

CHAPTER 2991

DRY CLEANING AND DYEING ESTABLISHMENTS

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2991.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases, for the purposes of this chapter, shall be given the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. Dry cleaning shall mean the process of removing dirt, grease, paints and other stains from wearing apparel, textiles, fabrics, rugs, furs, etc., by the use of nonaqueous liquid solvents. Methods of dry cleaning include:

- a. Immersion and agitation with the solvent in open vessels.
- b. Immersion and agitation with the solvent in closed machines.
- c. "Brushing" or "scouring" with cleaning solvents.

Subd. 3. Dry dyeing shall mean the process of dyeing clothes or other fabrics or textiles in a solution of dye colors and nonaqueous liquid solvents. In the sections which follow, wherever reference is made to "dry cleaning," it shall be construed as applying to both dry cleaning and dry dyeing operations.

Subd. 4. The term "approved" shall mean acceptable to the state fire marshal.

Subd. 5. "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, association, or corporation.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]

History: 1955 c 478 s 1

2991.011 DRY CLEANING, DRY DYEING BUSINESS; REQUIREMENTS.

All dry cleaning and dry dyeing businesses and establishments shall be operated and maintained in compliance with the uniform fire code promulgated pursuant to section 299F.011.

History: 1978 c 777 s 16

2991.02 DRY CLEANING, DRY DYEING BUSINESS, OPERATION, LICENSES.

No person shall:

a. Advertise as conducting dry cleaning or dry dyeing business, or either, until such person shall have made application to the state fire marshal for permission to engage in such business and paid the fee hereinafter provided.

b. Operate any establishment of a class for which a license has not been obtained or use in any establishment except as herein provided, a solvent utilized in establishments of any lower class than that for which license has been obtained.

c. Keep or store any flammable liquids in any building or room in which dry cleaning or dry dyeing is done without a license from the state fire marshal and then only subject to rules prescribed by the state fire marshal.

History: 1955 c 478 s 2; 1957 c 734 s 1; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444

299I.03 BUILDING, APPROVAL OF USE.

No building or establishment shall be used for the business of dry cleaning or dry dyeing, or for the storage of inflammable or volatile substances for use in such business until an application for permission to do so shall have been filled out and approved by the state fire marshal on blanks provided for that purpose by the state fire marshal.

History: 1955 c 478 s 3; 1986 c 444

299I.04 FEES.

Upon the filing of every such application, the applicant shall pay to the state fire marshal a filing and inspection fee of \$50.

History: 1955 c 478 s 4; 1955 c 880 s 1; 1957 c 734 s 2; 1969 c 1148 s 21

299I.05 INSPECTION, PERMITS.

When any application is filed with the state fire marshal and the fee paid, the state fire marshal, or the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants, shall make an inspection of such building, buildings, or establishments; and, if the same conform to the requirements of law, the ordinances of the municipality where located, and the rules which may be prescribed by the state fire marshal for such places, shall issue a permit to the applicant for the conduct of such business, which permit shall extend until the first day of January next after the date of issuing of same.

History: 1955 c 478 s 5; 1957 c 734 s 3; 1986 c 444

299I.06 PERMITS, RENEWAL.

The license shall be renewed at any time within 30 days after the termination thereof by the filing of an application for such renewal and the payment of a fee of \$10 therefor; provided, the applicant for such renewal permit has complied with the provisions of this chapter, the laws of the state of Minnesota, and the ordinances of the municipality where the business or establishment is located.

History: 1955 c 478 s 6; 1969 c 1148 s 22

299I.07 PERMITS, SHOWN UPON REQUEST.

All permits must be exhibited for inspection to the state fire marshal, or any of the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants when the same are requested; and no one, except the person to whom the same are issued, shall have a right to operate a business or establishment under any permit.

History: 1955 c 478 s 7; 1986 c 444

299I.08 PERMITS; REFUSAL, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION.

Permits may be refused, suspended, or revoked by the state fire marshal for fraud in procuring the same, a violation of any law of the state or ordinance of the municipality in which the business is located, or a violation of any rule lawfully provided for the conduct of any business or establishment.

History: 1955 c 478 s 8; 1985 c 248 s 70

299I.09 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]**299I.10 PLANS FOR PLANTS, APPROVAL.**

Before any dry cleaning plant is established or remodeled, complete drawings shall be submitted to the state fire marshal for examination and approval. These drawings shall be drawn to an indicated scale, give relative locations of dry cleaning building, boiler room, finishing building or department, storage tanks for solvents, pumps, washers, drying tumblers, extractors, filter traps, stills, condensers, piping, etc., show sectional elevation of the buildings (including lowest floors or pits, tanks, their fittings, devices, etc.). Specifications based on the provisions of this chapter and rules promulgated hereunder shall accompany the drawings.

History: 1955 c 478 s 10; 1985 c 248 s 70

- 299I.11 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.12 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.13 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.14 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.15 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.16 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.17 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.18 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]
- 299I.19 [Repealed, 1978 c 777 s 20]

299I.20 ABANDONMENT OF BUSINESS.

Should any building, business or establishment of dry cleaning or dry dyeing as herein defined be discontinued or not carried on in any building which does not conform to the provisions herein set forth for a period of 90 days, such business shall be considered as having been abandoned; and before the same can again be carried on in such building, the building must be so constructed, repaired or rebuilt as to conform to the provisions of this chapter.

The period of 90 days herein stated is not to be construed as such period when the plant is under construction or repair or operated in its regular capacity as a going business. Operation of the plant for short periods of time within the said period of 90 days with the intent to evade the provisions of this section shall be considered as an attempt to interfere with the operation of this chapter.

History: 1955 c 478 s 20

299I.21 INSPECTIONS REQUIRED.

All buildings, structures, pipes, storage tanks, electrical wiring, connections and apparatus constructed and used in any dry cleaning and dry dyeing business shall be inspected and approved by the state fire marshal or a deputy or assistant before being used in the dry cleaning and dry dyeing business.

History: 1955 c 478 s 21

299I.22 VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES.

Any person or persons being the owner, occupant, lessee or agent, who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order or rule made thereunder, within ten days, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement or specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder shall severally for each and every violation and noncompliance respectively be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1955 c 478 s 22; 1978 c 777 s 17; 1985 c 248 s 70

299I.23 ENFORCEMENT.

Subdivision 1. The state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's deputies and assistants shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. The state fire marshal shall have the same power and authority as under the provisions of chapters 299F to 299I.

Subd. 2. They shall administer and enforce the laws relating to the construction, regulation, safety, and operation of dry cleaning and dry dyeing establishments; investigate, ascertain, declare and prescribe what reasonable standards for the adoption of improvements or other means or methods including the prescribing, modifying and enforcement of reasonable orders pertaining thereto, necessary to prevent fires and explosions and for the protection and safety of employees and the public in dry cleaning and dry dyeing establishments, not inconsistent with this chapter, but these requirements and rules shall also be required of alterations and changes undertaken by existing dry cleaning and dry dyeing establishments.

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Subd. 3. No local government shall enact any regulation or ordinance which is inconsistent with the state law or with the rules or standards adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the power of any local government, when so authorized by law, to regulate the use of land by zoning.

History: 1955 c 478 s 23; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444

299I.24 MONEY COLLECTED PAID INTO GENERAL FUND.

All fees, penalties or forfeitures collected by the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants under the provisions of this chapter, shall be paid into the state treasury, credited to the general fund.