

State Board of Health Rule Preliminary Staff-Recommended Revision For Discussion Purposes

WAC 246-203-130 Keeping of animals.

(1) Any ~~person, firm or~~ individual, partnership, company, corporation, government agency, or representative of any such entity is prohibited from keeping or sheltering animals in such a manner that a condition resulting from same shall constitute creates a public nuisance as determined by the local health officer. Under chapter 7.48 RCW, Nuisances, agricultural activities conducted on farmland consistent with good agricultural practices may be exempt from being considered a nuisance.

(2) ~~In populous districts, stable manure must be kept in a covered watertight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once a week during the period from April 1st to October 1st and, during the other months, at intervals sufficiently frequent to maintain a sanitary condition satisfactory to the health officer. Manure on farms or isolated premises other than dairy farms need not be so protected and removed unless ordered by the health officer.~~ Animal excreta must be handled, stored, and disposed of in a manner that protects human health and the environment and that is consistent with chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control; chapter 70.95 RCW, Solid Waste Management; chapter 90.64 RCW, Dairy Nutrient Management; and other laws protecting human health and the environment.

(3) ~~Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in any place where it can prejudicially affect any source of drinking water.~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-203-130, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91; Regulation .50.130, effective 3/11/60.]