

Process for License

1. Owner will make a request for a “Kennel” inspection from Development & Permits.
2. The code compliance inspector will inspect the site to see if it meets all requirements for a private or commercial kennel.
3. If the inspection is approved the code compliance inspector will notify the Treasurer’s office .
4. Owner contacts the Treasurer’s office to apply for the kennel license.
 - A Building Permit is required for all structures over 256-sf or for any size structure in the AE Flood Zone.
 - A Zoning Permit is required for fences & structures 256-sf & under.



Definition of Kennel

The City of Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance defines a kennel as “Any place used for the breeding, boarding or keeping of five (5) or more dogs over four (4) months of age.”

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Treasurer’s Office Locations

Deep Creek 757-382-3660
824 Old George Washington Highway, 23323
Great Bridge 757-382-6281
306 Cedar Road, 23322
South Norfolk 757-543-3555
1205 20th Street, 23324
Western Branch 757-488-5182
2808 Taylor Road, 23321

Chesapeake
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**PRIVATE
and
COMMERCIAL
KENNELS**



AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Private kennels in the A-1 zoning district shall meet the following requirements.

- No structure or area occupied by animals in a kennel shall be closer than two hundred and fifty (250) feet from the lot line of any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
- Where such structures are soundproofed and air conditioned, the minimum distance shall be one hundred (100) feet.
- If such kennel is proposed to be located closer to property zoned or used for residential purposes, a conditional use permit shall be required for such kennel.
- Kennels cannot be located in an established front yard.

Commercial kennels in the A-1 district shall meet the following requirements:

- Property must have a minimum area of five (5) acres.
- Property shall not be part of a major subdivision.
- No structure or area occupied by animals in a kennel shall be closer than five hundred (500) feet from the lot line of any property zoned or used for residential purposes .
- Where such structures are soundproofed and air conditioned, the minimum distance shall be two hundred (200) feet.
- If such kennel is proposed to be located closer to property zoned or used for residential purposes, a conditional use permit shall be required for such kennel.

- Kennels cannot be located in an established front yard.

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Private kennels are not permitted in residential districts, except for the RE-1 Residential Estate District. Private kennels in the RE-1 Zoning District follow the same requirements as A-1.

Commercial kennels are not permitted in any residential zoning district.

INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Commercial kennels are permitted in the M-1, M-2 & M-3 Industrial Districts.

BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Kennels are not permitted in Business Districts.