

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN OF BOLTON
SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing the keeping of swine in the town of Bolton, adopted by the Board of Health on April 24, 1984. These rules and regulations supersede all other rules and regulations. (Revised 6/4/90)

1. Permit Requirements:

All licenses of permits issued under this regulation by the Board of Health shall expire annually the first day of May unless otherwise specified. The Board will establish fees for permits on an annual basis. The Board reserves the right to revoke any license or permit at any time.

No person shall hold more than one permit during any permit holding period.

If the land on which the swine are to be kept is not owned by the applicant, written permission must be obtained from the landowner and presented to the Board of Health before a permit will be issued.

Any Permit holder whose permit has been revoked for the first time will be denied that permit for the remainder of the year. For any subsequent revocation, the permit holder cannot be issued a new permit for a period of three years by the board of Health.

2. Swine:

No more than eight swine shall be kept on a single contiguous piece of property within the limits of the Town of Bolton without a permit from the Board of Health.

No person shall keep more than eight swine within the limits of the Town of Bolton without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Board of Health and complying with all conditions contained in said permit. The young produced by a sow shall not be counted in determining whether a permit is necessary until said young have reached the age of two months.

Notice of Board of Health discussions relating to new swine permits or swine permits involving increased numbers of pigs shall be posted 2 weeks prior to the date of the scheduled meeting at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Hall.

3. Permits for Keeping Swine:

Any person desiring to obtain a permit for the keeping of swine shall make written application to the Board of Health. Included with the application shall be a plot plan showing the location of all buildings, pens, fencing and their distance from property lines and any streams, ponds or wells. The Board of Health, or its agent, shall inspect all premises, facilities and equipment prior to the issuance of any permit for compliance with all health requirements and make any necessary recommendations for the protection of person or animal.

Every permit issued by the Board of Health for the keeping of swine shall specifically describe the location of the area where said swine may be kept, the method of feeding allows, and shall specify the maximum number of swine which may be lawfully kept within such area.

4. Location:

All piggeries shall be suitably isolated and maintained in such a manner that no nuisance shall be created thereto. No buildings or feeding areas shall be located within 150 feet of any public highway or within 100 feet of any property line. The Board of Health may grant minor variances where no harm or nuisance to the public or abutters would result.

5. Buildings:

Any buildings provided for the keeping or feeding of swine shall be such that accumulations of offensive material can be readily removed, and shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition.

6. Fencing:

All areas used for the keeping of swine shall be securely fenced so as to prevent the escape of swine there from, and no swine shall be kept except in areas which are so fenced.

7. Swine Feeding Areas & Equipment:

For garbage fed piggeries, platforms of cement shall be provided for feeding purposes, and shall be thoroughly cleaned every day, and no food shall be allowed to accumulate about the platform or on the ground.

All feeding platforms equipment and areas in which swine are fed shall be kept clean and shall be treated with disinfectants or deodorants periodically, and garbage and waste therein shall be buried or removed periodically so that no nuisance shall be caused there from by reason of noisome odors or attraction of insects or rodents.

8. Feeding of Garbage to Swine:

No person shall feed garbage to swine without first securing a permit therefore from the State Director of Animal Health and complying with all the requirements of the Division of Animal Health.

9. Swine Manure:

Manure and refuse in outdoor pens shall not be kept in such a manner or used as fertilizer in such a manner anywhere within the limits of the Town of Bolton as to cause a nuisance by reason of noisome odors or attraction of insects, and shall not be kept exposed to air for more than twenty four (24) hours without first being treated by aged phosphate or other deodorizing material.

10. Nuisance:

No person shall keep any swine within the limits of the Town of Bolton in such a manner as to permit the keeping of the same or the areas in which they are kept to constitute a nuisance.

11. Penalty:

Whoever violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each separate violations.