



**TOWN OF RAYNHAM**  
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**STABLE REGULATIONS**

In accordance with Section 31 and 155 of Chapter 111, of General Laws of Massachusetts, no individual partnership, company, or corporation, shall maintain a stable within the Town of Raynham, without obtaining a permit from the Board of Health. Permits shall be issued for a period of one year and are renewable. Applicants for a permit must comply with the requirements of the following regulations before issuance of a permit:

Section 1: Stable shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from a dwelling occupied by an abutter.

Section 2: Manure, solid or liquid and refuse can be collected in compost piles, these piles 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 100 feet from any highway or dwelling of an abutter.

Section 3: A properly ventilated stable of substantial construction, located in accordance with Section 1 to prevent creation of a nuisance, with provision for adequate drainage of liquid wastes and designed to permit easy cleaning, shall be provided.

Section 4: A plan or written statement shall be submitted to the Board of Health to show the ultimate disposal of manure referred to in Section 2 and approved by the Board of Health.

Section 5: The owner shall take effective measures, including the installation of screening and /or the application of insecticides to prevent the entrance into the stable and breeding on the premises of flies, rodents and other vermin.

Section 6: Corrals and paddock areas shall be so located that surface drainage conditions do not create health or safety hazards.

Section 7: The area referenced in Section 6 shall be provided with an adequate fence to serve a dual purpose.

- A) To safely confine the animals.
- B) To prevent any child from entering the corral or paddock from the sides facing the dwelling of abutters in thickly settled residential areas.

Section 8: As part of the application, a plot plan showing the location of the stable, compost piles and corrals in relation to abutters dwelling and public streets is required.

Section 9: Application must state the number of horses to be kept on the premises. (Town Counsel has stated that only horses belonging to the applicant or his family may be kept on the premises in a residentially zoned area. No boarding of horses or horses for hire, such as a riding school, is allowed).

Section 10: A fee of \$30.00 per year shall be charged for a stable permit, renewable April 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Initial Fee for a new stable permit is \$50.00.

Section 11: Violations and penalties. Failure to comply with this regulation or failure to obtain a stable permit shall be punished by a fine of:

- (1) One hundred dollars for the first violation;
- (2) Two hundred dollars for a second violation
- (3) Three hundred dollars and a hearing before the Board of Health for a third or subsequent violation

Failure to comply may result in suspension, revocation, or modification of the permit and may be subject to a criminal complaint.

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