



TO: Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
FROM: Amy Brooks, AICP, Executive Director
DATE: 5/19/2022
SUBJECT: 6-F-22-OA Agenda Item #46

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of amendments to the Knoxville Code, Appendix B, Zoning Code, Article 9.3.A1.1, Principal Use Standards Associated with Animal Care Facility – Small Animal, Animal Breeder, and Kennel, to remove the wording “five or more dogs and/or cats” and replacing it with the word “animal” and by adding language requiring boarding facilities to provide certification of compliance with Chapter 18-Noise; Section 18.3 – Standards of the City Code of Ordinances.

Exhibit 1: City of Knoxville Memo

Exhibit 2: Proposed amendments to Article 9.3.A1.1, Principal Use Standards

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 19, 2022
TO: Planning Staff
FROM: Peter Ahrens
Director of Plans Review & Building Inspections
RE: Minor Zoning Code Amendment

Article 9.3.A1.1 Principal Use Standards Associated with Animal Care Facility—Small Animal, Animal Breeder, and Kennel

Background The Plans Review and Inspections Department requests the following minor amendment to the Zoning Code of the City of Knoxville Article 9.3.A1.1 Principal Use Standards Associated with Animal Care Facility—Small Animal, Animal Breeder, and Kennel.

- In Article 9.3.A1.1 principal use standards associated with Animal Care Facility – Small Animal. Removing the wording “five or more dogs and/or cats” and adding the word “animal” will not limit the number or type of animal for boarding. This aligns with *Chapter 5 – Animals; Section 5-1 Definitions* of the City Code of Ordinances. Add a sentence requiring boarding facilities to provide certification of compliance with *Chapter 18 – Noise; Section 18.3 – Standards* of the City Code of Ordinances.

The Department of Plans Review and Building Inspections recommends the adoption of this minor amendment to Article 9.3.A1.1 of the Zoning Code, as indicated in the attachment.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed minor amendment to Article 9.3.A1.1 Animal Care Facility – Small Animal, Animal Breeder, and Kennel

Sincerely,

Peter Ahrens
Director of Plans Review & Building Inspections
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9.3 PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS

Where applicable, principal uses are required to comply with all use standards of this section, whether a permitted or special use, in addition to all other regulations of this Code.

A1. Animal Care Facility—Small Animal, Animal Breeder, and Kennel

Animal shelters operated by a public agency are exempt from these standards.

1. Such facilities may only board ~~five or more dogs and/or cats~~ animals over the age of six months if the Animal Control Board approves a kennel, boarding facility, pet shop, or pet dealer permit. Boarding facilities must provide certification of compliance with Chapter 18 – Noise; Section 18-3 – Standards from the City of Knoxville Code of Ordinances.
2. Exterior exercise areas are prohibited in the O District. Animal care facilities must locate exterior exercise areas to the side or rear of the building. In the C-N Districts, any exterior exercise area that abuts a residential district requires a Class A buffer yard per Section 12.8.
3. Exterior exercise areas must provide covered areas over a minimum of 30% of the exterior area to provide shelter against sun/heat and weather. A fence a minimum of six feet and a maximum of eight feet in height is required for all exterior exercise areas.
4. Animal care facilities must locate all overnight boarding facilities indoors. Outdoor boarding facilities for kennels and animal breeders are permitted but must be designed to provide shelter against sun/heat and weather.
5. All animal quarters and exterior exercise areas must be kept in a clean, dry, and sanitary condition.