

PERMIT APPLICATION TO RIDE EQUINES WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Rider information

Name: _____
Age (rider must be over the age of 18): _____
Telephone Number: _____
Home Address: _____
Emergency Contact*: _____

Emergency contact telephone _____

**Emergency contact must be available to transport horse back to stable if Rider becomes incapacitated for any reason.*

Equine Information

Each equine must be individually identified by name, tattoo, color, markings, scars, brands, hair whorls, or other unique identification.
Equine's Name: _____
Breed: _____
Name of Stable: _____
Address of Stable: _____
City, State: _____
Stable's Telephone Number _____

Equine Riding Information

Please provide the following information:
Date of planned ride?

Route(s) of planned ride?

[Attach additional sheets if necessary]

Please note under no circumstances, other than for a parade are equines allowed in the Metro Business District. The Metro Business District is defined as the territory in the City of Springfield bounded on the South by Union Street; West by West Columbus Avenue; North by Liberty Street; and East by Chestnut, Lyme, Spring and School Streets.*

*To gain a parade permit you must: 1. fill out the "Request to Conduct Event" form from the police Department; 2. Obtain Police, Fire, Health or any other Department approvals on the form; 3. Fill out the DPW application; 4. Produce a certificate of liability; and 4. Pay all fees at the time the permit is requested.

Allow 48 to 72 hours for permitting process.

Vehicle/Trailer Information

Please provide copies of the following:

- Registration of vehicle used to transport equine; and
- Registration of trailer used to transport equine.

Veterinarian Information

Name of Vet: _____
Vet's Telephone Number _____

Please provide copies of the following vaccinations:

- **Rabies**
- **Eastern/Western Equine Encephalitis**
- **West Nile Virus**
- **Tetanus**

Please note the above referenced vaccinations must be administered to the horse YEARLY and updated copies must be received on a yearly basis.

In addition, a health certificate must declare the animal or animals free from all contagious or infectious diseases and must state that equines are negative to a USDA approved test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins or Elisa). This test must be done at an approved laboratory within the previous twelve (12) months. The certificate must state that these equines do not originate from a quarantined area, or an area where a contagious or infectious disease has been officially diagnosed. No pending Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests are accepted.

The Health Certificate must show a temperature recording of the animal that is within the normal range. The Health Certificate must also identify the lab performing the EIA test, the accession number of the test, the test results, and the date of the test.

The health certificate is void after thirty (30) days.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

“RULES OF THE ROAD”

ARTICLE VIII-C

HORSES, PONIES, MULES, ETC. REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: No person shall, without first obtaining a special permit from the City Council, ride, drive or lead any horse, pony, mule, donkey, llama, cow, or other cattle, or to drive carriages or wagons drawn by such animals, upon any public property, public or private way, street, sidewalk or alleyway located within the City of Springfield.

SECTION 2: The Springfield Traffic Commission shall be authorized to receive applications for special permits under this Article VIII-C, charge a fee therefore, and recommend actions to the City Council. The City Council shall be the City’s permit granting authority under this Article, and is authorized to grant and condition permits, either individually or to groups, for parade purposes, or for other purposes which benefit the general public.

SECTION 3: A rider of any horse, pony, mules. etc., when directed the stop by an officer, either in uniform or with his or her badge conspicuously displayed on the outside of his or her clothing, must pull their horse, mule, pony. etc. over and provide the officer with their permit to ride an equine within the City of Springfield. Failure to obey the officer’s request to stop, or failure to produce a rider’s permit shall result in a fine as described in Section 4 below.

SECTION 4: The rider(s) of any animal(s) in violation of this Article shall be subject to a civil fine of \$300 per occurrence.

SECTION 5: If any portion of this Article is found to be unenforceable or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and publication as provided by Massachusetts law.

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Chapter 110 Animals

§ 110-11 Animal Waste

A. The owner or person in possession of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of any fecal matter deposited by such animal(s) on public walks, recreation areas or private property.

B. The owner or person in possession of any animal on any public walk, street, recreation area or private property shall possess the means of removal of any fecal matter left by such animal.

C. For the purpose of this section, the means of removal shall include any tool, implement or other device carried for the purpose of picking up or containing such fecal matter.

D. Any owner or person in possession of an animal who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$300 for the third and subsequent offenses.
