

Regulation No. 12 –A  
Vessels lying at wharves or docks

SECTION 1. The owner, agent, master and consignee of any vessel which is lying at any wharf or dock within the limits of the City of Salem shall take such measures as may be necessary to prevent, and shall prevent, any garbage, offal or other refuse to which may furnish food for rats from being deposited on or about any wharf, except in ratproof, covered metallic receptacles, and shall take such measures as may be necessary to keep such receptacles covered and cared for at all times so as to prevent rats from gaining access to their contents.

SECTION 2. No owner, agent, master nor consignee of any vessel, and no owner, agent, nor superintendent of any wharf shall deposit or store, or permit to be deposited or stored, or to accumulate, on or about any wharf, or in or about any building, adjacent thereto, subject to his control, any foodstuff, refuse or other material, in such manner as to furnish a food supply or breeding place for rats, or otherwise than may in any instance be prescribed by the Board of Health or its agent, and the owner of every wharf shall make provision, subject to the approval of the Board of Health or its agent, for the prompt and regular removal of all garbage, offal or other refuse from the wharf and land or premises adjacent thereto under his control.

SECTION 3. In case any vessel shall come to a wharf or dock in the City of Salem from a port reported by the United States Public Health Service as infected or possibly infected with the plague, for the purpose of discharging or taking on passengers or cargo, the master of such vessel, and the owner, the agent, and the superintendent of any wharf or dock at the agent, and the superintendent of any wharf or dock at which such vessel may lie shall observe the following conditions:

The vessel shall be kept breasted off at least four feet from the capsill of the wharf.

All lines leading from the vessel to the shore shall be so guarded by effective rat guards or other devices as to prevent rats from reaching the shore by means of such lines. All freight gangways leading from the vessel to the wharf or shore shall be removed and kept down when not actually being used for the loading or discharge of cargo. Passenger gangways shall be removed when not constantly lighted and guarded so as effectually to prevent rats from reaching the shore by this means.