owner.

**§ 219-3. Prohibiting conditions conducive to rodent, insect or pest life.**

- A. No person in control shall feed wild birds other than in a suitable, properly shielded container for the food, installed in such a manner as to be inaccessible to rodents and to prevent the scattering of food on the ground.
- B. No person in control shall place food in the open for feeding any animal except in a container which will prevent the scattering of food upon the ground. Unconsumed food shall not be allowed to remain where it is accessible to rodents, insects or other pest life.
- C. Garbage and waste material shall be placed in nonleaking metal containers with tight-fitting lids or stored in such a manner as not to create an attraction or harborage for rodents, insects or other pest life.
- D. When the Code Enforcement Officer or the authorized representative notifies the person in control of a building, in writing, that there is evidence of rat infestation on the premises, the said person in control shall immediately institute rat eradication measures and shall continuously maintain such measures in a satisfactory manner until the premises is declared by the Code Enforcement Officer or the authorized representative to be free of rat infestation. Unless said measures are undertaken within five days after receipt of notice, it shall be construed as a violation of the provisions of this part, and the occupant shall be held responsible therefor.

**§ 219-4. Eradication measures.**

- A. When any building, lot or premises is subject to infestation by rodents, insects or other pest life, the person in control shall apply continuous or repeated eradication measures, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the Code Enforcement Officer or the authorized representative appointed by the Borough of Port Carbon, until there is no evidence of infestation remaining.
- B. No building shall be demolished until the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the Code Enforcement Officer appointed by the Borough of Port Carbon or the authorized representative certifies to the Borough of Port Carbon that the building and premises are free from the infestation of rodents, insects or other pest life.

**§ 219-5. Rodentproofing.**

- A. Whenever conditions inside, outside or under a building or on any lot or premises provide harborage for rodents, the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the Code Enforcement Officer or authorized representative appointed by the Borough of Port Carbon may require any one or more buildings to be rodentproofed.
- B. The person in control of a building or premises required to be rodentproofed shall maintain the rodentproofing in good repair. No person shall damage or disturb the rodentproofing. When the rodentproofing is injured in making alterations, installations, additions or repairs to the building, the person in control shall restore the rodentproofing in good condition.

**§ 219-6. Violations and penalties. [Amended 4-8-2008 by Ord. No. 1-2008]**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punishable as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I, General Penalty, of this Code.

