

Commercial Animal Kennels, Breeding Establishments, Animal Training Facilities, Animal Grooming Facilities, Animal Day-Care Facilities and Veterinarian Hospitals

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Section xx.x Commercial Animal Kennels, Breeding Establishments, Animal Training Facilities, Animal Boarding Facilities and Veterinarian Hospitals

Definitions:

Animal(s): Where used in this section, the term animal(s) shall include dog(s) and cat(s).

Commercial Animal Kennel: Premises maintained and operated as a business for the boarding of animals. This category does include overnight boarding.

Commercial Breeding Establishment: Premises maintained and operated as a business for the breeding of animals.

Commercial Animal Training Facility: Premises maintained and operated as a business for the training of animals. Note that the training of animals is not intrinsically included in any other use categories.

Commercial Animal Grooming Facility: Premises maintained and operated as a business for the grooming of animals. This category does include overnight boarding or training of animals.

Commercial Animal Day-Care Facility: Premises maintained and operated as a business for the temporary care of animals. This category does not include overnight boarding.

Veterinarian Hospital: Facility where animals are given medical or surgical treatment. This category does include overnight boarding.

Application Process:

Commercial Animal Kennels, Breeding Establishments, Animal Training Facilities, Animal Boarding Facilities, Animal Day-Care Facilities and Veterinarian Hospitals shall be permitted in all zones by Special Exception. Application may be made for a single use category or multiple-category uses; however all uses that may take place on the parcel must be included on the application. Note that this regulation does not apply to farms, horse stables or other agricultural uses.

Regulation:

Owners of contiguous parcels having:

- Ten (10) acres or more in Residential zones
- Seven (7) acres or more in Commercial zones
- Five (5) acres or more in Industrial zones

shall be permitted to make application to the commission under Section 13.05 of these regulations to operate Commercial Animal Kennels, Breeding Establishments, Animal Training Facilities, Animal Boarding Facilities, Animal Day-Care Facilities, Veterinarian Hospitals or a combination of the above, as an accessory use in accordance with the following:

The keeping of animals shall conform to the applicable regulations of the state's Department of Public Health, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Agriculture, and its General Statutes.

The application shall be accompanied by a site plan of the facility and floor plans for all structures on the premises.

The applicant shall demonstrate to the commission that the facility can comply with the requirements of this section, based on based upon the proposed use(s), design and staffing levels.

In no case shall the maximum number of animals exceed fifty (50).

The facility shall be designed and constructed so as to provide adequate provisions to limit the emission of sound from the property.

The facility shall be designed and constructed to provide adequate ventilation to maintain the health of the animals.

Hours of Operation: Exterior activities (ie: runs, training, walking, etc.) shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. All animals shall be confined to indoor areas between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

All activities shall take place within the confines of an enclosed building except for training, playing or exercising activities; these shall be permitted in exterior areas when the animal(s) are under the continuous supervision and control of the operator or attendant.

Inside exercise and run areas shall be provided for periods of inclement weather.

Animals shall be maintained in such manner as not to cause a nuisance by roaming at-large, vicious disposition, excessive barking or unsanitary conditions.

Continuous fences used to contain animals shall be provided around areas where exterior activities may occur. Such fences shall be constructed to provide adequate protection against escape of the animal(s).

The application to the commission shall include the specific types of activities to be conducted and the maximum number of animals applied for; in addition to the requirements set forth in Section 13.05 of these regulation.

Structures housing animals shall be located not closer than 150 feet from any property line.

The applicant is required to send a copy of the application being filed with the Planning and Zoning Commission to the owners of all properties abutting the parcels(s) described on the application, via U.S. Mail. For noticing purposes, the owner shall be determined by the Assessor's current record. The applicant shall provide the commission with proof-of-notice, in the form of Certificate of Mailing receipts.