



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street

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NEW: Y or N

RENEWAL: Y or N

CALENDAR YEAR: _____

FEE AMOUNT: \$35.00

Permit # _____

KEEPING OF ANIMALS PERMIT APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

*Email (**Required**) :

NUMBER AND TYPE OF ANIMALS:

Do you have adequate shelter/fencing for the animals as necessary? Y / N

Have you received and reviewed a copy of the Board of Health Bylaws
relative to the keeping of animals in the Town of Franklin? Y / N

Please describe in detail your proposed waste/manure removal and odor
control plan.

Applicant signature: _____

Chapter 193. ANIMALS

Article I. Keeping of Animals

§ 193-1. Permit required.

No person shall keep within the limits of this Town, in any building or on any premises of which he may be the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant, any cows, goats or any live animal, bird or reptile without a permit from the Board of Health. All such permits expire annually on December 31 and may be revoked by the Board at any time for cause. Applications therefore shall be on forms provided at the office of the Board and shall be acted upon within 30 days or such other definite time as the Board may find reasonable for its purposes.

§ 193-2. Condition of buildings and pens.

The owners or persons in control of any building or premises in which cows, goats, live fowl, horses or swine or any live animal, bird or reptile is kept shall keep the buildings and premises clean and free from decaying food, filth, dirt and stagnant water. The buildings and pens shall be whitewashed or disinfected and put in such condition as may be ordered by the Board of Health.

§ 193-3. Condition of barns and stables.

The owner or other person or persons having control of an existing building or buildings hereafter erected or converted into a barn or barns for the stabling of horses or other domestic animals shall keep the barns, stables and yards clean and shall provide a pit constructed of cement or other suitable material for the reception of manure and other refuse matter. Wherever a public sewer is accessible, the Board of Health may, if it deems it advisable, order the connection of such building with such public sewer.

193-4. Restrictions on number of fowl.

The maximum number of live fowl to be kept in a henhouse or enclosure within 100 feet of any dwelling on adjacent property or within 50 feet of any public way shall be 24. If such building or enclosure is more than 100 feet from such abutting property or is more than 50 feet from such public way, the maximum number of animals that may be kept in such building or enclosure shall be as determined by the Board of Health on recommendation of the Inspector.

§ 193-5. Confinement of fowl.

Live fowl shall be confined at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large.

§ 193-6. Removal of manure.

During the months of May, June, July, August and September, manure shall be removed from all pits once every seven days unless kept in covered or screened manure pits.

§ 193-7. Fowl in dwellings prohibited.

No person shall keep any fowl in any building used as a dwelling.

§ 193-8. Roosters in residential areas prohibited.

No roosters shall be kept in a residential area.

§ 193-9. Interviewing of abutters.

The Board or its agent may interview abutters for their approval or objection before acting on such applications.

§ 193-10. Spreading of manure.

Manure shall be spread upon land only when such land is in condition to plow, and any manure so spread shall be plowed under within 48 hours.