

No. 94

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF  
PRIVIES, VAULTS, SINKS AND CESSPOOLS

Be it Ordained by the President and the Board of  
Trustees of the Village of Bellevue, Illinois, as follows:

That on and after the passage of the within Ordinance, the regulations contained herein shall pertain and apply to the use and maintenance of privies, vaults, sinks, and cesspools, within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Bellevue, Peoria County, Illinois.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication, as is required by law.

That the subdivisions of this Ordinance, with reference to the use and maintenance of privies, vaults, sinks and cesspools be numbered consecutively, and attached hereto.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellevue, Illinois, this 14 day of Aug 1951.

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Clerk of the Village of  
Bellevue

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President of the Board of Trustees  
of the Village of Bellevue

*obsolete*  
*all individual Toilets*  
*+ Cesspools gone?*  
*Septic Tanks?*  
*What instance would*  
*enforcement be necessary?*

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## PRIVIES, VAULTS, SINKS AND CESSPOOLS

1. No vault, privy, catch basin, cistern or cesspool shall hereafter be made or rebuilt in the Village, except in accordance with the ordinances of the Village and the regulations of the Village. The general privy accommodations of any place of human habitation shall not be permitted within any such places of habitation or under any sidewalk adjacent thereto. All cesspools shall be water tight.

2. It shall constitute and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to construct or maintain any privy or cesspool as near as forty feet to any street, dwelling, shop, school, factory, church or public hall or within one hundred feet of any well, unless the same be furnished with a substantial valul, six feet deep, and made tight, so that contents cannot escape therefrom and sufficiently secured and inclosed.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to construct or maintain any privy, vault, catch basin, cistern or cesspool which shall be greater indepth than a distance of ten feet from the surface of the ground.

4. Contents of any such tub, or of any receptacle, cesspool, privy, catch basin, vault, sink, or water closet, cistern, or anything in any room, excavation, vat, building, premises, or place shall not be allowed to become a nuisance or offensive so as to be dangerous or prejudicial to health.

5. All privies or catch basins, any part of the contents of which are above the surface, or within two feet of the surface of the earth, and all other privies or catch basins that are foul, emitting smells and odors prejudicial to the public health, are hereby declared nuisances, and the the Commissioner of Health or any health officer or inspector shall have the power to abate the same.

6. All putrid or offensive matter and highsoil and the contents of any privies, catch basins, vaults and cesspools, and all other obnoxious substances in the Village shall be removed in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter relating thereto.

All such privies, catch basins, vaults and cesspools, when cleaned shall be disinfected with freshly burned lime, and the work of such disinfection shall be done by the person removing such contents.

7. The owner, tenant, or occupant of any building or premises in the Village shall not employ, cause or permit any part of the contents of any vault, privy, catch basin or cesspool (being thereon of which he has control), to be removed unless according to the regulations on the Village.

8. No person shall draw off, or allow to run off into any ground, street or place of said Village, the contents (or any part thereof) of any vault, privy, catch basin, cistern, or cesspool; nor shall any owner, tenant or occupant of any building to which any vault, catch basin, privy or cesspool shall appertain or be attached, permit the contents or any

part thereof to flow therefrom, or to rise within two feet of any part of the top, or such contents to become offensive; nor shall any privy or other erection in this section mentioned be filled with or covered with dirt, until its filthy contents shall be emptied.

9. No part of the contents of any privy, vault, sink or cesspool (except substances other than excrements insoluble in water) or any accumulation of any offensive fluid, liquor or semi-liquid substances or material, being in any excavation, cellar or place within the limits of the Village, shall be removed therefrom, nor shall the same be transported through any of the streets or avenues of the said Village, unless and except the same shall be removed and transported through any of the streets or avenues by means of an air and water tight iron wagon or truck of a capacity of not less than seventy cubic feet, and in such manner as shall prevent entirely the escape of any noxious or offensive odors therefrom. All tools, pails and tubs used by the scavengers shall be made from galvanized iron or other metal, and shall be free from all wood to prevent saturation of the night soil into them.

10. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to use dry-wells, abandoned wells or cisterns, shallow wells or any other hole in the ground as a cesspool, not in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance.

11. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined Ten Dollars, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

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