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CHAPTER 1306.34 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEST EXTERMINATION (as Amended)

(a) An owner of an occupiable structure shall take such measures necessary to prevent and control the harborage and free movement of insects, vermin, rodents or other pests within the structure. An owner of an occupiable structure is solely responsible for the extermination of insects, vermin, rodents or other pests within the structure. No owner shall fail to exterminate insects, vermin, rodents or other pests as required herein.

(b) In the event that the dwelling is infested with or there is a report of infestation with bedbugs, the owner shall make written notification to all contiguous units (including adjacent units on either side, across the hall, or above or below the affected unit) within 72 hours of confirmation of the presence of bedbugs. In addition, where there are confirmed bedbugs in a dwelling unit within a building of more than three dwelling units, the owner or agent shall cause all affected units to be treated by a licensed pesticide applicator under Section 921.06 of the Revised Code or for the affected units to be heat-treated to eliminate the bedbugs.

(c) The occupant of an occupiable structure, if not the owner, shall notify the owner of the structure when the occupant knows of or suspects an infestation of insects, vermin, rodents or other pests within the structure within 72 hours of discovery. The occupant shall grant the owner and the owner's agents or contractors access to every portion of the structure reasonably necessary for the inspection and extermination of insects, vermin, rodents or other pests within the structure. No occupant shall fail to promptly notify an owner or fail to grant the owner or the owner's agents or contractors reasonable access as required herein.