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MULTIPLE DOG/COMMERCIAL KENNEL PERMIT APPLICATION

Incomplete applications may be returned without processing.

APPLICANT			
Applicant Name:			
Property Owner Name:			
Address:			
Phone:	Email:		
How many dogs over four (4) months old do you intend to have on this property?			
Have you had a kennel license or Multiple Dog Permit at this location in the past? Yes No			
Will the Multiple Dog Permit be used for personal use only? Yes No			
Will this Permit be used for the sale, grooming, boarding or breeding primarily for commercial gain? Yes No			
Will the property have exterior runs? Yes No			
For more information, see standards on page 2			
Applicant Signature		Date	
OFFICE USE ONLY			
Tax Parcel ID #:	Zoning District:	Parcel Size:	Type Permit Required: Multiple Dog Commercial Kennel
Based on the above information, I have determined that this request for a permit is:			
Approved – the Multiple Dog Permit can be issued (see standards, page 2).			
Approved – the Commercial Kennel Permit can be issued (see standards, page 2).			
Denied – Not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance regulations			
Reviewed by: _____		Date _____	
Comments:			

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SEC. 30-82-4. MULTIPLE DOG PERMIT

Definition: The keeping, breeding, raising, showing or training of four (4) or more dogs over four (4) months of age for personal enjoyment of the owner or occupants of the property, and for which commercial gain is not the primary objective.

(A) General Standards:

1. Minimum lot size: One (1) acre
2. A multiple dog permit shall be permitted only when accessory to a single-family dwelling.
3. Exterior runs, pens and other confined areas designed to house four (4) or more animals shall be set back at least twenty-five (25) feet from any property line. For the purposes of this section, perimeter fencing of a yard shall not be considered a confined area.
4. A special use permit shall be required on lots less than five (5) acres in a R-1 zoning district.

SEC. 30-85-18. COMMERCIAL KENNEL PERMIT

Definition: The boarding, breeding, raising, grooming or training of two (2) or more dogs, cats, or other household pets of any age not owned by the owner or occupant of the premises, and/or for commercial gain.

(A) General Standards:

1. Each commercial kennel shall install and operate a kennel silencer.
2. Animal waste shall be disposed of in a manner acceptable to the department of health.
3. Crematoria or land burial of animals in association with a commercial kennel shall be prohibited.

(B) Additional standards in the AG-3, AG-1, AR and AV districts:

1. The minimum area required for a commercial kennel shall be two (2) acres.
2. All facilities associated directly with the commercial kennel, whether indoors or outdoors, shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any property line.
3. When adjoining a residential use type, a Type C buffer yard in accordance with Section 30-92 shall be provided along the property line which adjoins the residential use type.
4. The site shall front on and have direct access to a publicly owned and maintained street.

(C) Additional standards in the C-2 district:

1. All outdoor runs, training areas and pens associated with a commercial kennel shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any property line.

SEC. 5-24. LIMITATION ON NUMBER KEPT PER DWELLING UNIT

(a) The harboring or keeping of more than three (3) dogs over four (4) months of age per dwelling shall be unlawful, unless a multiple dog permit has been issued pursuant to this article. The harboring or keeping of more than six (6) cats over four (4) months of age, of which no more than two (2) may be fertile, per dwelling shall be unlawful. The requirements of this section shall not apply to any dwelling which is part of an active agricultural operation or usage as defined by the zoning ordinance for the county.

(c) Any person participating in a dog foster adoption program sanctioned by the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection may be permitted to keep no more than four (4) dogs over four (4) months of age per dwelling for a period of ninety (90) days, unless an extension is granted by the foster adoption program, so long as the person is in compliance with all of the regulations in the foster adoption program.