

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4  
ENTRANCES TO CELLARS AND BASEMENTS

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the entrance to cellars or basements, also the coverings to openings for windows, etc., and to regulate the extension of steps, platforms, passageways, enclosures, bulk or just windows, porches, jambs or any other projection of a similar character; also awnings, etc., on, or into or over the sidewalks or footways, in the Borough of Donora, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and to impose a penalty for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Borough of Donora, Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same: That it shall be lawful for all openings to cellars or basements, used as entrances to all buildings erected in the Borough of Donora, and situated on any of the streets or public thoroughfares, except alleys, in said borough, to extend out into the sidewalk, or footway to the distance as hereinafter set forth and no further:

FIRST: When the sidewalk or footway is ten feet or wider, measured from the street line to the outer margin of the curb it shall be lawful to extend four feet.

SECOND: When the sidewalk or footway is nine feet, measured as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to extend three and one-half feet.

THIRD: When the sidewalk or footway is eight feet, measured as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to extend three and one-half feet.

FOURTH: When the sidewalk or footway are less than eight feet it shall be lawful to extend three feet.

SECTION 2. That all openings to cellars or basements shall be furnished with twin or folding doors made of iron of sufficient strength and quality, so as to be sufficiently safe for pedestrians, and said doors when closed shall be level with the surface of the pavement, sidewalk or footway, and when said doors are open they shall stand in a vertical or perpendicular position with a bar or bars extending horizontally across the side fronting the street for the purpose of protecting pedestrians against accident, and all such doors shall be closed after business hours and during the night time; but when such openings to cellars or basements are used as a regular or general doorway by reason of being used as a place of business, or other private or public occupancy of a general nature, then such openings or doorways shall be protected with a guard-rail of iron extending around said opening or doorway except the place of entrance, which shall be a side entrance leading off of said sidewalk or footway and not a front entrance and said entrance shall be supplied with a gate which after business hours or during the night shall be closed.

SECTION 3. That it shall be lawful for all steps, platforms, passageways, inclosures,

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bulk or jut windows, porches or jambs, swinging or business signs, or any other projection to extend into or project over the sidewalk or footway in a manner and to the extent as hereinafter set forth, and not otherwise.

FIRST: When the sidewalk or footway is ten feet wide or wider, measured as aforesaid, the said steps or other platform or structure when necessary for entrance to any building, shall not extend out further than four feet from street line.

SECOND: When the sidewalk or footway is nine feet, it shall be lawful to extend said steps, platform or other structure, as aforesaid, three feet and no further, measured from the street line.

THIRD: When the sidewalk or footway is less than nine feet then it shall be lawful to extend said steps, platform or other structure for the purpose as aforesaid, three feet and no further.

SECTION 4. That all awnings or other projections of a similar character to buildings in the Borough of Donora, shall not extend over the sidewalk or footway further than the outer margin of the curb stone of said sidewalk or to the outer limit of said sidewalk or to the outer limit of said sidewalk or footway as prescribed by ordinance establishing the width of sidewalks, pavements, etc., and all such awnings or projections of a similar character shall be seven and one-half feet ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet above the sidewalk, measured from the surface of the sidewalk or footway to the lower margin of said awning or other projection as aforesaid.

SECTION 5. That all openings in the sidewalks or footways for the purpose of light or air to cellars or basements shall be covered with iron gratings which shall be level with the surface of the sidewalk or footway.

SECTION 6. That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, first be notified by the Street Commissioner to remove said objection, which shall be done in the manner as set forth in section 5 and 6 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the purpose of appointing a Street Commissioner and to invest him with the powers and duties of his office, etc.," and bearing even date herewith, and upon the failure to remove the cause of such objection or, to comply with the provisions of this ordinance then the Chief Burgess shall order the Chief of Police or Borough Constable or.....the Street Commissioner, calling in sufficient force to do so, which shall be at the expense of the offending party or parties, together with a fine which shall not be less than Two Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars. All parties shall have a right to a hearing if an issue be raised in the matter, and all fines, costs and expenses are to be collected as other fines and penalties are collectable under the law.

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ORDAINED AND ENACTED in Council assembled this 15th day of April, A. D. 1901.

EDMOND JEFFRIES,  
President of Council.

ATTEST:

C. E. MILLER,  
Clerk.

(SEAL)

APPROVED this 15th day of April, 1901.

BERT W. CASTNER,  
Chief Burgess.

ATTEST:

C. E. MILLER,  
Clerk.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THIS IS A CORRECT COPY  
OF ORDINANCE NO. 4

*Geo W Allen*  
BOROUGH CLERK