

PIGS AND PIGGERIES

BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN OF BOURNE

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1) LOCATION

Buildings, pens, or other such enclosures or runs used to house or confine pigs shall be located in accordance with Section 143 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws:

A. Not less than 200 feet from any dwelling used for human habitation, any church, school, public building, park, playground, hospital, nursing home, or rest home except upon written permission of the Board of Health.

B. Not less than 150 feet from adjoining property lot lines, or the line of any street, highway, 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 from any room where milk is handled.

2) CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

All buildings used to house pigs shall be properly constructed & shall be designed, arranged, located, and maintained so as to minimize odors and to prevent the harborage, shelter, or feeding of rats and mice. Such buildings shall be so designed and constructed so that accumulation of offensive material can be readily removed.

3) FEEDING TROUGHS

A. For indoor pens, watertight material of cement or metal shall be provided for feeding purposes and shall be kept in good repair. Such material shall be thoroughly cleaned each day.

B. For outdoor pens or runs, pigs shall be fed from platforms built of heavy, watertight material or, skids no less than one foot above the ground so arranged that the platform can be readily moved. If the feeding platform is elevated, the space between the ground & d the platform shall be kept clean. No food or manure shall be allowed to accumulate about the platform or on the ground,

4) VENTILATION

All buildings used to house pigs shall be properly ventilated.

5) RESTRICTION TO PREMISES

All pigs shall be kept either in an approved building, pen, enclosure, or run of adequate size. Pigs shall not be permitted to roam unrestricted outside the building, pen, enclosure, or run. Any 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.

6) MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

All buildings used for the housing of pigs shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition. Pens shall be cleaned at least twice weekly. Brood houses shall be cleaned daily. Refuse, including uneaten food, and manure shall be immediately removed from the premises or shall be so kept that such material will not create odors noticeable off the premises, will not permit fly breeding, and will not have access to the pigs. Buildings should be painted or whitewashed at least once a year.

7) GARBAGE AND STORAGE OF GARBAGE

A. All garbage, regardless of previous processing, shall before being fed to pigs, be thoroughly heated to at least 212° F for at least 30 minutes, unless treated in some other manner which shall be approved in writing by the Director of Livestock and Disease Control as being equally effective.

B. A bin or other approved receptacle for receiving garbage shall be provided, which shall be tightly covered. Bins, cans, wagons, trucks, and other receptacles for the storage of garbage shall be thoroughly cleaned after the garbage has been removed therefrom.

8) WATER SUPPLY

An adequate supply shall be provided.

9) SPREADING OF MANURE OR OTHER WASTE

Manure shall be spread upon the land only when such land is in condition to plow, and manure so spread shall be plowed under within 48 hours. If uneaten garbage, manure, and refuse are collected in compost piles, they shall be treated or covered with earth, loam, or other suitable material in sufficient amounts to eliminate any odor or nuisance. All such piles shall be at least 500 feet from any dwelling or highway. No garbage, manure, or putrescible matter shall, except in the cultivation and use of the soil in ordinary methods of agriculture, be put upon the ground within 250 feet of the high water mark of any open waters flowing directly or ultimately into any source of water supply. Compost piles shall be sprayed daily with an approved insecticide during the fly-breeding season.