



Town of Uxbridge Kennel Regulations
Board of Selectmen Regulation No. 2007-02
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Purpose and Authority:

Authority to regulate kennels is bestowed upon the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge by the Town of Uxbridge bylaws relative to Animal Control.

Section 1. License Required: All kennel license holders housing dogs are responsible for dogs under their control at all times and shall comply with these regulations and all parts of the Town of Uxbridge Animal Control bylaw and Massachusetts General laws relating to dogs. (Including but not limited to MGL Chapter 140 §136A – 175). No kennel license shall be required for operation of a hobby kennel with fewer than 4 dogs. Dogs under the age of six (6) months shall not be counted in the number of dogs kept. Kennel license holders are responsible for any and all fines, fees and damages associated with said operation of a kennel in Uxbridge.

Section 2. General Prohibitions: Dogs under 8 weeks of age housed under a kennel license shall not be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.

Section 3. Definitions:

- A) *Hobby:* Ten or fewer dogs owned for personal companionship. In the event that any sale, trade, boarding, breeding or similar use is conducted, the operation shall be considered a commercial kennel.
- B) *Commercial:* All kennels that are not hobby kennels, as defined herein.

Section 4. Kennel Facilities: Kennels must have appropriate secure fencing, proper ventilation and shelter as defined under MGL Chapter 140 §136A.

Section 5. Compliance with Local Regulations: No kennel license shall be issued unless the applicant:

- A) Complies with all applicable building & zoning laws;
- B) Receives approval of the Building Department, Zoning Officer, and if a zoning variance is needed, attaches a copy of said Zoning Board of Appeals ruling to the application (mandatory for all commercial kennels);
- C) Has had the kennel inspected by the Animal Control Officer;
- D) Has no outstanding violations, owes back taxes, or has any other disqualifications pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 §57; and
- E) Has not been convicted of animal cruelty pursuant to MGL, Chapter 272 §§77, 80A, 94 and 95 within the last two years.

Section 6. Documentation: All dog papers and documentation (including, but not limited to proof of vaccination) pertaining to any dogs housed at the kennel and a copy of the kennel license shall be stored on the property and be available for inspection by the police and Animal Control Officer at all times.

Section 7. Administration: No kennel may operate until securing said kennel license. For hobby kennels, applications shall be filed within 30 days of obtaining a fourth dog over the age of 6 months.

- A) Kennel license renewals shall be applied for no later than March 31st of each year.
- B) Applicants shall file with the Town Clerk. Within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed application, including documentation, rabies documentation, and fees, the Town Clerk shall issue or deny the kennel license.
- C) Upon issuance of a license or renewal, the Town Clerk shall provide a copy of said license or renewal to the Chief of Police, Board of Health, Assessor, Zoning Officer and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- D) If a kennel license renewal is rejected, the operation of said kennel shall cease until the license is renewed or a new license is issued by the Town. With regard to renewals, applicants may appeal decisions to the Board of Selectmen in the same manner outlined in MGL Chapter 140 §137C.

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