



## KENNEL STANDARDS

McLEOD COUNTY, MN

### **347.31, Minnesota Statutes 2006**

#### **347.31 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 1. **Terms.** For the purpose of sections [347.31](#) to [347.40](#) the terms defined in this section have the meanings given to them.

Subd. 2. **Kennel.** "Kennel" means any place, building, tract of land, abode, or vehicle wherein or whereupon dogs or cats are kept, congregated, or confined, if the dogs or cats were obtained from municipalities, pounds, auctions, or by advertising for unwanted dogs or cats, or dogs or cats strayed, abandoned, or stolen. "Kennel" does not include a pound owned and operated by any political subdivision of the state or a person's home where dogs or cats are kept as pets.

Subd. 3. **Premises.** "Premises" means any building, structure, shelter, or land wherein or whereon dogs or cats are kept or confined.

Subd. 4. **Dealer.** "Dealer" means a public or private agency, person, society, or corporation that is licensed or is required to be licensed as a "Class B dealer" under United States Code, title 7, sections 2131 to 2155, as amended through December 31, 1986, who sells or transfers dogs or cats to institutions or to other dealers who sell or transfer to institutions.

**DEFINITION:** A "Kennel" is a place where four (4) or more dogs or cats, over four months of age are owned, boarded, bred or offered for sale.

**PERMIT:** No person shall operate a kennel within McLeod County without first obtaining a **Conditional Use Permit** from the McLeod County Board of Commissioners by application on a form furnished by the County Planning & Zoning Office. Such permit shall be valid from the date of issuance unless otherwise revoked or suspended.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Written request shall be made to the County Zoning Administrator. An application shall be accompanied by a site plan along with the required fees.
2. Administrator refers request to the respective Township Supervisors. The application must be reviewed by Town Board before being submitted to the Planning Advisory Commission for public hearing.
3. Upon receipt of the Town Board's recommendation, the Planning Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing and submit recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners.
4. Upon receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations, the County Board shall make a decision upon the application for a Conditional Use Permit.

#### **APPLICATION:**

Applications for Conditional Use Permits shall be made to the Zoning Administrator, together with required fees. The application shall be accompanied by a site plan showing such information as is necessary to show compliance with the McLeod County Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to:

1. Legal description of the property. (i.e. deed.)
2. Site Plan drawn to scale indicating parcel and building dimensions.
3. Location of all buildings and their square footage.
4. Certification from Veterinarian that adequate care will be established and maintained under his supervision.
5. Such other information as is necessary and reasonable to adequately review the request.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. **FOOD:** Dogs and cats must be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or the maintenance of body weight. Feed standards shall be those recommended by the National Research Council.
2. **WATER:** Dogs and cats must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the needs of the animals, or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water resource.
3. **TRANSPORTATION & SHIPMENT:** When dogs or cats are transported in crates or containers, the crates or containers must be constructed of nonabrasive wire or a smooth, durable material suitable for the animals.
  - Crates and containers must be clean, adequately ventilated, contain sufficient space to allow the animals to turn around and shall provide maximum safety and protection to the animals.
  - Exercise for twenty (20) to thirty (30) minutes and water must be provided at least once every eight hours.
  - Food must be provided at least once every twenty-four (24) hours or more often, if necessary, to maintain the health and condition of the animals.
4. **SHELTER SIZE:** A confinement area must provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit and lie in a normal position. Each confined animal must be provided a minimum square footage of floor space as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, plus twenty-five (25) percent, expressed in square feet.
  - › The formula for computing minimum square footage is: Length of animal plus twenty-five (25) percent, divided by one hundred forty-four (144.)

A shaded area must be provided sufficient to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times during the months of May through October.

5. **EXERCISE:** All dogs and cats must be provided the opportunity for periodic exercise, either through free choice or through a forced work program, unless exercise is restricted by a licensed veterinarian.
6. **GROUP HOUSING AND BREEDING:** Animals housed together must be kept in compatible groups. Animals must not be bred so often as to endanger their health.
7. **TEMPERATURE:** Confinement areas must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the animal involved.
8. **VENTILATION:** An indoor confinement area must be ventilated. Drafts, odors, and moisture condensation must be minimized. Auxiliary ventilation, such as exhaust fans, vents, and air conditioning, must be used when the ambient temperature rises to a level that may endanger the health of the animal.
9. **LIGHTING:** An indoor confinement area must have at least eight hours of illumination sufficient to permit routine inspection and cleaning.
10. **CONFINEMENT AND EXERCISE AREA SURFACES:** Where applicable, the interior surfaces of confinement and exercise areas, including crates or containers must be constructed and maintained so they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily cleaned. They must protect the animal from injury and be kept in good repair.
11. **DRAINAGE:** Where applicable, a suitable method must be used to rapidly eliminate excess fluids from confinement areas.
12. **SANITATION:** Food and water receptacles must be accessible to each animal and located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. (Waste matter, such as sweat, urine, or feces, discharged from the body.) Feeding and water receptacles must be kept clean. Disposable food receptacles must be kept clean. Disposable food receptacles must be discarded when soiled. Measures must be taken to protect animals from being contaminated with water, wastes, and harmful chemicals. Wastes must be disposed of properly. Where applicable, flushing methods and a disinfectant must be used periodically. Bedding, if used, must be kept clean and dry. Outdoor enclosures must be kept clean and base material shall be replaced as necessary.
13. **VETERINARY CARE:** Programs of disease control and prevention, euthanasia and adequate veterinary care shall be established and maintained under the supervision and assistance of a doctor or veterinary medicine.