



BUSINESS LICENSE ANIMAL REGULATIONS ADDENDA

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Per AMC 8.09.100 License Required. No person, owner or keeper shall operate any kennel, cattery, grooming parlor, pet shop, or animal shelter within the city without first obtaining a special license from the city for this purpose. Licensed veterinary hospitals or clinics are not included within this prohibition though a land use permit may still be required pursuant to AMC Title 20. Licenses shall be issued annually by the city, upon receipt of an application, the payment of fees, and only after satisfactory inspection by the Arlington police department.

Application. A license application for a commercial kennel, boarding kennel/cattery, grooming parlor, pet shop, animal shelter, or other boarding place shall contain the following information, incomplete application will not be accepted:

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____ Arlington, WA 98223

Owner/Operator Name: _____

Owner/Operator Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of License requested: Commercial Kennel Pet Shop
 Boarding Kennel/Cattery Animal Shelter
 Grooming Parlor Other

Animal waste disposal plan must be provided.

8.09.105 - Inspections.

No license will be issued until the existing or proposed kennel, cattery, grooming parlor, pet shop, or animal shelter is deemed adequate after it has been thoroughly inspected by the Arlington police department. It is a condition of issuance of any permit under this chapter that the animal control authority is permitted to inspect all animals and the premises where the animals are kept at any reasonable time.

THE ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST APPROVE PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

Police Department Approval: _____ Date: _____

Additional information and requirements are located in the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 8.09; arlingtonwa.gov. You may also contact the Permit Center at 360-403-3551 or ced@arlingtonwa.gov.



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8.09.115 - Operation and facility requirements.

Suitable food, water and bedding shall be provided to all animals. An employee, keeper or owner shall make sure that animals receive adequate food, water, care, and necessary cleaning at all times.

- (1) Food and bedding shall be stored in a fashion that prevents contamination or infestation. Refrigeration shall be provided for the protection of perishable foods.
- (2) The facilities, both for housing and waste disposal, shall be maintained and operated in a healthful, sanitary manner free from disease, contamination, infestation and obnoxious or foul odors. Provisions shall be made to ensure that the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals and debris is done in a manner to minimize vermin/insect infestation, odors and disease hazards.
- (3) Sick, diseased, or injured animals shall be isolated from healthy animals in quarters adequately ventilated to prevent contamination of healthy animals.
- (4) Animals shall receive proper medical treatment whenever necessary and be immunized from disease as is usual and customary for the animal's age and species.
- (5) Animal housing facilities shall be provided to the animals and shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, and designed to protect the animals from injury and shall provide sufficient security to contain the animals and prevent the entry of other unwanted animals.
- (6) In addition, each animal housed therein shall be provided with adequate floor space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable normal position. Animals that are caged, closely confined, or restrained shall be permitted daily, and for an appropriate length of time, as determined by their size, age and species, to exercise in a yard or area suitable for that purpose.
- (7) The facilities shall include washroom facilities, which include sinks and toilets, and have hot and cold running water conveniently available to maintain cleanliness among animal caretakers and for washing utensils and equipment. Water shall be supplied in sufficient pressure and quantity to clean indoor housing facilities and enclosures of debris and excrement.
- (8) Electrical power shall be supplied, in conformance with applicable city, county, and state electrical codes, adequate to supply heating and lighting as may be required by this chapter.
- (9) Outdoor facilities shall:
 - (A) Provide shelter and protection from adverse weather;
 - (B) Provide sufficient room for adequate exercise and movement;
 - (C) Be fenced at a height of six feet with wood or chain link and have a below ground barrier sufficient to prevent an animal from digging under the fence; and
 - (D) Be kept clean.
- (10) Indoor facilities shall:
 - (A) Be heated or cooled to protect the animals from temperatures to which they are not acclimated;
 - (B) Be adequately ventilated;
 - (C) Have interior walls, ceilings and floors which are sealed and are resistant to absorption of moisture or odors; and
 - (D) Have flooring with an impervious surface that can be sanitized and had an adequate drainage system that is connected to a septic system or sanitary sewer to facilitate cleaning.



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8.09.120 - Pet shops—Additional regulations.

- (a) No person owning, operating, or employed by a pet shop shall knowingly sell any animal which is, at the time of the delivery of the animal to the buyer, sick, impaired, unweaned, injured, or otherwise so incapacitated that its weakness or incapacity will substantially impair its ability to recover or grow normally.
- (b) No person owning, operating, or employed by a pet shop shall knowingly misrepresent an animal to a consumer in any way.
- (c) No person owning, operating, or employed by a pet shop shall abuse, tease, or otherwise torment, nor permit any other person to abuse, tease or otherwise torment any animals therein.
- (d) Aquariums shall be constructed and maintained to provide adequate room for the fish contained therein. In addition, such aquariums shall be provided with an apparatus that will oxygenate the water contained in the aquarium, when required for the wellbeing of the fish.
- (e) No person owning, operating, or employed by a pet shop shall exhibit any animal to public display for more than twelve consecutive hours. At no time shall any animal be placed on public display outside the enclosed premises of a pet shop by chaining or caging the animal upon the public street or other public place.
- (f) The business must have a plan to properly dispose of pet waste and follow the plan.

8.09.125 - Grooming parlors—Conditions—Requirements.

- (1) Not board animals, but keep said animals only for a reasonable time in order to perform the business of grooming.
- (2) Keep each animal in an individual cage sufficient in size and with adequate floor space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable normal position, while said animal is at the facility.
- (3) Not permit animals kept therein for the purpose of grooming to have contact with any other animals therein.
- (4) Sterilize all equipment after each animal has been groomed and each cage after the animal that occupied it has left.
- (5) Not prescribe any treatment or medicine that is in the province of a licensed veterinarian as provided in RCW 18.92.010.
- (6) Take reasonable precautions to prevent injury from occurring to any animals while in the custody of said parlor, including providing restraining straps for animals when necessary to prevent injury to the animal while it is being groomed.
- (7) Be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, and provide sufficient security to contain the animals and prevent the entry of other unwanted animals.
- (8) Have grooming area with walls, ceilings, and floors that are sealed and are resistant to absorption of moisture and odors.
- (9) Be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis and the disposal of pet waste must follow established law.
- (10) Not leave animals unattended during the drying process.

8.09.130 - Penalties—Infraction unless otherwise designated.

Unless otherwise set forth in this chapter, a violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a Class I civil infraction pursuant to Chapter 7.80 RCW. Issuance and disposition of infractions issued for violations of this chapter shall be in accordance with Chapter 7.80 RCW. The penalty for violation of this chapter shall be one hundred dollars. The penalty for a second or subsequent offense in violation of the provision of this chapter within two years shall be two hundred fifty dollars.