

Tulare County
Health & Human Services Agency

Animal Services Division
Animal & Zoning Ordinance Updates
and
Kennel Minimum Standards



TULARE COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTIONS



Overview

- 2015 to 2019
- Public Outreach
- Animal Services Advisory Committee
- Proposed Revisions to Animal Ordinance
- New Commercial Kennel Minimum Standards
- New Rescue Organization Minimum Standards
- Proposed Revisions to Zoning Ordinance
- Summary

Goals and Objectives

- Address the pet overpopulation within County
- Improve health and well-being of animals within County
- Maintain the Agency's vision, mission, and core values
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Public Input

- **Outreach event in Pixley –September 25, 2018**
- **Outreach event in Sultana –September 26, 2018**
- Posted to Animal Services Website August 9, 2018
- Established dedicated email account receive questions/comments animalcontrolsupport@tularehhsa.org
- Letters sent to current kennel permit holders and swap meets
- Email updates sent to attendees of the August 9, 2018 Animal Services Advisory Committee
- Social Media Postings of link to revisions and updates
- Public Notices in Visalia Times Delta and Sun Gazette

Animal Ordinance Proposed Revisions

Article I

- Findings in Support of Animal Ordinance
- Revised and Expanded Definitions

Article II

- Incorporates references to CA code sections where applicable
- Authority to adjust/waive fees and penalties by Administrative Review Officer
- Recoupment of Enforcement Costs

Article III

- Licensing of Dogs
- Mandatory Microchipping
- Revised Spay & Neuter Requirements

Article IV

- Permitting
- Transitional Period
- Maximum Number of Adult Dogs
- Permit Application, Fees, and Term
- Revocation of Permit
- Transfer of Permit
- Kennel Standards

Article IV (cont.)

- Records
- Breeder Permits and Advertising
- Limitation on number of Breeder Permits
- Limitation on breeding of Animals
- Violations and Penalties

SWAP MEETS

- Prohibits sale of live Animals at Swap Meets within Tulare County's jurisdiction

Article V

- Spay/Neuter upon second impound within 24 months vs 12 months
- Animal Impoundment for Abuse or Neglect

Proposed Kennel Minimum Standards

Commercial Kennel Minimum Standards & Rescue Organization Minimum Standards

- Promotes health and wellbeing of Animals
- Establishes Standards including, but not limited to:
 - Housing space requirements
 - General and Veterinary Care
 - Exercising and Socialization
- Record keeping

Calculating Minimum Space

- Measure dog from nose to base of tale + 10” squared:
 - Dog measures 24”
 - $(24'' + 10'')$ ² = 1,156
 - Multiply by 3
 - $1,156 \times 3 = 3,468$
 - Divided by 144
 - $3,468 / 144 = 24.08$ sq. ft.
- This provides the minimum amount of floor space in square feet.
- Minimum vertical space requirement is sixty (60) inches.



Zoning Ordinance Proposed Revisions

Collaborative Effort

- Comprehensive animal and zoning ordinance package.
- Provide reasonable and uniform regulations regarding both non-commercial and commercial kennel activities.
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.
- Reviewed by Planning Commission February 27, 2019; recommendation to BOS to adopt proposed changes.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revisions

- Section 1. Section 2 “DEFINITIONS,” amending “KENNEL”: Any combination of building(s), structure(s), and/or land area(s) on an individual parcel where five (5) or more “Adult Dogs” – nine (9) months.
- Section 2. Part II B of Section 16, pertaining to “SPECIAL USES AND ZONES IN WHICH ALLOWABLE,” is amended so that the section pertaining to Kennels reads as follows: Kennels – Commercial Kennels, Boarding Kennels, and Rescue Kennels. AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, R-A, O, CO, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2, AP
- Section 2. Kennels – Personal Use Kennels. AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, R-A, O, CO, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2, AP. Personal Use Kennels require no Special Use Permit but are subject to appropriate Kennel “Licensing” approval from Tulare County Animal Services
- E. Any use of real property existing on the effective date... shall be regarded as a nonconforming use which may be continued for up to five (5) years after the effective date of this ordinance. On or after such date, all such nonconforming uses shall be public nuisances.

Requested Action & Next Steps

- Asking Board to adopt proposed Animal and Zoning Ordinance revisions.
- Asking Board to adopt newly created Minimum Standards for Commercial and Rescue operations.
- Direct staff to bring back the ordinance for the second hearing.
- Provide input to Animal Services on future ordinance revisions and focus.

Thank you

Questions?