

**CHAPTER 7**  
**PIGS AND PIGGERIES**

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7.1 The Board of Health defines a “pig” as any of various stout bodied, short legged, hooved, omnivorous mammals of the family *Suidae*. To include swine, boars, hogs, and miniature pot-bellied pigs.

The Board of Health defines a “piggery” as more than 1 (one) pig 10 weeks of age or older, owned or kept by a person on a single premise, regardless of the purpose for which they are maintained.

7.2 No individual or individuals, partnership, company or corporation shall keep more than 1 (one) pig or swine within the limits of this municipality without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Health. No permit shall be issued until applicant verifies the property is zoned for this use. All such permits shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board of Health for just cause may revoke any permit at any time.

7.3 A license to transport garbage, offal, or other offensive substances along the public highways of the municipality must be obtained from the Board of Health in accordance with Chapter 111, § 31A of the General Laws, and no such materials shall be so transported without such a license. All licenses shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board of Health for just cause may revoke any license at any time. Garbage and other offensive materials shall be securely covered with wood or iron to prevent spillage and release of noxious odors.

7.4 All piggeries shall be suitably isolated and maintained in such a manner that no nuisance shall be created thereby. Areas in which pigs are confined shall conform to the dimensional setback requirements of the table below.

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No. of Pigs	Minimum Front Setback from Street	Minimum Side Setback from Lot line	Minimum Rear Setback from Lot line
1 to 4	150 feet	100 feet	100 feet
4 to 10	250 feet	150 feet	150 feet
11 or more	500 feet	200 feet	200 feet

The owner shall submit a plot plan with verifiable dimensions to the Board of Health with the permit application. The plan shall identify the location of the housing and grazing area(s) for the pigs, major topographical features, area(s) of manure storage and/or spreading, and any water resources within 350 feet of any lot lines.

No manure shall be allowed to accumulate and create a nuisance. Manure shall not be stored within one hundred (100) feet from wells

or from the high water mark of any source of drinking water supply or tributary thereof. Storage of manure shall not threaten wetlands.

- 7.6 All piggeries will be examined by a representative of the Board of Health at least twice per year or upon receipt of a complaint, who will make such recommendations to the owner as are necessary to maintain the piggery in proper condition.
- 7.7 Properly ventilated buildings of substantial construction, preferably painted white or white-washed, well lighted, and so designed that accumulations of offensive material can be readily removed shall be provided. For indoor pens, watertight troughs of cement or metal kept in good repair shall be provided for feeding purposes, and these troughs must be cleaned daily.
- 7.8 All buildings used for the housing of swine shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition.
- 7.9 Water shall be made freely available to all animals. It shall be kept fresh, clean, and readily accessible, both indoors and outdoors.
- 7.10 The fee shall be as established in the fee schedule.