

## Commercial Dog Kennels

Commercial dog kennels are an allowable use "A" Agricultural Zoning with a conditional permit from Zoning. It does not have to register as a Rural Home Business Operation but does require approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Section 23-3.10 Temporary and Conditional Permits for a two-year period of the following uses:

(1) Commercial dog kennels.

Douglas County Zoning Code references:

[http://www.douglas-county.com/depts/ad/docs/pdf/ad\\_countycode\\_chapter12.pdf](http://www.douglas-county.com/depts/ad/docs/pdf/ad_countycode_chapter12.pdf)

Definition:

SECTION 12-303 - 1.26. DOG KENNEL, COMMERCIAL. Any place where more than two adult dogs are kept for a boarding or other fee, or any place where more than five adult dogs are kept for any purpose.

Zoning District:

SECTION 12-306. "A" AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

SECTION 12-306 - 2.04 USE REGULATIONS

Commercial dog kennel; provided:

- (a) That any open pens, runs, cages, or kennels shall be located at least 200 feet from any side or rear lot lines.

Additional procedures and requirements:

1. SECTION 12-323. THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
SECTION 12-323-3.10. Temporary and Conditional Permits for a two-year period for the following uses:
  - (1) Commercial dog kennels.
  - (2) Child care center.
  - (3) Convalescent or nursing home.
  - (4) Riding stables and private stables.
  - (5) Rifle or pistol range, trap, or skeet shooting.
  - (6) Miniature golf courses or driving ranges.
  - (7) Raising for sale of birds, bees, rabbits, and other animals, fish, and other creatures.

The Board of Zoning Appeals application fee is \$100.00. Any open pens, runs, cages or kennels need to be able to meet the 200 feet from any side or rear lot lines. We do notify the neighbors within 1,000 feet. The problem most neighbors object to is noise. If building a new facility, it will require a building permit & health dept. approval. If boarding other outside dogs, in addition to BZA approval & building permit requirement, plans will need to be engineered. Either building, existing or new will need to meet building codes. The site plan is to show the location of the kennel, distance from property line etc.

**Please contact County Zoning Office for more information or to schedule the Board of Zoning Appeals at 785-331-1343.**