

# MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

## CHAPTER III

### RODENTS, INSECTS AND VERMIN

#### **REGULATION 1. Infestation -- Harborage**

The infestation by or harborage of rodents, lice, bedbugs, roaches, flies or other arthropods of public health significance, in or about any premises is hereby declared to be dangerous to public health. Any condition or place that constitutes a feral colony of honeybees that is not currently maintained by a beekeeper and that poses a health or safety hazard to the public is hereby declared to be a public nuisance dangerous to the public health. No person shall cause, maintain, or within his control, permit such infestation or harborage. The owner, occupant, or person in control of any place or premises shall take all reasonable measures to prevent such infestation or harborage and, upon notification from the Department to do so, shall take all necessary and proper steps to eliminate the infestation or harborage and to prevent its recurrence.

#### **REGULATION 2. Mosquitoes**

No person shall cause, maintain or, within his control, permit any accumulation of water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed. The owner, occupant, or person in control of any place where mosquitoes are breeding, or which constitutes a breeding place for mosquitoes shall take all necessary and proper steps to eliminate the mosquito breeding and to prevent its recurrence through the elimination of or the institution of necessary control measures at mosquito breeding sites.

#### **REGULATION 3. Permit Suspended or Revoked When Premises Infested**

No person may, for fee or other consideration, offer any premises for use as a human habitation or a sleeping accommodation, or use any premises as a place where food or food products are stored, manufactured, processed, served or offered for sale while those premises harbor rodents, lice, bedbugs, roaches, flies, or other arthropods of public health significance as defined by the United States Public Health Service and the Arizona Department of Health Services. The Health Officer shall have sufficient cause to suspend a permit issued for such use when the permittee fails to abate and eliminate such infestation after having been notified to do so by the Department.