

Dog Kennel Code
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CHAPTER 805 Dog Kennels

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Killing dogs - see Code of Va. §18.2-144
- Dog licenses - see Code of Va. §3.1-796. 84 et seq.
- County pounds - see Code of Va. §3.1-796.96
- Disposal of dead dogs - see Code of Va. §3.1-796.121
- Dog control generally - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 612
- Business license required - see B. R. & T. Ch. 840

808.01 PURPOSE.

This chapter regulates the establishment of kennels in the County, as defined in Section 808.02, in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the residents of such County. No person shall, the provisions of any other ordinance of the County to the contrary notwithstanding, establish or maintain a kennel unless such use complies with the requirements of this chapter.

808.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Kennel" means:

- (1) Any structure or other place in or on which four or more dogs six months of age or older are impounded or penned in close proximity to each other; or

(2) Any establishment wherein any owner engages in boarding, breeding, buying, grooming, letting for hire, training for a fee or selling four or more dogs six months of age or older.

(b) "Owner" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity who owns or operates a kennel, or his duly authorized agent.

(c) "Cage" means a subcompartment of a kennel, which subcompartment itself confines the movements of any dog kept therein and the configuration of which includes a flooring and three or more walls.

08.03 EXCEPTIONS TO CHAPTER.

Nothing in this chapter shall apply to any veterinary hospital, animal hospital or other establishment or premises wherein or whereon the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry, or any part thereof, is the primary activity engaged in, provided that the same shall not thereby be exempted from the requirements of other applicable ordinances or regulations of the County.

808.04 PERMIT REQUIRED; NEW KENNELS.

(a) No kennel shall be established after the effective date of this chapter unless and until the Board of Supervisors, upon application, has granted to the applicant a Board of Supervisors' kennel permit, hereinafter referred to as a "kennel permit" (Adopting Ordinance)

(b) In granting such a kennel permit, the Board shall require that public hearings be held on the application, in which case notice of such hearings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County not less than one week nor more than three weeks prior to the date of such hearing. (Ord. 89-07. Passed 5-15-89.)

(c) The application fee for a new kennel is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The transfer of ownership fee for an existing kennel is forty dollars (\$40.00).

(d) The Board may grant a kennel permit as either transferable to new owners or as nontransferable. (Ord. 82-05. Passed 4-19-82.)

808.03 PERMIT REQUIRED; EXISTING KENNELS.

(a) The requirements of this chapter shall not apply to existing kennels except where a major expansion or alteration in such an existing kennel is proposed, and then such requirements shall apply to such major expansion or alteration, provided that the minimum standards set forth in Section 808.07 are met for all kennels, notwithstanding the fact that such kennel was in existence prior to the adoption of this chapter. (Ord. 83-06. Passed 6-6-83.)

(b) Where the above conditions apply, all requirements of this chapter applicable to proposed or intended kennels apply to the extent appropriate.

808.06 REFERRALS.

Upon receipt of an application for a Board of Supervisors' kennel permit and before any public hearing thereon, the Board shall first refer such application to appropriate State and local authorities for comments as to whether the requirements of this chapter will be met by the kennel proposed by the applicant. In connection with such referrals, the owner may be required to submit to the Board appropriate plats and/or construction plans indicating the extent and design of the intended kennel and the relation of such intended kennel to neighboring properties.

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