

Regulation No. 14
Recreational camps, overnight camps or cabins. Motels, etc

Section 1-Registration and license

The management any organized camp in the City of Salem covered by Chapter 416 of the Acts of 1939 or amendments thereto shall apply in writing annually for a license to the Board of Health of Salem. This application shall state the location and type of camp, the approximate maximum number of persons by whom it is used, the probable duration of occupancy, the proposed sources of water and milk supply for the camp, and the proposed sources of water and milk garbage disposal. If the camp is used the year round, such or if used during only a portion of the year, at least 30 days in advance of the date when the requested license is desired to take effect, The fee for such license shall ten dollars.

Section 2- Camp Site

The camp site shall be such that it is practicable to provide and maintain proper sanitary facilities. The location shall be on porous, well-draining soil, and shall afford facilities for obtaining a good water supply and a safe method sewage disposal.

It shall be of adequate size to prevent overcrowding. Each camping unit shall contain not less than 400 square feet of usable space and no unit shall be permitted to accommodate more than overnight cabin or tent.

No camp shall be established on the watershed of a public water supply until proper sanitary facilities have been provided and all sanitary facilities shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations for the sanitary protection of public water supplies made by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Under the provisions of section 160, Chapter 111, General Laws, or amendments thereto.

Section 3- Plan of Camp

Every camp shall have available for inspection a plan or sketch indicating the location of all local sources of water supply and other sanitary facilities including all toilets, cesspools, and receptacles for garbage and refuse, and signs shall be posted indicating the location of such facilities.

Section 4-Water Supply-

Every camp shall have a water supply of safe sanitary quality, and sufficient in quantity for the maximum population using the camp at any time. Such water supply shall be easily obtainable from its source or from faucets or bubblers on a pipe distributional

system. Dipping of receptacles into the source of supply shall not be permitted. Common drinking vessels shall not be provided or permitted.

Drinking fountains shall be of sanitary design and construction. Any source of water supply, the water of which is found to be polluted or of questionable quality, shall be posted as unsafe.

Section 5 – Sewage and Water Disposal

No camp shall be operated without facilities adequate for the proper disposal of the sewage and waste water. There shall be separate accommodations for each sex, so located as to be easily accessible to all parts of the camp. Camps so located and equipped that water under suitable pressure and public sewers are available shall be equipped with flush toilets and connected with the public sewerage systems. Camps not so located shall be provided with equipment adequate for the disposal of the sewage and waste water in a sanitary manner. There shall be at least one toilet seat for each fifteen campers when the camp is operating to full capacity and one urinal of vitreous material shall also be provided for each twenty-five men.

Section 6-Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish

Every camp shall be provided with metal tightly covered receptacles for garbage, placed at a suitable point or points at the camp and sufficient in number to contain all such garbage. All garbage shall be deposited on them. The contents of these covered receptacles shall be removed daily when the camp is in use and, under proper supervision, buried or disposed of in a sanitary manner so as not to create a nuisance.

Garbage shall not be thrown or deposited in any ravine, ditch or gutter, or any street or highway, into any waters, or be permitted to remain exposed upon the surface of the ground. Garbage receptacles shall be thoroughly washed at frequent intervals.

Every camp shall be provided with suitable receptacles with tight covers for rubbish, and all waste papers, bottles and tin cans shall be placed in them. The contents shall be removed at least twice a week when the camp is in use and burned or otherwise disposed of in a sanitary manner under proper supervision.

Section 7 Shower Baths

Camps provided with shower baths shall have separate compartments for each sex. A minimum of one shower head for each sex shall be provided for camps up to twenty persons, and one additional head for each additional twenty persons or fraction thereof. Concrete floors and suitable waste water disposal shall also be installed.

Section 8- Living quarters

Living quarters, including dormitories, dining rooms, kitchens, bath and toilet rooms, laundries, and other shelters shall be properly screened, well ventilated and lighted, free from vermin and insects, and the floors raised not less than twelve inches from the ground. Screen doors shall be of the self-closing type. The floors of all the kitchens, dining rooms, bath, toilet and wash rooms and laundries shall be watertight. No windows shall be open directly into any enclosed garage space.

All plumbing fixtures shall be properly trapped and vented and made sanitary in every particular, and all piping conditions shall be in accordance with Plumbing Ordinance and satisfactory to the Plumbing Inspector.

Section 9

The owner or management of each camp shall assume responsibility for maintaining the camp in proper sanitary condition in accordance with these rules and regulations, copies of which shall be posted at a conspicuous place on the camp. The camp when closed for the season shall be left clean and in sanitary condition.

Section 10

Communicable diseases. Whenever a case of diseases dangerous to the public health is discovered or any unusual amount of illness occurs in any camp, the person in charge shall at once notify the Board of Health. The patient shall be isolated and not removed from the camp except the order of the Board of Health.

Section 11. Trailer camps

The foregoing regulations shall apply to trailer camps or parks. The following special regulations also shall apply:

- 11.1 Each trailer unit shall have an area of not less 600 square feet, with suitable markers set at each corner. No unit shall be permitted to accommodate more than one trailer. The minimum distance between trailers, a trailer and a building, or a trailer and a property line, shall be ten feet. The minimum distance from a street line to a trailer shall be fifteen feet.
- 11.2 No toilet installed in any trailer coach shall, except in case of sickness, be used while the trailer is parked in a trailer camp. Sink and other waste shall be discharged into a suitable receptacle or

through a connection with a pipe leading to a sewer, cesspool or other subsurface disposal works.

Section 12.

Penalty. Section 32% of Chapter 416 of Acts of 1939 reads as follows: “whoever conducts, controls, manage or operates any camp or cabin subject to Sections 32A to 32C, inclusive, which is not licensed under Section 32B, shall be punished a fine of not less than nor more than one hundred dollars.”