

APPANOOSE COUNTY RAT
HARBORAGE ORDINANCE #7

- 7 (1) Rat harborage shall mean any condition which provides shelter or protection for rats, thus favoring their multiplication and continued existence in, under or outside any structure.
- 7 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump, or permit to accumulate any garbage, rubbish, or trash in any structure or on any property so that the same may afford harborage for rats.
- 7 (3) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any property, any articles or materials that may constitute a rat harborage. Such materials or articles shall be placed on racks that are elevated not less than eighteen inches above the ground and evenly piled or stacked.
- 7 (4) Upon receipt of a written notice or order from the local board of health, the owner of any property specified therein shall take immediate measures for rat control. In the event such control measures are not instigated within the time designated, this board may instigate condemnation and destruction proceedings or take such action as deemed necessary.
- 7 (5) 1987 Penalties. Chapter 137.21 of the Code of Iowa states:

"Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or the rules of a local board or any lawful order of said board, its officers, or authorized agents shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. Each additional day of neglect or failure to comply with such provision, rule or lawful order after notice of violation by the local board shall constitute a separate offense."

Chapter 331.302 (2) 1987 states:

"A county shall not provide a penalty in excess of a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine, or in excess of thirty days imprisonment for the violation of an ordinance. The criminal penalty surcharge required by section 911.2 shall be added to a county fine and is not part of the county's penalty."

Chapter 331.302 (15) 1987 states:

"A county shall not provide a civil penalty in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the violation of an ordinance which is classified as a county infraction or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) for each repeat offense. A county infraction is not punishable by imprisonment."