

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-1959
VILLAGE OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the...
30th day of November...
1959... there was enacted by
the Council of the Village of...
Centerville, Ohio

...an ordinance entitled
"ORDINANCE NO. 16 ENACTING A
CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF Centerville,
Ohio
CODIFYING, REVISING AND REAR-
RANGING EXISTING ORDINANCES OF
THE VILLAGE, ADDING NEW MAT-
TER AND REPEALING CERTAIN OR-
DINANCES."

A summary of the subjects, including
all new matters contained in said Code of
Ordinances, as adopted, follows:

Chapter 2 describes the application of
the Code, prescribes rules of interpreta-
tion and construction and defines certain
terms and expressions used in said Code.

Chapter 4 defines the application of
Title IV of the Code, entitled Govern-
mental Departments; prescribes the qual-
ifications, bonds of the vil-
lage officers.

Chapter 10 prescribes rules of council
pertaining to meeting times, and the
adoption of ordinances, their form and
numbering thereof, and their publication.

Chapters 12, 14, 16 and 18 consist of a
collection of sections from the Revised
Code of Ohio, and the state and federal
constitution dealing with: (1) the execu-
tive and judicial powers and duties of the
mayor; (2) the powers and duties of the
chief of police and other public officials;

(3) the organization of the fire depart-
ment. Chapter 18 also prescribes the qual-
ifications, duties and compensation of the
chief, the assistant chief, the other mem-
bers of the fire department; also included
are provisions authorizing and requiring
inspection by the fire department of
premises and structures with regard to
fire hazards provisions authorizing orders
for removal of inflammables or obstruc-
tions constituting fire hazards; provisions
for requiring installation of fire protec-
tive appliances; regulations as to inflam-
mables, regulations as to fires, and pen-
alties for the violation of orders, rules
and regulations provided in said chapter.
Chapters 20, 22, 24 and 26 constitute
the traffic Code of the village.

Chapter 20 defines words and phrases
used in the Traffic Code; prescribes pow-
ers and duties of police officers with re-
spect to traffic control; authorizes, re-
quires and commands obedience to official
traffic control signs, signals, lights and
markings and prohibits the placement of
unauthorized signs and signals; establishes
requirements for vehicles as to operating
and parking lights; maximum permissible
weights, loads and dimensions; brakes,
rear view mirrors, windshields, wind-
shield wipers, mufflers, smoke-screen de-
vices, horns, bells on bicycles; prohibits
creation of unnecessary traffic noises;
prohibits unlawful loading or transporta-
tion of loads in vehicles.

Chapter 22 regulates passengers on and
in vehicles and the boarding or leaving
stopped vehicles; regulates operators of
vehicles; prohibits operating vehicle while
intoxicated, operation by persons under
certain ages or subject to certain infirm-
ities, reckless driving, operating without
driver's license, operating vehicles without
license plates or with improper plates.

Chapter 24 regulates speed at which ve-
hicles may be operated; prohibits follow-
ing of emergency and other vehicles too
closely; prohibits interfering with, or ob-
structing right of way of emergency ve-
hicles; prescribes rights and duties of
pedestrians in traffic and establishes
rules as to right of way of pedes-
trians and of vehicles, rules as to
starting, stopping, backing, or towing of
vehicles; prohibits driving vehicles across
fire hoses; prescribes rules for towing
vehicles; prohibits entering stop streets
without stopping, straddling of traffic
lanes, driving through safety lanes, on
sidewalks, or on closed or posted high-
ways; establishes rules for passing vehi-
cles or overtaking or passing, for driving

provides for impounding animals
running at large, maintaining at
owners' expense and disposal thereof,

on left side of highway or to left of center
line; prohibits weaving, passing cer-
tain vehicles, or any vehicle under cer-
tain conditions, changing course or speed
of vehicles, requires use of signals by
hand or otherwise in stopping, turning or
changing course and prohibits improper
turns; requires certain vehicles to stop
at grade crossings.

Chapter 26 regulates parking and pro-
hibits parking contrary to such regula-
tions; prohibits operator from leaving the
scene of an accident; prohibits placing of
nails, tacks, glass or other injurious ma-
terial on highway; authorizes impounding
and sale of vehicles involved in parking
violation; establishes rule of evidence as
to owner's responsibility; authorizes ci-
tation tags to be issued, makes disregard
of any rule or regulation unlawful, and
prescribes penalties for violation of Traf-
fic Code; authorizes pleas of guilty in
certain cases; prohibits operating vehicle
while under driving suspension.

Chapter 28 contains provisions as to the
improvement of streets and other public
ways;

Said chapter also pre-
scribes regulations as to barriers and
warning lights for protection of public
from excavation work; contains provi-
sions as to construction of sidewalks; sec-
tions prohibiting unloading on or obstruc-
ting sidewalks and requiring removal of
ice and snow therefrom; and prescribes
penalties for violation of each of said sec-
tions.

Chapter 30 prohibits owners from per-
mitting animals or fowl to run at large,
prohibits cruelty to animals or birds; pro-
hibits the capture, pursuit or attempt to
capture birds; prohibits the harboring of
loud dogs; provides for the quarantining
of dogs by mayor and enforcement of
such orders of quarantine through the
impounding or destruction of dogs at
large; prohibits interfering with officer
engaged in enforcing such quarantine or-
der; prohibits depositing of poisonous sub-
stances and provides penalties for commis-
sion of each of such offenses.

Chapter 32 pertains to beer, intoxicat-
ing liquors and narcotics. Said chapter
prohibits the manufacture, transportation,
possession for sale, or sale of intoxicating
liquors except by holders of permits is-
sued by the department of liquor control;
prohibits possession of diluted liquor or
refilled liquor containers; possession of
opened bottle or container of liquor in
certain places, drinking in motor vehicles;
sale or gift of liquor on election day.
Said chapter contains regulations as to
sales of beer and intoxicating liquor; pro-
hibits minor from giving false informa-
tion to obtain beer or intoxicants; pro-
hibits possession, sale and use of narcot-
ics, and prescribes penalties for violation
of all such offenses.

Chapter 34 defines foods and food han-
dlers and provides rules and regulations
governing the persons and businesses
commercially engaged in handling foods.
Regulations are set forth as to the re-
quired cleanliness and sanitary conditions
of premises, equipment and persons en-
gaged or employed in the handling of
foods; persons suffering with certain dis-
eases are prohibited from handling food;
preparation, sale or offering for sale of
unsanitary food is declared unlawful.
This chapter also prohibits those infected
or exposed to communicable disease from
attending schools, theatres, or other pub-
lic gatherings, and provides that the par-
ents of children under 18 years of age
shall be deemed aiders and abettors. Pen-
alties for violation of each of said provi-
sions are prescribed in said chapter.

Chapter 36 deals with nuisances created
by unclean habitations, vaults, cesspools;
by improper disposal of dead bodies and
refuse; by improper draining of impure
waters; unclean premises and noxious
weeds and vegetation. Said chapter pro-
vides for the issuance of orders to clean
up premises, orders of abatement or va-
cation of habitations or premises failing
to conform with sanitary requirements;
contains provisions for sanitary inspec-
tion of premises by county health officer;
provides for the periodic cutting of
weeds on lands by the owner, or upon his
failure by the village with the cost to be
taxed and declared a lien upon such
lands, and provides penalties for violation
of any of the provisions of said chapter.
Chapter 38 deals with the subjects of
dangerous weapons, firearms and ex-

prohibits placing shrubbery and
other vegetation in a position
hazardous to traffic

pliosives; the carrying of concealed weap-
ons, discharging firearms and the sale or
offering for sale or releasing of flame-
carrying paper balloons are made offen-
ses against the village. Sale use, or pos-
session for sale, of fireworks except with
permit is forbidden; sale of explosives to
minors, storage of excess quantities and
blasting without a permit are declared
unlawful, and penalties are provided for
violation of any of the provisions of said
chapter.

Chapter 50 provides for the issuance of
licenses to engage in certain trades, busi-
nesses and professions and prescribes the
manner in which such licenses shall be
applied for, the form, date and duration
of the license, requirements as to dis-
play thereof by licensee; revocation of
license, with provisions for appeal and
review.

Chapter 52 provides for the licensing
and control of taxicabs.

Chapter 54 provides for the licensing of
itinerant vendors, medicine vendors,
peddlers, by hand peddlers, from hand-
drawn and other vehicles.

Chapter 56 establishes the license fees
required of operators of billiard tables,
circuses, menageries, carnivals, dances
and dance halls, etc., rules and regulations
as to conduct of such businesses and de-
posit required.

Chapter 60 provides for arrest of ac-
cused by taking into custody or by ser-
vice of arrest notice and makes failure to
obey such arrest notice an offense; pro-
vides that the resisting of a police officer;
the abuse of the mayor; the impersonat-
ing of an officer, the making of a false
call or alarm; the aiding of escape of a
prisoner; or the escape or attempt to
escape from lawful custody, are offenses
against the village, punishment for each
of which offenses is provided by said
chapter or elsewhere in said code.

Chapter 62 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for each of the following offen-
ses; assault, assault and battery, abusing
family; throwing or projecting a missile;
attempted pocket-picking.

Chapter 64 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for each of the following offen-
ses; larceny; receiving stolen property;
obtaining property or signatures by false
pretense; larceny by trick; slugs in tele-
phones; embezzlement; conversion; ma-
licious destruction of public or other prop-
erty, malicious destruction of public or
other plant life; tampering with or re-
moving village property, possession of
property belonging to the village, tres-
passing upon lands or premises of another.

Chapter 66 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for each of the following offen-
ses; disturbing peace; disorderly conduct,
intoxication; disturbing sounds or noises
in public places; other loud noises; per-
mitting rioting, revelling and intoxication
in public place; disturbing meetings,
scattering itching powder, etc.

Chapter 68 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for the following undesirable
persons; vagrant or loiterer; common
street beggar; common prostitute; com-
mon gambler, suspicious person.

Chapter 70 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for each of the following offen-
ses; indecent exposure, obscene language,
indecent performances; harboring lewd
woman, pandering, keeping disorderly
house, adultery, fornication, indecent pub-
lications, peeping toms.

Chapter 72 defines and prescribes pun-
ishment for each of the following offen-
ses; Keeping a gambling place, keeping
of public resort permitting games, gam-
bling, racing slips, lottery slips, playing a
game or making a bet for money; exhib-
iting gaming device for gain; permitting
minor to play slot machine. It also pro-
vides that gambling devices may be seized
and destroyed by law enforcement offi-
cers.

Chapter 76 prescribes the general pen-
alty for misdemeanors.

Chapter 80 provides for imprisonment
of violators in default of payment of fine
and costs.

Chapter 82 provides for disposition of
fines in miscellaneous cases.

Chapter 86 provides for the saving and
repealing of certain preexisting ordi-
nances.

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if such is
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