

Comprehensive Revision of Dane County Zoning Ordinance

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City County Building

Animal boarding and pet day care

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Summary of Proposed Changes

- **Establish definitions for:**
 - **Veterinary Clinic**
 - **Domestic Pet**
 - **Domestic Pet Boarding**
 - **Large Animal Boarding**
- **Develop consistent CUP standards for each**

Domestic Pet Definition

Current Ordinance

- **Definition**
 - None

Proposed Ordinance

Domestic pet

- (a) Any animal that:
 1. has been bred or raised to live in or near the habitations of humans,
 2. is not kept for slaughter, milk, eggs or the harvesting of fur, wool or plumage, and;
 3. is dependent on humans for food and shelter.
- (b) Domestic pets include, but are not limited to: dogs, cats, domesticated songbirds, aquarium fish, reptiles kept indoors and domestic ferrets.
- (c) Domestic pets do not include: horses, sheep, any animal equivalent to one animal unit or larger, endangered species, wildlife, livestock, domestic fowl or bees.

Veterinary Clinic Definition

Current Ordinance

- **Definition**
 - **None**

Proposed Ordinance

Veterinary clinic.

An establishment for the medical or surgical treatment of animals. Boarding and care is limited only to animals undergoing active treatment or observation.

- (a) Veterinary clinics include, but are not limited to: animal hospitals and clinics for the treatment of domestic pets, livestock or wildlife.
- (b) Veterinary clinics do not include: animal boarding facilities, breeding operations, colony houses, domestic fowl or beekeeping, small-scale farming or agricultural livestock operations.

Animal Boarding, Domestic Pet Definition

Current Ordinance

Kennel.

A kennel is any premise, or portion thereof, where dogs, cats or other household pets are maintained, boarded, bred or cared for, in return for remuneration, or are kept for the purpose of sale.

Proposed Ordinance

Animal boarding, domestic pet.

Land uses which provide short-term and/or long-term boarding for six or more domestic pets, including both indoor and outdoor facilities.

- (a) Examples of these land uses include: commercial kennels, pet breeding operations and pet day-care operations.
- (b) Domestic pet animal boarding does not include: overnight or observational care for patients of a veterinary clinic, large animal boarding, domestic fowl or beekeeping, colony houses, small-scale farming or agricultural livestock operations.

Animal Boarding, Large Animal Definition

Current Ordinance

Not specifically defined.

Proposed Ordinance

Animal boarding, large animal.

Land uses which provide short-term and/or long-term boarding for six or more of any animals other than domestic pets, domestic fowl or domestic bees. Exercise yards, fields, training areas, and trails associated with such land uses are considered accessory to such land uses and do not require separate consideration.

- (a) Examples of these land uses include commercial stables, livestock boarding, wildlife rehabilitation centers and game farms.
- (b) Large animal boarding does not include: overnight or observational care for patients of a veterinary clinic, domestic pet boarding, domestic fowl or beekeeping, colony houses, small-scale farming or agricultural livestock operations .

Animal Boarding, Domestic Pets: Standards and requirements

Current Ordinance

- None.

Proposed Ordinance

Animal boarding, domestic pets.

- (a) Use shall be enclosed by a fence or other suitable enclosure to prevent animals from leaving the site.
- (b) Each animal shall be provided with an indoor containment area if the use is located within 500 feet of an existing residence or any lot in the Single Family Residential, Two-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Rural Residential or Traditional Neighborhood districts.
- (c) Each animal shall be provided with adequate exercise space
- (d) Applicant shall submit a manure management plan approved by the County Conservationist.
- (e) At their discretion, and where necessary to minimize impacts to neighboring properties, the town board or committee may:
 1. impose noise limits under s. _____,
 2. require visual screening, consistent with s. _____, and/or;
 3. establish hours where animals must be kept indoors.
- (f) The committee and town board will impose limits on the total number of animals that may be present at any one time, as appropriate to the site and neighboring land uses.

Animal Boarding, Large Animals: Standards and requirements

Current Ordinance

- None.

Proposed Ordinance

Animal boarding, large animal.

- (a) Use shall be enclosed by a fence or other suitable enclosure to prevent animals from leaving the site.
- (b) Each animal shall be provided with adequate exercise space
- (c) The committee and town board will impose limits on the total number of animals that may be present at any one time, as appropriate to the site and neighboring land uses.
- (d) Operations exceeding one animal unit per acre must comply with the standards of s. _____.

Animal Boarding and Care Uses by Zoning District

Current Ordinance

- Permitted Use
 - Veterinary Clinic: A-B (if ag-related)
- Conditional Use
 - Kennels, Stables:
 - A-1, A-2,
 - C-1, C-2

Proposed Ordinance

- Permitted Use
 - Veterinary Clinic:
 - FP-B (ag-related only)
 - Traditional Neighborhood-Business
 - General Commercial
 - Heavy Commercial
- Conditional Use
 - Veterinary Clinic
 - Rural Mixed-Use
 - Domestic Pet Boarding
 - Rural Mixed-Use
 - General Commercial
 - Heavy Commercial
 - Large Animal Boarding:
 - FP-B (ag-related only)
 - Rural Mixed-Use
 - General Commercial
 - Heavy Commercial