



TO: Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
FROM: Amy Brooks, AICP, Executive Director
DATE: 5/19/2022
SUBJECT: 6-D-22-OA Agenda Item #44

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of amendments to the Knoxville Code, Appendix B, Zoning Code, Article 2.3 – Definitions, Animal Care Facility – Small Animal, to remove the wording “during the day” and to change the definition of Kennel to remove the word “dogs” and replace with “animals”.

Exhibit 1: City of Knoxville Memo

Exhibit 2: Proposed amendments to Article 2.3 – Definitions, Animal Care Facility – Small Animal

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 19, 2022

TO: Planning Staff

FROM: Peter Ahrens
Director of Plans Review & Building Inspections

RE: Zoning Code Amendment

Article 2.3 Definitions

Background The Plans Review and Inspections Department requests the following amendments to the Zoning Code of the City of Knoxville, Article 2.3 Definitions.

- The following definitions found in Article 2.3 need to be amended in order to allow for the overnight boarding of dogs in the *Animal Care Facility – Small Animal* use. The term “during the day” should be removed from the definition of *Animal Care Facility – Small Animal* so it is not limited to convalescence from veterinary office treatment. The word “dogs” should be removed and replaced with “animals” in the definition of *Kennel*. This is consistent with the definition of *Kennel* found in the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 – Animals; Section 5-1 Definitions.

The Department of Plans Review and Building Inspections recommends the adoption of these amendments to Article 2.3 Definitions of the Zoning Code, as indicated in the attachment.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed amendments to Article 2.3 Definitions.

Sincerely,

Peter Ahrens
Director of Plans Review & Building Inspections
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2.3 DEFINITIONS

Animal Care Facility—Small Animal. An establishment which provides care for domestic animals, including veterinary offices for the treatment of animals, where animals may be boarded during their convalescence, pet grooming facilities, animal training centers and clubs, and facilities where animals are boarded ~~during the day~~. Animal care facilities do not include animal breeders or kennels.

Kennel. Any lot or premises on which five (5) or more ~~dogs~~ animals, more than six (6) months of age, are kept.