

## RABBITS, MINK, FOXES AND OTHER FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

### BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN OF BOURNE

Voted by the Bourne Board of Health on May 31, 1978

#### 1) LOCATION

A. Coops, cotes, hutches, buildings, or other such enclosures used to house or confine animals such as rabbits, mink, foxes, etc. shall be located not less than 200 feet from: any church, school, public building, park, playground, hospital, nursing home, or rest home except upon written permission of the Board of Health.

B. Coops, hutches, or other such buildings and enclosures or runs used to house or confine as described in this regulation shall be located not less than 100 feet from adjoining property lot lines or the line of any street, court, or passageway.

C. Not less than 250 feet from the high water mark of any source of drinking water supply or any tributary thereof or less than 250 feet from the high water mark of any open waters flowing directly or ultimately into any source of water supply.

D. Not less than 50 feet of any room where milk is handled.

#### 2) CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

All coops, cotes, hutches, or other such buildings used to house rabbits, mink, foxes, and other fur-bearing animals shall be of durable construction. Such structures shall be designed so as to prevent the harborage or shelter of rats and mice.

#### 3) VENTILATION

All buildings used to house animals under this regulation shall be properly ventilated and kept dry.

#### 4) MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

A. Nests shall be movable and cleaned frequently.

B. Holding cages and areas beneath perches shall be cleaned frequently.

C. Feed stations shall be maintained in proper sanitary conditions.

D. Interior of buildings shall be whitewashed (or equivalent treatment) at least once a year.

#### 5) SCREENING

All windows, doors, or other openings to the outer air should be provided with screens to prevent the entrance of flies and other flying insects.

#### 6) ANIMAL WASTE STORAGE

A ventilated, watertight storage facility constructed of concrete or other durable material for the storage of animal wastes shall be provided and so located as to promote frequent removal of wastes from the premises.

#### 7) RESTRICTION TO PREMISES

Animals such as rabbits, mink, foxes, etc. shall be kept in either an approved building or in an enclosure of adequate size. Said animals shall not be permitted to roam unrestricted outside the building or other enclosure. Any such animal shall be deemed to be at large when it shall be off the premises and unaccompanied by the owner, agent, or employee of the owner or the caretaker.