

DIVISION 3. – IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Sec. 13-35. – Special land use.

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(j) Standards for Animal Boarding Facilities. Animal Boarding Facilities shall be subject to Special Land Use Approval and the following supplemental regulations:

(1) General Facility Requirements

- a. Animal Boarding facilities shall be limited to the boarding of domestic animals, pursuant to Section 5-2, Definitions, of the City Code of Ordinances.
- b. Soundproofing shall be provided such that sounds generated by any animals confined inside cannot be heard outside of the property on which the facility is located.
- c. Animal boarding facilities shall contain an air-handling system for disinfection and odor control in accordance with the Florida Building Code.
- d. Animal boarding facilities shall contain waste control facilities such as a flush system or must bag and dispose of into trash sanitation as directed through federal sanitation directives.
- e. Animal boarding facilities shall follow a tick and flea protocol for pets within their facility.
- f. Animal boarding facilities shall contain no crematory facilities.
- g. Animal boarding facilities shall provide 24-hour contact information for first responders and business hour contact information for customer and or neighbor concerns.
- h. Animal boarding facilities shall not include the sale of animals.

(2) Animal Enclosures

- a. Animal enclosures shall be of sufficient size to allow for each animal to stand and walk around freely, and exercise normal postural movements as well as allowing room for bedding and food and water bowls with a minimum floor space of 20 square feet for each individual enclosure.
- b. Each individual animal enclosure shall provide for a private relief and exercise area with a minimum of 36 square feet covered with artificial turf.

- c. Animal(s) shall never be confined in a space without human supervision and that does not provide shelter from the elements.
- d. Enclosures shall be constructed of materials that are water resistant and can be readily cleaned.
- e. Enclosures shall be separated by a solid wall to prevent water and waste from flowing into other enclosures.
- f. Wire flooring is prohibited.

(3) Outdoor for Animal Boarding Facilities with External Play Areas

- a. Outdoor exercise/play areas for animals shall be no less than 100 feet from the nearest residentially zoned property.
- b. Any common exercise/play area shall be of sufficient size to allow maintenance of sanitary conditions and avoid overcrowding of animals.
- c. Outdoor exercise/play areas shall have adequate walls or fences to keep pets secured and restrict entry from outside.
- d. Screening walls shall be of masonry construction and no less than 6 feet in height and no more than 8 feet in height.
- e. No animals may be exercised in groups outdoors before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- f. Outdoor exercise/play areas shall be provided with areas of shade from direct sunlight.
- g. Adequate drainage in outdoor areas shall be provided in order to prevent standing water.