

Chapter 70 - Self-Service Laundries and Dry Clean Establishments

7.225. Self-Service Laundries Defined.

For the purposes of this chapter, a self-service laundry shall be deemed to be any place of business available to the general public for the purpose of washing, dry cleaning, drying, ironing or extracting moisture from garments, linens, rugs, blankets and other commonly laundered articles, through the use of coin-operated machines or devices operated by the patrons of such business.

7.226. Licenses Required.

No person shall operate or maintain any self-service laundry without first obtaining a license therefor. Licenses shall be issued only if the requirements under Section 7.227 are complied with. License fees shall be in accordance with Chapter 60, Fees and Bonds of the City of Troy Code of Ordinances.

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7.227. General Requirements as to Machines and Other Equipment.

All self-service laundries shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) All provisions of building, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, health and fire codes, rules or regulations applicable to self-service laundries shall be observed.
- (b) The water heating or softening system shall be installed and maintained so as to be inaccessible to the general public.
- (c) Washers shall be installed and maintained so that such moving parts and electrical components thereof, as need not be accessible to the operator thereof in the usual and customary operation of such machines, shall not be readily accessible to the general public.
- (d) Dryers shall be installed and maintained so that the backs and tops thereof shall not be readily accessible to the general public.
- (e) All dryers installed or maintained in a self-service laundry shall be designed so as to be inoperable when the door thereof is open, and all such dryers shall be capable of having their doors opened from the interior thereof upon the application of outward pressure against such doors.
- (f) All automatic washers or combination washer-extractor units installed in any location after November 30th, 1965, shall be so manufactured or equipped that:
 1. The doors or lids thereto cannot be opened during any portion of the operating cycle of such machine; or
 2. So that if the door or lid thereto is opened during any portion of the operating cycle thereof such machine will be automatically caused to cease operating.

However, this subsection (f) shall be deemed to have been complied with if such machines are equipped with a device, mechanism or means readily accessible to the user thereof, whereby the operation of such machine may be stopped, which

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such device, mechanism or means shall be identified by an appropriate label or sign prominently displayed upon such machine.

- (g) Separate extractor machines shall be securely anchored to the floor and shall be manufactured or equipped so that the doors thereof cannot be opened during any portion of the operating cycle thereof.
- (h) The minimum level of illumination in self-service laundries shall be not less than fifteen foot candles throughout the entire area accessible to the public, measured at a height of four feet above the floor. All switches for control of illumination shall not be accessible to the public. All self-service laundries shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be so installed and maintained that the area therein accessible to the general public shall be reasonably visible to the exterior thereof, either by direct or indirect view.
- (i) An appropriate refuse receptacle shall be furnished in all self-service laundries for the convenient use of the patrons thereof.
- (j) All self-service laundries shall be prohibited from having amusement devices or mechanical music devices commonly known as juke boxes; PROVIDED, that this shall not prohibit the placing of AM or FM radios for the enjoyment of the patrons; PROVIDED, that the controls thereof shall not be accessible to the public.
- (k) All self-service laundries shall be required to have an adult person in attendance during all hours of operation.
- (l) Self-service laundries and dry-cleaning establishments as defined herein shall not be open or operate between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.