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BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO PIGS AND PIGGERIES

The Board of Health of Raynham, MA. Adopted the following regulations on September 27, 1988 by authority granted under Massachusetts General Laws amended Chapter 111, Sections 31 and 143.

1. No individual or individuals, partnership, company or corporation shall keep pigs or swine within the limits of this town without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Health. Such permits shall expire on April 30th of each year unless sooner revoked. Any permit may be revoked at any time by the Board of Health for cause.

Before granting the permit, the Board of Health shall consider whether the proposed piggery may result in a nuisance or be harmful to the inhabitants, injurious to their estates, dangerous to the public health or may be attended by noisome and injurious odors. Should the Board find reason to believe any of the above conditions might result from the establishments of a piggery, the Board shall deny the permit.

2. A license to transport garbage, offal or other offensive substances along the public highways of this municipality must be obtained from the Board of Health in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 31A and no such materials shall be so transported without such a license. All licenses shall expire April 30th. Any license may be revoked at any time by the Board of Health for cause. Garbage and other offensive material shall be transported only in watertight vehicles or containers and shall be securely covered with wood, iron or canvas cover while the vehicle is in motion.
3. All piggeries shall be suitably isolated and maintained in such a manner that no nuisance shall be created thereby. No pen or enclosure shall be located within 150 feet of any public way or within 500 feet of a dwelling.
4. All piggeries will be examined frequently by a representative of the Board of Health, who will make such recommendations to the owner as are necessary to maintain the piggery in proper condition.
5. Properly ventilated buildings or substantial construction, preferably painted white or white washed, well-lighted, and so designed that accumulations of offensive material can be readily removed, shall be provided. For indoor pens watertight troughs of cement or metal kept in good repair shall be provided for feeding purposed, and these troughs must be thoroughly cleaned every day.
6. All buildings used for the housing of swine shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition. Brood houses shall be cleaned daily.
7. If outdoor pens or runs are provided, the swine shall be fed from platforms built of heavy watertight material flat on the ground or on skids one foot above the ground so arranged that the platform can be readily moved and the ground at the earlier location ploughed in. If the feeding platform is elevated, the space between the ground and the platform shall be kept clear and clean, and no food shall be allowed to accumulate about the platform or on the ground.

8. A bin for receiving garbage shall be provided, which shall be covered during warm weather. Garbage containing inedible refuse such as papers and paper boxes, rags, etc. may not be used.
9. Garbage cans, wagons and trucks shall be thoroughly cleansed after the garbage has been removed therefrom.
10. Manure and refuse in outdoor pens shall be cleaned out at least twice weekly and must either be immediately removed from the premises or must be so kept that it will not constitute a nuisance and so that the pigs will not have access to it.
11. If uneaten garbage, manure and refuse are collected in compost piles, they shall be treated or covered with earth, loam or other suitable material in sufficient amounts to eliminate any odor or nuisance. All such piles shall be at least 500 feet from any public way or dwelling. No garbage, manure or putrescible matter whatsoever shall, except in the cultivation and use of the soil in ordinary methods of agriculture, be put upon the ground within 250 feet of high water mark of any source of water supply or within 250 feet of high-water mark of any open waters flowing directly or ultimately into said source of water supply. In addition, during the fly-breeding season, they shall be sprayed daily with some suitable coal-tar compound or other satisfactory insecticide.
12. Manure shall be spread upon land only when such land is in condition to plough, and any manure so spread shall be ploughed under within (48) forty-eight hours.
13. Wet muck in outdoor pens shall be removed and replaced with clean sand.
14. A water supply adequate for cleaning purposes shall be provided.
15. No pigs shall be kept within 50 feet of any room where milk is handled. No person who handles milk shall assist in the maintenance of pigs or the cleansing of pens.
16. Adequate personnel shall be employed at all times for the proper maintenance and operation of the piggery.
17. No piggery shall be located, constructed or maintained any part of which is within 250 feet of the high water mark of any source of drinking water supply or any tributary thereof, or within 250 feet of high water mark of any open waters flowing directly or ultimately into any source of water supply.
18. Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per offense, each day of violation constituting a separate and distinct offense.
19. Should any part of this regulation be found unlawful or invalid, the remaining part shall remain valid and in effect.

These regulations shall take effect immediately.