

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH
STABLE REGULATIONS**

1. No person shall erect, occupy or use for a stable any building or any land for the housing of horses in the Town of Acushnet, MA., unless such use is authorized and licensed by the Board of Health under authority derived under General Laws, Chapter 155. The business (Stable) license, which includes; riding stables, boarding, or selling horses shall have a fee of \$10.00 per horse (up to \$50.00 maximum).
2. No stable is to be erected within fifty feet of a street line and if extended, the extension, is not to be within fifty feet of a street line. No stable shall be erected, occupied, or building be used for such stable, unless such stable is a minimum of thirty feet from the boundary line of adjacent abutters.
3. Each stall shall be of an adequate size so that any horse shall have room to comfortably lie down or stand up, with a minimum stall of six feet wide, seven feet long, and nine feet high.
4. Horses that are allowed to roam on land adjacent to stables must be properly fenced in so that no child or person is bitten by nor injured by a horse, and so that no horse eats shrubbery from neighboring abutters land.
5. There shall be adequate drainage for urine and waste matter in every stable.
6. There shall be windows in every stable, spaced no less than six feet apart.
7. Encephalitis shots are madatory.
8. Any person, company or corporation engaged in or desiring to engage in the business of killing horses or rendering of horses shall apply to the Board of Health for a license as required by General Laws, Chapter III, Section 154.
9. No person, company, or corporation shall erect, occupy or use a building for a livery or horse stable, for keeping horses unless such stable or building is more than five hundred feet from a church or school building and is more than thirty feet from a place that is used as a dwelling or home.
10. Owners of stables housing a horse must clean the manure from the stable and surrounding land at least once a day, and any person stabling a horse must keep all manure in covered water tight receptacles in a place acceptable to the Board of Health. The manure from these receptacles must be removed at least every seven days.
11. The owners of stables shall keep said stable and surrounding land in a clean manner, so that no odors or smells emanate from said stable or land onto the land of

another, and so that there are no flies, rats, rodents, or mosquitos in, on or around such stable or surrounding lands.

12. All flooring in any stable shall be acceptable to the Board of Health and meet with the acceptance of the SPCA upon inspection by either party.

13. No horse shall be allowed to graze, pasture, romp, or be on or remain on any land unless this land has a square foot area of not less than 30,000 square feet excluding the stable, and unless said area is at least thirty feet from a dwelling house and 10 feet from a street line, and 20 feet from an abutters line, with one horse for each 10,000 square feet.

14. Every horse has to be stabled and no horse is allowed to be without a stable and remain out doors all the time without being stabled.

**BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN OF ACUSHNET, MASS.**

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