

## **PART IV**

### **ARTICLE 2 - Stable Regulations**

#### **Section 1 – Registration of Horses & Ponies**

All animals referred to as horses or ponies shall be listed with the Board of Health through the annual animal census required by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. The stable owner is responsible for obtaining an annual stable license and fee to be paid according to the fee schedule located in Part VIII; Article 1. The total number of horses or ponies on the property shall not exceed the total indicated on the permit. Proof shall be provided that all horses and ponies have been vaccinated annually against Tetanus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. When requested there shall also be proof submitted of a negative Coggin test showing the horse or pony to be free from Equine Infectious Anemia (Swamp Fever) dated within six (6) months prior to each horse or pony entering the Town. A negative Coggin test result is required each two (2) years thereafter for each horse or pony permanently stabled in the Town. All horses and ponies shall be maintained in a sound, healthy and clean condition. Horses and ponies of commercial stables must be qualified for use by a licensed veterinarian and proof of qualification must be submitted to the Health Department. All commercial stables are subject to the rules and regulations of Chapter 128, section 2 B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

#### **Section 2 – Housing**

Each stable shall have adequate light and ventilation. Every horse or pony shall have adequate shelter:

- A.** Stables: Each stall shall be of adequate size so that the horse or pony contained therein shall have room to comfortably stand up and lie down.
- B.** Open Sheds: Each open shed shall be a three-sided, roofed structure. Horses or ponies that are housed in groups shall be maintained in compatible groups without overcrowding.

#### **Section 3 – Water**

Potable water shall be supplied at all times in trough or other supply, or at intervals of not less than three (3) times per day. If well water is used, the owner must present proof of potable water by a certified laboratory to the Health Department.

#### **Section 4 – Stable, Feed Room and Outside Area**

Owners/operators shall take effective control measures to prevent infestation of animals and premises from flies, parasites and vermin. All equipment used shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

#### **Section 5 – Construction**

The Building Inspector shall approve all buildings.

#### **Section 6 – Floors**

Stall flooring shall permit adequate drainage, shall be of a material that is safe and comfortable

for the animals, and shall be maintained in a clean condition.

#### **Section 7 – Fire Protection**

Provisions shall be made for quick removal of horses and ponies in case of fire. Fire extinguishers approved by the Fire Chief as to type and location shall be readily available.

#### **Section 8 – Manure**

Provisions shall be made for the proper storage and regular removal of manure as prescribed by the USDA protocols. The location and methods of removal of manure shall be with the approval of the Board of Health.

#### **Section 9 – Living and Sleeping Quarters**

Stables or barns shall not be used for human habitation except with written permission of the Board of Health. If permitted by the Board of Health, such living and sleeping quarters shall meet the requirements of Title II of the State Sanitary Housing Code and such special condition as may be required by the Board of Health.

#### **Section 10 – Enforcement**

Enforcement action under these regulations shall not preclude enforcement of any other violation under any other laws or regulations not listed. Stable inspections will be conducted, and shall be expected during reasonable hours, by the Board of Health, Health Agent, Health Inspector and/or Animal Inspector. Failure to correct cited deficiencies may lead to a determination by the Board of Health that a public health nuisance or hazard exists.

#### **Section 11 – Fines**

**See Provincetown General Bylaws Schedule A.**

#### **Section 12 - Appeals**

Any person aggrieved by the decision or order of the Board of Health in enforcement of these regulations may request a hearing before the Board of Health by filing within seven (7) days following receipt of a written order a petition in writing requesting a hearing in the matter. Upon receipt of such a petition the Board of Health shall set a time and place for the hearing and shall inform the petitioner of such in writing. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Health may seek relief therefrom in any court of competent jurisdiction as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth.