

Horse and Stable Regulations

These Regulations are adopted pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 155.

Part 1 Definitions

For the purpose of these Regulations, unless a contrary intent clearly appears, the following terms and words shall have the following meanings:

Horse – Any horse, foal, pony, mule or burro.

Part 2 Licenses and Permits

Regulation

6.201 No person shall erect, occupy or use for a stable any building or any land for the housing of one or more horses in the Town of Harwich unless such use is licensed by the Board of Health pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 155. The license fee shall be ¹² \$20.00 for a residential stable and \$50.00 for a commercial stable.

6.202 Before any person can engage in the business of killing or rendering horses, a license as required by General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 154, must first be obtained from the Board of Health.

6.203 In accordance with General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 175, all stallions must be registered with the Town of Harwich. The registration fee shall be \$5.00

Part 3 Miscellaneous Regulations

Regulation

6.301 No person shall erect or maintain a stable closer than 200 feet from a church or school building, or closer than 30 feet from an abutter's dwelling house.

6.302 No person shall keep a horse in the town without providing an adequate stable therefore.

6.303 No horse shall be pastured closer than 30 feet from an abutter's dwelling house.

6.304 All areas used to pasture horses shall be properly fenced so as to prevent damage to neighboring property, and shall be so graded as to

- prevent accumulation of standing water or the development of muddy areas.
- 6.305 Each stall shall be of adequate size to allow a horse to have room to comfortably lie down and stand up. Any horse in a stall, whose smallest dimension is less than ten feet, shall be exercised daily.
- 6.306 There shall be adequate drainage, either natural or artificial, for urine and waste matter in every horse stall.
- 6.307 There shall be one, and only one, window in each stall. All windows shall be capable of being opened.
- 6.308 Any appurtenances, lighting fixtures, windows, etc. or any object which may cause accidental injury to a horse in a stable or area used by a horse shall be screened, boxed, barred or otherwise protected in a manner approved by the Board of Health.
- 6.309 No lead or other paint detrimental to a horse's health shall be used.
- 6.310 There shall be adequate ventilation in every stable and adequate means of fly and insect control shall be provided in the stable, the pasture, the manure storage areas and any other areas that may breed flies or other insects.
- 6.311 All flooring in any stable shall be of a material acceptable to the Board of Health.
- 6.312 All stables must be kept clean at all times and accumulated manure removed at least once each day. Any person allowing a horse or horses to roam on land shall remove waste matter periodically in a manner commensurate with the area involved, or at the discretion of the Board of Health.
- 6.313 Any mare in foal shall not be kept in a stall whose smallest dimension is less than 10 feet.
- 6.314 In accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 86E, the Board of Health, or any person designated by the Board of Health, may, at all reasonable hours, enter the premises in which a horse is kept for the purpose of inspecting the conditions therein.