

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE FINDLAY CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER EMERGENCY QUARANTINE AUTHORITY FROM THE FINDLAY CITY BOARD OF HEALTH TO THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE BOARD CAN CONVENE, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 3707.04 – 3707.34, SPECIFICALLY 3707.34(B), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the city of Findlay, State of Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected or appointed thereto concurring:

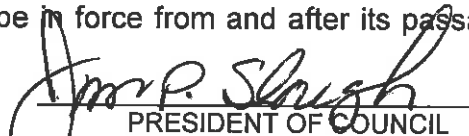

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3707.34(B) provides that each board of health shall adopt a policy, subject to the approval of the district advisory council or city council for city health districts not governed by an advisory council, specifying the actions that a health commissioner may take pursuant to this section. Any action a health commissioner takes in accordance with the board's policy is deemed an action taken by the board unless the board votes to nullify the commissioner's action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the policy transferring emergency quarantine authority from the Findlay City Board of Health to the Health Commissioner, until such time when the Board can convene, be hereby approved, all in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3707.04 – 3707.34, specifically 3707.34(B).

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Findlay, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to approve said policy so that the Health Commissioner may enjoy emergency quarantine authority until such time as the Board of Health can convene, all in accordance with law,

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

PASSED December 2, 2014

ATTEST 
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED December 2, 2014



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Findlay City Health Department Isolation and Quarantine Policy for Infectious Diseases

The Findlay City Health Department acknowledges that in the event that a person or community must be quarantined to prevent further spread of a highly-infectious disease, specific protective measures would need to be implemented to restrict an individual's or community's movement. The Findlay City Board of Health is given the authority by the Ohio Department of Health under Ohio Revised Code 3707 to institute quarantine. It is recognized that in certain circumstances, the Findlay City Board of Health may not be able to convene to discuss the situation and issue the quarantine order. To that end, and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3707.34, the Findlay City Board of Health may transfer its authority to the Health Commissioner to act on the Board's behalf, until such time in the future that the Board can meet.

The Findlay City Health Department maintains and annually reviews its Isolation and Quarantine plan, which includes those actions that the Health Commissioner may take pursuant to ORC 3707.34. This ORC section, in part, states that "Each board of health shall adopt a policy, subject to the approval of the district advisory council or city council for city health districts not governed by an advisory council, specifying the actions that a health commissioner may take pursuant to this section."

The Findlay City Board of Health passed a resolution on February 18, 2004 giving full emergency quarantine authority to the Health Commissioner. However, to be fully compliant with ORC 3707.34(B), Findlay City Health Department requests approval of this policy by both the Findlay City Board of Health and the City of Findlay City Council to ensure that the transfer of authority is recognized by both entities. The Board of Health will request this approval from City Council to be in the form of a resolution to be included as part of this policy thereafter.

Gregory W. Cline, R PH
Findlay City Board of Health President Pro Tempore

Date