



## **Town of Dighton Board of Health**

### **Regulation of Land, Building, and Environmental Health Nuisances**

#### **A. Purpose & Regulation:**

The Dighton Board of Health is responsible for inspecting and examining all nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness within the town, or on vessels within the harbor of the town, which may, in its opinion, be injuries to the public health. For the health and safety of the public, the Dighton Board of Health shall take action to remove, prevent, destroy, and/or eliminate all nuisances and shall make necessary regulations for the public health and safety relative thereto.

#### **B. Authority:**

This regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Dighton Board of Health by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31 which states "Boards of health may make reasonable health regulations".

#### **C. Definitions:**

Nuisance: An act or failure to perform a legal duty which causes or permits a condition to exist which injures or endangers the public health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Dighton.

#### **D. Responsibilities of Property Owners:**

Any person or persons owning, or having control of any buildings or premises shall keep the same in a clean and sanitary condition and any person or persons owning or having control of any building or premises, in or upon which there is any substance, material or condition, which is or is likely to become a danger to the public health or a nuisance shall, when ordered by the Board of Health in writing, remove or abate the same within the time specified in said order.

#### **E. Violations:**

Any person or persons who shall violate any provisions of this regulation will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and upon conviction, shall forfeit a sum not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

#### **F. Enforcement:**

Enforcement of this regulation shall be by the Dighton Board of Health or its designated agent(s).

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**G. Effective Date:**

This regulation shall be effective immediately upon the passing of the regulation.

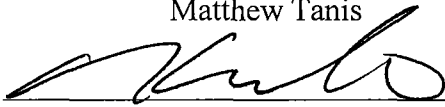
**H. Severability:**

If any provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

Approved by a vote on January 9, 2019.

  
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