

An Ordinance

CREATING A COMMISSION TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CROIX, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in Session assembled:

1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Commission to fix and regulate the selling prices for articles of food sold in St. Croix, and to carry out the powers and duties hereinafter set forth.
2. The said Commission shall be known as the "Food Commission of St. Croix". The members of which shall be residents of St. Croix. The Governor shall name the Chairman of the Commission. The members of the Food Commission shall be appointed for a period of one year and shall continue in office thereafter until their successors are appointed and qualified.
3. The Food Commission shall have power to investigate the prices at which all articles of food are sold or purchased by importers, merchants, dealers, producers, manufacturers, or consumers, and for that purpose the books of all such shall be open to inspection by the Food Commission, and, if necessary, it may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for the production of books or other documents, and it shall have the power to take testimony under oath.
4. It shall have the power to determine the prices and quantities at which all or any article of food may be sold by wholesalers, retailers, producers or manufacturers, provided however, a reasonable margin of profit shall be allowed. It shall also have the power to restrict the exportation of all locally produced or manufactured articles of food. To the extent of the amount required for local consumption; provided the prices fixed for local sale of a locally produced or manufactured article of food shall not be less than the net cash amount which might be gained by exportation.
5. It shall have the power to test all weights, scales and measures and to fix standards thereof.
6. It shall have the power to make all rules and regulations necessary to efficiently carry out the powers herein granted.
7. Any person who shall refuse to appear before the Food Commission, when summoned, or who shall refuse to tes-

tify, or shall testify falsely, or shall fail to produce books or documents required or shall sell any article of food in a larger quantity or at a higher price than prescribed by the Food Commission, or shall use a weight, measure or scale prohibited by the Food Commission, or shall violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the Food Commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and on conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not to exceed Francs 1,000:00 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment by the discretion of the Court.

8. All prosecutions or violations of this Ordinance shall be by information

filed by the Government Attorney in the Ordinary Town Court.

Thus duly passed at the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council held Monday, October 20, 1919.

Christiansted, October 22, 1919.

D. C. CANEGATA, ROBT. MERMIN,
Secretary. Chairman.

The above Ordinance is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas, the 27th day of October, in the year 1919.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN,
Governor

Publication.

THE Food Commission of St. Croix has fixed the following maximum prices which are to prevail until further notice.

WHOLESALE PRICES:

For staple articles 10% above gross costs on cash sales. On Credit sales 5% additional may be charged.

In Christiansted 50c. per barrel additional may be charged on all sales.

RETAIL PRICES:

Cornmeal.....	.09c. per pound,
Flour.....	.11c. " "
Sugar, muscavado	.09c. " "
Sugar, brown crystal (raw)	.12c. " "
Sugar, clear (table).....	.13c. " "
Sugar, washed.....	.16c. " "
Bread, 1-lb. loaf.....	.12c. " "
Bread, ½ lb. loaf.....	.06c. " "
Bread, ¼ lb. loaf.....	.03c. " "
Three 1c. loaves of bread must weigh ¼ pound.	
Milk, per quart.....	.11c.
Milk, " pint	.06c.
Milk, " bottle.....	.09c.
Milk, " ½ bottle.....	.05c.
Skim Milk per quart.....	.05c.
Live cattle.....	.07c. per pound,
Live hogs.....	.12c. " "
Live sheep.....	.12c. " "
Live poultry.....	.25c. " "
Beef.....	.18c. " "
Veal and choice cuts.....	.20c. " "
Pork.....	.22c. " "
Mutton	.27c. " "
Eggs	.07c. each
Sweet Potatoes (Hucksters price)	.04c. per pound,
Lard (compound).....	.48c. " "
Kerosene (110) " per bottle	.12c. " "
Kerosene (150) " "	.14c. " "
Charcoal.....	.90c. per bag,
Charcoal kerosene tin.....	.15c.
Charcoal 1 gallon.....	.04c.
Charcoal 1 quart.....	.01c.

All weights and measures herein mentioned are American standards.

The Ordinance approved October 27, 1919. Section 7 provides:

Any person who shall.....sell any article.....at a higher price than fixed by the Food Commission, or shall use a weight, measure or scale prohibited.....shall be punished by fine of not to exceed Francs 1000:00 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Frederiksted and Christiansted St. Croix, November 5th. 1919.

D. NOLL,
Chairman,