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STABLE REGULATIONS

The Board of Health of the Town of Foxborough, acting under the authority of Sections 31, 122, 143 and 155 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and amendments and additions thereto, and by any other powers thereto, enabling and acting thereunder and in accordance therewith have, in the interest of and for the preservations of the public health, duly made and adopted the following regulations for the control of livestock in the Town of Foxborough.

DEFINITIONS

- a. Approving Authority - shall be the Board of Health or it's designated representative.
  - b. Stable - building in which livestock is sheltered and fed (e.g., stable, barn, coop, etc.).
  - c. Livestock - any of the various animals domesticated by man so as to live and breed in a tame condition (e.g., horses, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, pigs, geese, ratites, emu's and ostriches.). This shall not apply to dogs and cats.
1. No stable may be constructed within the Town of Foxborough unless a livestock license is first obtained from the Board of Health.
  2. A license fee of \$10.00 will be collected by the Board of Health.
  3. All owners or keepers of livestock must provide adequate stabling facilities for such livestock. No livestock shall be allowed to remain out-of-doors at all times without access to adequate shelter and protection from severe weather.
  4. Barns, stables and other enclosures shall be kept in a neat sanitary condition. The property shall be maintained so that it will be kept clean and free from filth and stagnant water and methods shall be used to control flies and rodents.
  5. All grain shall be stored in a manner to discourage rodent and insect infestation.
  6. An adequate quantity of water of safe, sanitary quality shall be provided at all times.
  7. Management and disposal of manure and soiled bedding shall be such as to minimize odors and the breeding of flies. During warm weather manure may require treatment on a regular basis such as lime, superphosphate or other appropriate material.

8. Manure and used bedding shall be spread, composted or removed from the premises. No manure shall be allowed to accumulate more than seven days between the months of April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. When manure is piled, whether for composting, the storage site shall be no less than 100 feet from any well or wetland. No manure shall be piled or stored within a reasonable distance from property boundaries, Reasonable distance from property boundary will be determined by the Board of Health and/or its inspector.
9. Pastures and/or enclosures must be fenced adequately and appropriately enough to contain livestock.
10. Land on which livestock is kept shall be fenced in such a manner as to prevent damage to abutting property, trees and shrubbery.
11. It is recommended that all equines be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia ( Coggins Test ) once every 24 months.
12. It is recommended that all equines be inoculated in the Spring of each year against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis.
13. The feeding of garbage to swine is not permitted without permission of the Board of Health. Exempt: The owner who feed his own household garbage to a pig destined for his home consumption.
14. All cattle shall be included in the state tuberculosis and brucellosis-testing program.
15. Goats kept for milking shall be tested for tuberculosis.
16. All livestock kept within the Town of Foxborough shall be kept in a clean and healthy condition. Any evidence of abuse or neglect shall be reported to the proper authorities.
17. The Board of Health may vary the application of any provision of these regulations with respect to any particular case when the Board of Health finds the enforcement thereof would do manifest injustice.

Every request for a variance shall be made in writing on a form provided by the Board of Health and shall state the specific variance sought and the reasons thereof. The fee for a variance shall be determined by the Board of Health. Notice of a variance request must be published in a local newspaper at least two weeks before the scheduled date of the public hearing. Amend #17 paragraph 1 & 2 amend 8/9/93.

Any person who violates any provisions of the above regulations, or a regulation or order made thereunder, may be punished by a fine of \$25.00 for each day such violation continues. The Board of Health or its Agent shall inspect all premises that have been issued permits. These regulations were adopted by the Board of Health on April 21, 1987.

Amended 4/5/99