



Snohomish County Animal Services

A Division of the Auditor's Office

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COMMERCIAL KENNEL APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Completed Kennel application.
- Copy of applicant(s) driver's license or state ID.
- Property drawing of kennel runs and/or animal housing in relation to owner's home and propertyline(s).
- Snohomish County Assessor's Property Account Summary print out:
 - [https://www.snoco.org/proptax/\(S\(m3tyf23e5eyi1us112kdtmrm\)\)/default.aspx](https://www.snoco.org/proptax/(S(m3tyf23e5eyi1us112kdtmrm))/default.aspx)
- Commercial boarding, animal shelter, grooming, and pet shop license applicants must also submit proof of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 as required by SCC 6.01.190. The policy must show Snohomish County as the certificate holder:
 - *Snohomish County Animal Services, 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 306, Everett, WA 98201-4046*
- Corporations (list on separate paper and attach): Name, residence address and telephone number of each of its officers, directors and shareholders and the number of shares held by each if there are fewer than 10 shareholders.

COMMERCIAL KENNEL FEES:

Legal Advertisement (for initial application only)

\$30.00

Commercial Non-Boarding

1-15 Dogs \$200.00
 16-20 Dogs \$250.00
 21-25 Dogs \$300.00

Commercial Boarding Facility

1-15 Runs \$200.00
 16-20 Runs \$250.00
 21+ Runs \$300.00

Commercial Animal Shelter \$300.00
 Commercial Pet Shop \$200.00
 Commercial Grooming Parlor \$200.00

Additional Classifications

Animal Shelter
 Pet Shop \$50.00
 Grooming Parlor

If you have any questions, please call 425-388-3440 Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. License fees paid by cash, credit card, or check payable to "Snohomish County Auditor"

**FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE
LICENSES ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE**

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE 30.22.130

Subsection:

(12) Kennel, Commercial: There shall be a five-acre minimum lot area; except in the R-5 and RD zones, where 200,000 square feet shall be the minimum lot area.

(13) Kennel, Private-Breeding, and Kennel, Private-Non-Breeding: Where the animals comprising the kennel are housed within the dwelling, the yard or some portion thereof shall be fenced and maintained in good repair or to contain or to confine the animals upon the property and restrict the entrance of other animals.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE 30.23.110

Subsection:

(11) Kennel, Commercial; Kennel, Private-Breeding; or Kennel, Private-Non-Breeding: All animal runs, and all buildings and structures devoted primarily to housing animals, must be at least 30 feet from all external property lines.



SNOHOMISH COUNTY KENNEL / ANIMAL BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

SNOHOMISH COUNTY AUDITOR ● ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

3000 ROCKEFELLER AVE. M/S 306 ● EVERETT, WA 98201-4059 ● PHONE (425)388-3440 ● www.snoco.org/animalservices

TYPE OF BUSINESS LICENSE BEING REQUESTED: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Kennel – Boarding Runs: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Kennel – Non-Boarding No. of dogs: _____ (25 max)	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Shop
		<input type="checkbox"/> Grooming Parlor	

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME FIRST / MIDDLE / LAST		CO-APPLICANT NAME FIRST / MIDDLE / LAST	
DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF BIRTH	
HOME ADDRESS		HOME ADDRESS	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	
DAYTIME PHONE		DAYTIME PHONE	
YOUR OTHER ASSUMED NAMES / ALIASES / MAIDEN NAME		YOUR OTHER ASSUMED NAMES / ALIASES / MAIDEN NAME	
NAME / PHONE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON		NAME / PHONE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON	
ID SUBMITTED / ISSUING STATE / EXPIRATION DATE		ID SUBMITTED / ISSUING STATE / EXPIRATION DATE	

BUSINESS INFORMATION

KENNEL NAME / BUSINESS NAME / LEGAL TRADE NAME		MAILING ADDRESS	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS OR KENNEL / BUSINESS		CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		WASHINGTON STATE BUSINESS LICENSE #	
KENNEL / BUSINESS PHONE		KENNEL / BUSINESS FAX	
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS (IF NOT SAME AS PHYSICAL OR MAILING ADDRESS)		CORPORATE WASHINGTON STATE REGISTERED AGENT	
		ADDRESS	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	
DAYTIME PHONE		DAYTIME PHONE	
NAME OF BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNER		PHONE	
ADDRESS		FAX	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		REAL PROPERTY TAX PARCEL #	
DAYTIME PHONE		NEW APPLICANTS: ATTACH A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE BUSINESS PROPERTY.	
Have you or any owner of this business ever had a license or permit denied, suspended, or revoked? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If yes, explain full details on separate paper and attach to application.</i>		I certify or declare that I have not been convicted of animal cruelty or any other offense which prohibits me from owning, possessing, or keeping animals or would otherwise prohibit issuance of a private kennel license. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	

TYPE OF BUSINESS LICENSE BEING REQUESTED:

Will this Kennel/Animal Business operation provide any animal buildings, cages, or runs? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES – Describe:	Will this Kennel/Animal Business operation breed, sell, board, or train any animals for compensation? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES – Describe:
Will this Kennel/Animal Business operation groom any animals for compensation? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES – Describe:	

ALL APPLICANTS

Attach a detailed scale drawing showing total land area and all property lines, all kennel buildings, animal runs (specify whether concrete or dirt), and parking areas: the location of the primary dwelling, and the distance from the property lines: also list all building permits and dates of issuance pertaining to this Kennel/Animal Business License request

APPLICANT / CO-APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

As applicant, I understand that any falsification or omission on this application form or any of its required attachments are grounds for a denial, suspension or revocation of the license and may subject me to a civil and/or criminal penalty. I agree to comply with all laws, regulations and requirements for the issuance and use of this business license as set forth in the Snohomish County Code. I authorize Snohomish County, its agents, and employees to investigate and confirm the truth of this information provided. I understand that no refunds will be made of the fees paid for processing this application.

Signature of Applicant		Signature of Co-Applicant	
Date			

TYPE OF KENNEL / ANIMAL BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION

- SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP – List names/addresses/phone numbers of all business owners below.
- GENERAL PARTNERSHIP – List names/addresses/phone numbers of all general partners owning 20 percent or more of the business below.
- LIMITED PARTERSHIP – List names/addresses/phone numbers of all general partners and each limited partner owning 20 percent or more of the business below.
- CORPORATION – List names/addresses/telephone numbers of each principal corporate officer of the corporation below.

Please attach proof of insurance with application per Snohomish County Code 6.01.190, which state in part “Such applicant for any license/permit under this title shall at all times maintain in full force and effect a policy of bodily injury/property damage liability insurance to cover said applicant, his servants, agents, or employees in the conduct of the business or activity being licensed.” (PRIVATE KENNELS EXEMPT)

CORPORATE OFFICER, DIRECTOR, SHAREHOLDER, PARTNER & OWNER LIST

6.01.0453 Application – Form and content.

If a partnership, the application shall set forth names, residence address and telephone number of all people, whether general or limited partners, sharing in the profits of said business and the respective ownership share of each. If a corporation, it shall set forth the name, residence address and telephone number of each of its officers, directors and shareholders, and the number of shares held by each if there are fewer than 10 shareholders. It shall set forth all persons having any interest in the real or personal property at the premises, and any persons sharing in the proceeds of the business.

NON-BOARDING KENNEL (List Your Dogs)

Name	Sex	Color	Breed
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
6.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
8.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
9.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
10.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
11.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
12.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
13.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
14.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
15.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
16.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
17.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
18.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
19.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
20.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
21.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
22.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
23.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
24.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		
25.	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spay/Neutered		

Chapter 6.06
KENNELS, GROOMING PARLORS AND PET SHOPS

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6.06.001 General Provisions

Unless specified otherwise in this chapter, the general provisions contained in chapter [6.01](#) SCC shall apply to this license. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982).

6.06.002 Special Provisions

In addition to the conditions specified in this chapter, all businesses and activities classified herein shall comply with the provisions and conditions stated in Title [9](#), Title [10](#), and Title [30](#) SCC. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982; Amended by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 37, Nov. 12, 1986; Amended by Ord. 02-098, Dec. 9, 2002, Eff date Feb. 1, 2003)

6.06.005 Definitions

The following words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meanings set forth below or as defined in 6.01 SCC unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Adult dog or cat" means any dog or cat six months of age or older.
- (2) "Agricultural pursuits" means the use of land primarily for the production of crops and livestock or fur farming.
- (3) "Animal" means any member of the classes: amphibian, fish, reptile, bird, marsupial or non-human mammal.
- (4) "Animal control agency" means the agency designated in SCC [9.01.040](#).
- (5) "Animal control officer" means any individual employed, contracted or appointed by the animal control agency for the purpose of enforcing this code or any other code, or the laws of the state of Washington.
- (6) "Animal hospital" means a facility at which a licensed veterinarian provides medical treatment and consultation for animals which may stay temporarily at the facility for medical procedures or observation.
- (7) "Animal shelter" means a facility that accepts from the public impounded, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals for temporary housing for a period of time not to exceed 6 months.
- (8) "Boarding facility" means a place where more than one animal is kept by contractual arrangement with the owner, whether for compensation or not, for any purpose other than medical treatment, breeding, or permanent disposal.
- (9) "Cat" means a domesticated *Felis catus*.
- (10) "Commercial kennel" means a place where the owner or occupant of the property keeps at least four and not more than 25 total dogs including puppies and does not have a private kennel license as set forth herein.
- (11) "Foster care" or "Rescue" or "Placement" means providing temporary care for dogs and cats from a licensed animal shelter at a private residence for a period of time not to exceed 6 months
- (12) "Grooming parlor" means any establishment, public or private, where animals are bathed, clipped, or combed for compensation.
- (13) "Pet shop" means any person or establishment that acquires, holds, or offers animals not bred and whelped from the facility for the purpose of sale or resale to the public.
- (14) "Private kennel – breeding" means a place at or adjoining a private residence where at least four but not more than 10 dogs of which at least one has not been neutered or spayed, are owned, kept or maintained by the persons residing on said property, for the purpose of hunting, training, field work, obedience trials, other competition, breeding, the enjoyment of the species or for any other purpose. Dogs under the age of 6 months shall not be included for purposes of determining the total number of dogs within the private kennel provided that they are bred and

whelped from the adult dogs within the private kennel. Upon request, it shall be the duty of the kennel owner to provide to the licensing authority, evidence that dogs are under the age of 6 months and are bred and whelped from the adult dogs within the private kennel.

- (15) "Private kennel – non–breeding" means a place at or adjoining a private residence where at least four but not more than 10 adult dogs of which all have been neutered or spayed, are owned, kept or maintained by the persons residing on said property, for the purpose of hunting, training, field work, obedience trials, other competition, the enjoyment of the species or for any other purpose. (Added by Ord. 97–020 § 4, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02–081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002; Amended by Ord. 06–136, Feb. 28, 2007, Eff date Mar. 16, 2007)

6.06.007 License Required

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or maintain on their premises 4 or more dogs unless a private kennel, commercial kennel, animal shelter, boarding facility, grooming parlor or pet shop license has been issued to the premises pursuant to this chapter. (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002)

6.06.008 Limitations on Number of Dogs

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or maintain on their premises more than 25 dogs. Licensed pet shops, boarding facilities or animal shelters shall not be subject to this limitation. (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.009 Insurance Exemption

Private kennel-breeding/non-breeding facilities and commercial kennel facilities as defined in this chapter are exempt from the requirements set forth in section [6.01.190](#) SCC. (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.010 Private Kennel – Breeding/Non-breeding license required

It is unlawful for any person to keep, operate or maintain a private kennel - breeding or non-breeding as defined in this chapter within Snohomish County without a valid private kennel license -- breeding or non-breeding. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982; Amended by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 38, Nov. 12, 1986; Amended by Ord. 97-020 § 5, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.012 Private Kennel – Breeding/Non-breeding requirements for obtaining license

The licensing authority may issue a license for a private kennel (breeding or non-breeding) upon application by the owner and only if the licensing authority is satisfied that all the following requirements are met:

- (1) All open run areas shall be completely surrounded by fencing according to the size, type and characteristic of the breed set back at least 30 feet from all property lines. For purposes of this section "open run area" means that area, within the property lines of the premises on which the private kennel is to be maintained, where dogs are sheltered and maintained. If there is no open run area set aside for

sheltering or maintaining the dogs within the property lines of the premises, the 30-foot setback does not apply. If the premises does not contain an open run area, its property line must be completely surrounded by fencing according to the size, type and characteristic of the breed. Kennel applicants located on a corner lot must also meet fencing requirements identified in SCC [30.23.100](#);

(2) No commercial signs or other display advertising the private kennel are permitted on the property except for the signs advertising the sale of the allowable offspring set forth in this section and as prescribed in SCC [30.28.050\(1\)\(f\)](#);

(3) The licensing authority may require additional setbacks, fencing, screening or soundproofing as necessary to insure the compatibility of the private kennel with the surrounding neighborhood. In determining such compatibility, the licensing authority may consider the following:

(a) Statements regarding approval/disapproval of surrounding neighbors relative to operation and maintenance of a private kennel by the applicant at the address listed on the private kennel application;

(b) Past history of animal control complaints relating to dogs owned or kept by the applicant at the address listed on the private kennel application;

(c) Facility specifications/dimensions in which the dogs are to be maintained; and

(d) Size, type and characteristics of breed of dogs to be kept at proposed private kennel;

(4) Food and water shall be provided in sufficient amounts to ensure normal growth in puppies and maintenance of normal body weight in adults;

(5) Food and water receptacles shall be accessible to all dogs and shall be located so as to prevent contamination by dirt and excreta;

(6) Adequate shelter shall be provided to protect the animal from excessive heat or cold, sunlight, rain, snow, wind and other elements. The determination of adequacy of shelter is made by the licensing authority and is based on the size of the animal;

(7) Private kennels-breeding shall provide written instructions and educational material on care, feeding, and responsible pet ownership, as well as licensing forms, to each dog purchaser. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 6, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002; Amended by Ord. 02-098, Dec. 9, 2002, Eff date Feb. 1, 2003).

6.06.013 Special Private Kennel License

Persons possessing a valid exhibitor/breeding kennel license issued by the licensing authority prior to the enactment of this chapter and owning more than 10 dogs may be eligible at no charge for a special private kennel license, provided the following conditions are met:

(1) the applicant must make application for the special private kennel license within 30 days of notification by the licensing authority. The special private kennel license will retain the expiration of the valid exhibitor/breeding license;

(2) the special private kennel license shall be valid only for those specific dogs in the possession of the applicant at the time of issuance, and is intended to allow pet owners to possess dogs beyond the limits imposed by this chapter until such time as the death or transfer of such dogs reduces the number possessed to the legal limit set forth in this chapter; and

(3) the licensing authority may deny any application for a special private kennel license based on past violations of animal control regulations by the applicant, complaints from neighbors regarding the applicant's dogs, or if the animals are maintained in inhumane conditions. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 7, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997).

6.06.015 License required – Facilities other than a private kennel

It is unlawful for any person to keep, operate or maintain a commercial kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor, or pet shop as defined in this chapter within Snohomish County without a valid license as required by this chapter. Any license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be conspicuously displayed at the establishment to which such license was issued. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 8, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.016 Requirements for obtaining license – Animal Facilities other than a private kennel

The licensing authority may issue a license for a commercial kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor or pet shop upon application by the owner and only if the licensing authority is satisfied that in addition to any other requirements applicable under this title, all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) shelter shall be provided for all animals and shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, constructed to protect the animals from injury, contain the animals and restrict the entry of other animals;
- (2) each animal shall be provided with adequate floor space to allow the animal to turn about freely and to stand, sit and lie down in a comfortable, normal position;
- (3) electrical power shall be supplied in conformance with applicable electrical codes adequate to supply sufficient heating and lighting for the animals according to the species;
- (4) animals which are caged, closely confined or restrained shall be permitted daily to exercise in a yard or area suitable for that purpose and for an appropriate length of time depending on their size, age and species;
- (5) food and bedding shall be placed and stored in facilities which provide adequate protection against infestation or contamination by insects or rodents. Any perishable foods shall be refrigerated;
- (6) food and water shall be provided in sufficient amounts to ensure normal growth in immature animals and maintenance of normal weight in adults;
- (7) food and water receptacles shall be accessible to all animals and shall be located to prevent contamination by dirt and excreta;

- (8) provisions shall be made on a daily basis for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, contaminated bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, free from the infestation or contamination of insects, rodents or disease, and shall be free from obnoxious or foul odors;
- (9) dirtied or soiled utensils and equipment and open containers of animal food shall be stored in an area of the facility not accessible to the public;
- (10) sick, diseased or injured animals shall not be sold. They shall be separated from healthy, normal animals, and shall be removed from display and kept in isolation quarters with adequate ventilation to prevent contamination of healthy animals and humans;
- (11) no employee, keeper or owner shall misrepresent any information pertaining to any animal to a consumer;
- (12) no employee, keeper or owner shall knowingly sell a sick, diseased and/or injured animal;
- (13) adequate care and feeding instructions, responsible pet ownership education material and licensing information shall be provided, in writing, to each animal purchaser;
- (14) private kennel and/or commercial kennel owners and/or operators may not purchase and/or acquire animals for the purpose of resale without first obtaining a pet shop license;
- (15) private kennel owners, commercial kennel owners or pet shop owners determined to be knowingly selling sick, diseased and/or injured animals shall have their license suspended for 6 months for the first violation; suspended for 1 year for the second violation; revoked permanently for the third violation;
- (16) any other requirements applicable under this chapter. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 9, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002; Amended by Ord. 06-136, Feb. 28, 2007, Eff date Mar. 16, 2007).

6.06.017 Special Commercial Kennel License

Persons possessing a valid commercial kennel license issued by the licensing authority prior to the enactment of this chapter and owning more than the newly established limit of 25 dogs may be eligible at no charge for a special commercial license if the following conditions are met:

- (1) the applicant must make application for a special commercial kennel license within thirty days of notification by the licensing authority;
- (2) the special commercial kennel license shall be valid for those specific dogs in the possession of the applicant at the time of issuance, and is intended to allow the kennel owner to possess animals beyond the limits established in this chapter until such time as the death, transfer or sale of such animals reduces the number possessed to the legal limit set forth by this chapter;
- (3) the applicant for a special commercial kennel license shall be required to fulfill all other requirements and qualifications for a commercial kennel established by this chapter. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 10, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997).

6.06.018 Additional requirements for boarding facilities, shelters, grooming parlors and pet shops

The following additional requirements apply to any boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor or pet shop owner/ operator licensed pursuant to SCC [6.06.015](#):

- (1) washroom facilities shall include sinks with hot and cold running water and toilets, and shall be convenient to encourage frequent washing of utensils and equipment and general cleanliness;
- (2) during business hours, there shall be an employee or keeper on duty at all times whose responsibility shall be the care and supervision of any animals on the premises;
- (3) employees, keepers or owners shall make provisions to feed, water and do the necessary cleaning of animals on a daily basis on days the establishment is closed. (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.019 Additional requirements for commercial kennels

Prior to the issuance of a license for a commercial kennel, all open run areas shall be completely surrounded by fencing according to the size, type and characteristic of the breed, set back at least thirty feet from all property lines. For purposes of this section "open run area" means that area, within the property lines of the premises on which the commercial kennel is to be maintained, where dogs are sheltered and maintained. If there is no open run area set aside for sheltering or maintaining the dogs within the property lines of the premises, the thirty-foot setback does not apply. If the premises does not contain an open run area, its property line must be completely surrounded by fencing according to the size, type and characteristic of the breed. Kennel applicants located on a corner lot must also meet fencing requirements identified in SCC [30.28.040](#); (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.020 Additional requirements for a boarding facility, animal shelter or pet shop

Any boarding facility, animal shelter, or pet shop licensed pursuant to SCC [6.06.015](#) shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) the surface of all primary kennel runs shall be made of concrete or a similar, non-absorbent material except that outside areas used strictly as exercise yards need not be surfaced in concrete or a similar non-absorbent material;
- (b) kennel runs sharing a common wall or fence shall have a moisture resistant barrier separating the two runs which the top shall be a minimum of 24 inches in height from the ground;
- (c) adequate fencing shall be provided to keep animals within and to prevent the entrance of other animals. (Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.021 Indoor facility requirements

The following additional requirements apply to any commercial kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor or pet shop owner/operator licensed pursuant to SCC [6.06.015](#) with an indoor housing facility:

(1) the facility shall provide sufficient lighting and temperature controls to protect the animals from conditions to which they are not normally acclimatized;

(2) the facility shall be adequately ventilated to provide for the health of the animals and assist in the removal of foul and obnoxious odors and provisions shall be made so that the volume of air within the enclosed indoor facility shall be changed three or more times an hour. This may be accomplished through the periodic opening of doors and windows. If fans or ventilating equipment are used, they shall be constructed in conformance with current standards of good engineering practice with respect to noise and minimization of drafts;

(3) the housing facilities shall be constructed to provide natural or artificial light as may be necessary to provide sufficient illumination to inspect and clean the facility. Such lighting shall be of good quality, well distributed within the facility and in an amount and location which will protect the animals from excessive illumination;

(4) the housing facility shall use disposal methods and drainage systems that rapidly remove water and excreta during cleaning of the facility. All indoor housing facilities for animals shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and an effective disinfectant safe to humans and animals shall be used in the cleaning of the facility;

(5) the housing facility shall contain interior wall, ceiling and floor surfaces made of materials which are resistant to the absorption of moisture and odors, if surfaces are not originally resistant to moisture or odors they shall be treated with sealant or paint which make them resistant. In addition, interior walls shall be constructed so that the interface with floor surfaces is sealed to prevent the accumulation of moisture or debris. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 11, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.025 Outdoor facility requirements

The following additional requirements apply to any commercial kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter or pet shop owner/operator licensed pursuant to SCC [6.06.015](#) with an outdoor housing facility:

(1) the facility shall maintain quiet hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am Monday through Friday and 10:00 pm and 8:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

(2) the facility shall use disposal methods and drainage systems that rapidly remove water and excreta during cleaning of the facility under any weather or temperature condition. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 12, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 99-090 § 1, Nov. 3, 1999, Eff date Nov. 14, 1999; Amended by Amended Ord. 02-082, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.030 Grooming Parlor – Additional licensing requirements

The following additional requirements apply to any grooming parlor owner/operator required to obtain a license pursuant to SCC [6.06.015](#):

(1) the grooming parlor shall not board animals but keep them only for the period of time necessary to perform the business of grooming;

(2) restraints shall be provided for the animal while it is being groomed so that it shall not be harmed;

(3) the owner/operator shall sterilize all equipment after each animal has been groomed;

- (4) the owner/operator shall not leave animals unattended during the drying process;
- (5) the owner/operator shall not prescribe treatment or medicine that is the province of a licensed veterinarian as provided in RCW [18.92.010](#);
- (6) the owner/operator shall not put more than one animal in each cage;
- (7) the grooming parlor shall be constructed so that all floors and walls in rooms, pens and cages used to retain animals or in areas where animals are bathed, clipped, combed, groomed or treated be impervious to water and can readily be cleaned;
- (8) hot and cold water shall be conveniently available and a large sink or tub provided (minimum size twenty-four inches by eighteen inches by twelve inches). All plumbing fixtures and pipes shall be in compliance with current plumbing code as adopted by the county;
- (9) all cages, pens, kennels used for holding animals, grooming tables and washing basins shall be kept clean and disinfected between use of each animal. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 13, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 99-090 § 2, Nov. 3, 1999, Eff date Nov. 14, 1999; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.035 Terms and license fees

The fees for the licenses described in this chapter are established and contained in SCC [6.01.050\(2\)](#). The term for these licenses is one year from the date of issuance. (Added by Ord. 97-020 § 14, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997).

6.06.040 Reproduction limitations

A private kennel-breeding shall limit total dog reproduction to no more than five litters per license year. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982; Amended by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 40, Nov. 12, 1986; Amended by Ord. 97-020 § 15, May 7, 1997, Eff date July 1, 1997; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.050 Foster Care

Any animal shelter licensed under the provisions of this chapter providing a foster care or rescue or placement program for dogs and cats shall provide those individuals serving as the providers with documentation identifying the individual as a bona fide care provider and a description of the animal in their care. A shelter placing an adult dog or cat in foster care or rescue or placement shall provide a collar with an identification tag establishing the animal as an animal from their shelter. All animals placed in foster care or rescue or placement in unincorporated Snohomish County must maintain a current Snohomish county regional pet license. The shelter placing the animal shall be responsible to maintain records with license tag numbers of the whereabouts of each animal placed with a care provider including the name and address of the provider and the length of time the animal has been in foster care or rescue or for placement. These records must be available for inspection upon demand of the licensing authority. No dog or cat shall remain in foster care or rescue or placement for more than six months. Any dog or cat remaining over six months shall lose its identity as a foster care or rescue or placement animal and is subject to the licensing requirements set forth in SCC [9.04](#)

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Any individual providing care on behalf of a licensed shelter may not shelter more than 3 adult dogs at any given time. In addition, if a care individual or* facility keeps, maintains or houses at least 4 adult dogs for more than 6 continuous months, the individual provider must obtain a private kennel licenses pursuant to SCC [6.06.007](#).

* Reviser Note: The text shown above in the second paragraph of SCC [6.06.050](#) in italic font was added by Ordinance No. [06-136](#) but was not indicated with addition marks.

(Added by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002; Amended by Ord. 06-136, Feb. 28, 2007, Eff date Mar. 16, 2007).

6.06.070 Kennels, grooming parlors and pet shops - Inspection

In addition to the right of entry for inspection purposes established under SCC [6.01.120](#), it shall be the right of the licensing authority, county health authority or the county animal control agency to make or cause to be made such inspections as may be necessary to ensure compliance with provisions of this chapter. The owner or keeper of a kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor, or pet shop shall admit to the premises for the purpose of making inspection, any officer, agent or employee of the licensing authority, county health authority, or animal control agency at any reasonable time when admission is requested. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982; Amended by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 43, Nov. 12, 1986; Amended by Ord. 87-038 § 27, June 3, 1987; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

6.06.080 Maintenance of unsanitary, nauseous, foul or offensive establishment – Unlawful

It shall be unlawful to keep, use or maintain within the county a kennel, pet shop or grooming parlor which is unsanitary, nauseous, foul or offensive, or in any way detrimental to public health and/or safety. (Amended by Ord. 82-109 § 2, Nov. 10, 1982; Amended by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 44, Nov. 12, 1986).

6.06.090 Relation to other laws

The classification of a facility defined in this chapter of Title [6](#) SCC shall not affect the classification of that facility under categories and definitions used in other titles of the Snohomish County Code. (Added by Amended Ord. 86-099 § 45, Nov. 12, 1986; Amended by Ord. 02-081, Dec. 4, 2002, Eff date Dec. 19, 2002).

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