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09.7.1 Animal Excrement

It shall be unlawful for any person to appear with a dog or other domesticated animal upon the public ways, within public places or upon the property of another, absent that person's consent, without some means of sanitary removal of excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove excrement deposited by such dog or other such animal in his charge.

This section shall not apply to a blind person while walking his or her guide dog.

Any person found to be in violation of this provision shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense thereafter.

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09.7.2 Stable

Pursuant to MGL 111 s 155 no person shall erect, occupy or use for a stable any building in a city or town having more than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants, unless such use is licensed by the Board of Health.

Pursuant to MGL 111 s 158 the Selectmen of the towns having a population of five thousand (5,000) or less may license suitable persons to keep more than four (4) horses in specified buildings or places within their respective towns and may revoke such licenses at pleasure. The fee for such licenses shall be established by said Selectmen but in no event shall any such fee be greater than twenty dollars (\$20.00).

Pursuant to MGL 129 s 19 inspectors shall make regular and thorough inspection of all neat cattle, sheep and swine found within the limits of their respective towns if they know, or have reason to suspect, that such animals are infected with or have been exposed to any contagious diseases. (Note: by definition neat is a bovine animal such as an ox, cow, etc.)

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09.7.3 Domestic Animal Quarantines

Pursuant to MGL 129 s 21 an inspector who, upon examination of a domestic animal, suspects or has reason to believe that it is infected with a contagious disease shall immediately cause it to be quarantined or isolated for at least ten (10) days.

An inspector who has caused a domestic animal to be quarantined due to biting a person or other shall charge a service fee of \$10.00 for the first offense. A second inspection or quarantine within the same calendar year shall cause a non-criminal violation fine of \$25.00. See sections 29 and 30 of MGL 129 – Expense of quarantine and violation of quarantine.

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