



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

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Commercial Kennel License Information and Application

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-705 Commercial Kennel License

In addition to meeting the licensing requirements imposed by § 12-4-702, the operator of a commercial kennel shall obtain a commercial kennel license except that veterinary hospitals or clinics, research facilities where bona fide medical, dental, veterinary, pharmaceutical, or biological research is being conducted, and other animal establishments operated by State or local governments or licensed by federal law may operate without a commercial kennel license.

(b) **Application.** The application for a commercial kennel license shall state the name and address of the commercial kennel, the name and home address of operator of the commercial kennel, and the maximum number of dogs or cats to be housed in the commercial kennel.

(c) **The annual license fee for a commercial kennel is:**

Commercial License I

For a commercial kennel authorized to house a combined total of nine (9) or fewer dogs or cats is **\$100.00**

Commercial License II

For a commercial kennel authorized to house a combined total of more than nine (9) but fewer than fifty (50) dogs or cats is **\$250.00**

Commercial License III

For a commercial kennel authorized to house a combined total of fifty (50) or more dogs and cats is **\$500.00**

The holder of a Commercial Kennel License shall notify the Animal Control Agency in writing of the names and addresses of persons who received dogs from their kennels within two weeks of such sale or disposition.

Article 12, Section 4-804 Commercial kennels license.

The operator of a commercial kennel shall provide, for each dog or cat:

- (1) an enclosure with four solid walls and a solid roof, with an opening on at least one side;
- (2) an exercise area of sufficient size to allow running, with sufficient fencing and a secure locking gate;
- (3) a cage of sufficient size to allow its occupant to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides or top, floors made of nonporous material and, unless radiantly heated, equipped with a resting board or other bedding;
- (4) enclosures, cages, and exercise areas, kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition, providing adequate ventilation, a healthful temperature, and protection against weather extremes;
- (5) daily food, free of visible contamination, that is palatable and of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the normal nutrient requirements of the type, condition, and size of the animal; and



- (6) fresh water that is always available and that is kept in a removable vessel secure to prevent tipping.

**Anne Arundel County Code Article 18 Section 10-124
Kennels, Commercial (Zoning)**

A commercial kennel shall comply with all the following requirements.

(1) All structures, enclosed coops, and enclosed runs for the housing or shelter of animals in a commercial kennel shall be located at least 100 feet from residentially zoned property, and animals may not be housed within the 100-foot setback.

(2) A commercial kennel located in a structure that contains uses other than a commercial kennel shall incorporate sound attenuation construction designed to minimize the impact of noise from the commercial kennel on the other uses in the structures.

(3) A commercial kennel shall not unreasonably interfere with other tenants located within the same structure as the commercial kennel and the use may not be noxious, offensive, or otherwise objectionable to surrounding uses.

**Anne Arundel County Code Article 12 Section 4-601
Rabies Control**

6-101. Vaccinations of dogs and cats required.

a) A person may not own or keep a dog over the age of four months unless the dog has been vaccinated so as to provide the animal with continuous protection against rabies. The effective period of the various vaccines shall be established by the Health Officer or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer in accordance with the current "Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines" prepared and periodically revised by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

b) On request of the Animal Control Agency, a person owning or keeping a dog in the County shall promptly exhibit a currently valid rabies vaccination certificate indicating that the dog has been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian or approved governmental agency.

c) A person who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of a current rabies vaccination shall be given a written citation and an order requiring the vaccination within a seven- day period.

d) The Agency may waive the requirements for vaccination if the dog will not be exposed to rabies, and in written opinion of a veterinarian, a vaccination is not advisable due to the physical condition of the animal.

(Code 1967, 6-226A)

12-4-702(a) Licenses generally. A County resident who is not a dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned.

(1) An owner of a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes six months old or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.

(2) An owner of a dog or cat shall submit a current rabies certificate for each dog or cat owned and submit updated rabies information for each licensed dog or cat when renewing a license under this subsection. An owner shall maintain at all times a current rabies certificate for each licensed dog or cat.

(3) A license for a dog or cat shall be renewed annually on a schedule determined by the Department, except that an owner may obtain a three year license if it coincides with the expiration of a three year rabies vaccination for the animal.

12-4-702(b) Dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel licenses. A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned, in addition to the requirements and fees set forth in §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-704, and 12-4-705.



(1) An owner of a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes six months old or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.

(2) An owner of a dog or cat shall submit a current rabies certificate for each dog or cat owned and submit updated rabies information for each licensed dog or cat when renewing a license under this subsection. An owner shall maintain at all times a current rabies certificate for each licensed dog or cat.

(3) The fee for each license, in addition to the fees required under §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-705, and 12-4-706, is set forth in the following chart.

(b) **Dog fancier, cat fancier or commercial kennel licenses.** A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned, in addition to the requirements and fees set forth in §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-704, and 12-4-705.

(1) An owner of a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes six months old or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.

(2) An owner of a dog or cat shall submit a current rabies certificate for each dog or cat owned and submit updated rabies information for each licensed dog or cat when renewing a license under this subsection. An owner shall maintain at all times a current rabies certificate for each licensed dog or cat.

(3) The fee for each license, in addition to the fees required under §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-705, and 12-4-706, is set forth in the following chart.

Dog or cat license fees Dog fancier, cat fancier, or a commercial kennel
(1-year license)

	A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner under the age of 60 years	A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner, at least 60 years old, or receiving disability benefits as a result of a finding of permanent and total disability
For each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat	\$10	\$4
For each spayed or neutered dog or cat or for a dog or cat for which spaying or neutering would pose a threat to the animal's health	\$4	\$2
For a service animal as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title III, CFR § 36.104 or a dog trained and registered in the K- 9 corps	\$0	\$0

(4) All licenses issued under this subsection shall expire one year from the last day of the month in which the license was issued.

(5) All licenses shall be renewed annually for as long as the owner owns the dog or cat. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the required license fee. Failure to make application within one month of the due date shall result in a late fee of \$10.



12-4-711 Expiration, renewal, and revocation of certain licenses.

(a) **Expiration and renewal.** A dog fancier, cat fancier, commercial kennel, pet shop or pet care business license shall be valid from the date received until the following June 30 and shall be renewed within 90 days after June 30 upon payment of the annual license fee. Failure to make timely application for the initial license or for renewal shall result in a late fee of \$25. The Agency may refuse to issue or renew any license required by this title if the applicant or licensee has failed to comply with the provisions of this title or any of the provisions listed in §§ 18-10-119 or 18-10-120 of this Code.

(b) **Revocation.** The Agency, Health Officer, or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer may revoke or suspend a license issued under this title on finding that the licensee has failed to comply with this article, Article 18, or any other applicable local, State, or federal law governing the protection and keeping of animals. When a license is revoked or suspended pursuant to this section, the licensee shall immediately cease all operations and activities authorized by the license.

12-4-717 Burden of proof with respect to licensing

The burden of proof of the fact that an animal or establishment has been licensed or is otherwise not required to be licensed shall be on the owner or custodian of the animal or the owner of the establishment.

Anne Arundel County Code Article 18 Section 2-202 Certificate of Use (Zoning)

(a) **Application.** A person may file an application for a zoning certificate of use on the form provided by the Department of Inspections and Permits.

(b) **Acquisition of certificate required.** A zoning certificate of use is required for all uses except single-family dwellings and accessory dwelling units. A person may not initiate or change a use that will exist for a period exceeding 60 days without obtaining a zoning certificate of use. For a commercial telecommunication facility, "person" includes the owner and each user of the facility and "alter" includes any change in configuration, transmit frequency range, or maximum power level from that shown on the application for the zoning certificate of use.

(c) **When effective.** A zoning certificate of use remains effective so long as the use remains in conformity with the application granted. A change in ownership does not itself cause the need for a new zoning certificate of use.

12-4-718 Zoning Requirements.

Unless specifically exempted by law or variance, before a license is issued under this title, the applicant must meet all existing zoning requirements.

18-11-128 Special Exception Kennels, commercial (Residential)

A commercial kennel shall comply with all of the following requirements.

- (1) The facility shall be located on a lot of at least three acres.
- (2) Buildings, enclosures, and runs for the housing or shelter of animals shall be located at least 100 feet from any residentially zoned property, and no animal may be housed within this setback.
- (3) The use may not be noxious, offensive, or otherwise objectionable to surrounding residential uses.

18-2-202 Zoning Certificate of Use

(a) **Application.** A person may file an application for a zoning certificate of use on the form provided by the Department of Inspections and Permits.

(b) **Acquisition of Certificate Required.** A zoning certificate of use is required for all uses except single-family dwellings and accessory dwelling units. A person may not initiate or change a use that will exist for a period exceeding 60 days without obtaining a zoning certificate of use. For a commercial telecommunication facility,



“person” includes the owner and each user of the facility and “alter” includes any change in configuration, transmit frequency range, or maximum power level from that shown on the application for the zoning certificate of use.

- (d) **When Effective.** A zoning certificate of use remains effective so long as the use remains in conformity with the application granted. A change in ownership does not itself cause the need for a new zoning certificate of use.

9-2-101f(5) Civil Offense and Fines.

For a Class E civil offense: \$50 for the first violation; \$100 for the second violation; and \$500 for the third or any subsequent violation.

If you wish to obtain a Commercial Kennel License in a Residentially Zoned Area, please contact Zoning Enforcement 410-222-7446 to obtain all information required.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 410-222-8900.



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Facility Owner Information:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Business: _____

Email Address: _____

Business Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Animals desired on property _____

Hours of Operation _____

Please select the type of license you wish to apply for:

_____ Commercial Kennel License I \$100.00

_____ Commercial Kennel License II \$250.00

_____ Commercial Kennel License III \$500.00

Description of kennels, runs, cages, and how animals are maintained:



Please read carefully all items listed below and initial next to each that you have read and understand:

1. _____ Applicants must obtain a Certificate of Use (if applicable) from Zoning and provide a copy to Animal Control prior to receiving the license.
2. _____ License will be issued once application is processed and an Animal Control Officer has completed an inspection at the property.
3. _____ Anne Arundel County Animal Control, a Health Officer or designee may revoke a commercial kennel license for any violation of Anne Arundel County Code Article 12 Section 4 (Animal Control) or any state or federal laws regarding the keeping of animals.
4. _____ The burden of proof of the fact that an animal or establishment has been licensed or is otherwise not required to be licensed shall be on the owner or custodian of the animal or the owner of the establishment.

Signature

Date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____ NTC: Y / N Ofc. _____

Certificate of Use Required: Y / N Certificate of Use Obtained: Y / N

Payment Date: _____ Type: Cash Credit Check # _____

Accepted Returned Reason for Return: _____

License sent to Field: _____