

Section 5.19 Keeping of Animals

- A. Household Pets. Household pets may be kept on private property in accordance with the following standards:
1. The keeping of up to four (4) household pets of more than six (6) months of age shall be permitted on any residentially-zoned or used lot or unit. However, small household pets kept within the residence, and small animals (such as small birds, frogs, toads, fish, gerbils, hamsters, mice, and the like) shall not be limited in number. All household pets shall be maintained and accommodated in a manner so as to not pose a nuisance to adjoining property or a hazard to water quality and the public health, safety and welfare.
 2. Private Kennels. The keeping of greater than four (4) household pets of more than six (6) months of age, belonging to the owner, shall constitute a private kennel, and shall be subject to the following standards:
 - a. Allowable Zoning Districts. Private kennels are allowed on property zoned C, AG, AR and RR, subject to special land use review pursuant to Article 4.
 - b. Lot Size. The lot or parcel shall be adequate in size to provide a distance of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet to any dwelling on adjoining property and twenty (20) feet to a side or rear lot line, from the care or pen housing the animals.
 - c. Number of Animals Allowed. Private kennels shall in no case exceed eight (8) household pets of more than six (6) months of age.
 - d. County Licensing. Private kennels shall maintain a valid kennel license, when required by Washtenaw County.
 - e. Incidental Uses. The sale of animals or pet/veterinary products, training or grooming of animals, and provided veterinary care shall be incidental to the private kennel use, and shall not be available to the general public.
 3. Commercial Kennels. Commercial kennels include any establishment animals are confined and kept for sale, boarding, breeding or training, or remuneration. The purpose of regulating kennels is to maintain adequate health standards, and to protect the general public. A commercial kennel shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Licensing and Other Requirements. Commercial kennels shall have a valid kennel license from Washtenaw County, and shall comply with all applicable local, county and state requirements for such facilities.

- b. Minimum Lot Area. A minimum lot area shall be provided on not less than five (5) acres, with a minimum lot width of not less than five hundred (500) feet.
- c. Enclosure. All animals shall be kept in an enclosed structure, or within a securely fenced area complying with Section 5.8. The Special Use Permit may limit the time during which the animals are permitted out of the kennel building(s).
- d. Setbacks. Structures, in which animals are kept, as well as animal runs and exercise areas, shall not be less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from any adjacent property lines.
- e. Animal Waste. Animal waste shall be collected and disposed of on a regular basis so as not to constitute a nuisance to adjacent properties.
- f. Odor control. Properties on which commercial kennels are kept shall be maintained in a sanitary condition. Such properties shall not emit unreasonable, objectionable odors onto adjacent or nearby properties.
- g. Grooming. Pet grooming (including bathing, fur and nail trimming, brushing, flea and tick treatment, and similar treatment) shall be permitted for animals being boarded; for animals not being boarded, pet grooming shall be permitted if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- h. Sale of Products. The sale of pet and veterinary products shall be incidental to the kennel unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- i. Veterinary Care. Veterinary care shall be incidental to the kennel unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- j. Sale of Animals. The sale of animals shall be permitted only if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- k. Training. Training of pets and owners shall be permitted only if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- l. Breeding. In districts other than AG, the kennel shall not be operated for breeding purposes, unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
- m. Number of Animals Allowed. The Special Use permit shall establish a limit on the number of animals that may be boarded at one (1) time.