



BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS FOR ISSUING
MULTI-PET PERMITS, DOG FANCIER PERMITS
AND COMMERCIAL KENNEL PERMITS**

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I. BALTIMORE CITY CODE

Baltimore City Code Article II Section 28 (F) Persons boarding or maintaining three (3) or more dogs or cats over six (6) months of age, or any combination thereof totaling three or more animals, at any one location shall obtain a Kennel Permit.

II. DEFINITIONS OF KENNEL PERMITS

A. MULTI-PET PERMIT

1. Family Pets.
2. No Boarding, Breeding or Selling of Animals.

B. DOG FANCIER PERMIT

1. Non-Commercial
2. No Boarding, Breeding or Selling of Animals.
3. For the purposes of hunting, practice tracking, or exhibition in Dog Shows or field or obedience trials.

C. COMMERCIAL KENNEL PERMIT

1. Includes any animal boarding place or other establishment for the commercial breeding of dogs and/or cats, or the boarding, grooming sale or training of dogs and/or cats for which a fee is charged; provided that animal hospitals maintained by a licensed veterinarian as part of the practice of veterinary medicine for the treatment of animals, and dog fanciers' kennels shall not be considered "Commercial Kennels."

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING PERMITS

A. MULTI-PET PERMIT

1. Applicant must contact Animal Control at 410-396-4694 to schedule a conference with a representative of Animal Control to discuss the process and to sign forms.
2. Applicant must obtain a "Use and Occupancy Permit Form" from 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 147. This must be brought to the conference.
3. Each residence must have a separate room for each animal that includes living room, bedroom, basement, etc. Excluded are dining room, kitchen and bathrooms.
4. Applicant must provide proof of rabies vaccination, Baltimore City Dog License and a picture of each animal currently at the residence.

5. The applicant need not own or have the animals on the premise while applying for a permit. By designating the number of animals, their breed and gender, the application may be submitted for approval.
6. An application provided by the Bureau must be completed and submitted with cash or a non-refundable check or money order made payable to The Director of Finance in the amount of \$80.00.
7. Renters must submit written permission from the property owner to have multiple pets.
8. Applicant shall post the property for ten (10) days before a permit is granted. If within the ten (10) day posting period, written objections are not received the Commissioner of Health or his Designate shall issue the permit. If written objections are submitted to the Bureau of Animal Control a Public Hearing shall be held in relation to the issuance of the permit; at which parties with interest shall have an opportunity to be heard. Denial of a permit shall be in writing with specific reasons for the denial.
9. The posting sign shall not be less than four (4) feet long and three (3) feet high with black lettering not less than two (2) inches high on white background. The sign shall be posted on the front of the premise in a conspicuous manner, not over ten (10) feet above the ground level and where it will be clearly visible and legible to the public. This sign shall be posted not later than ten (10) days after the conference.
10. Failure to follow all above instructions may result in denial of the permit and a notice being issued for the immediate reduction of the animal population to two (2). Article II Section 28 (F) of the Baltimore City Code as amended states any person violating any provision of this subtitle shall be issued a citation for \$100.00. If any violation is ongoing, each day shall be deemed a separate violation.

B. DOG FANCIER PERMIT

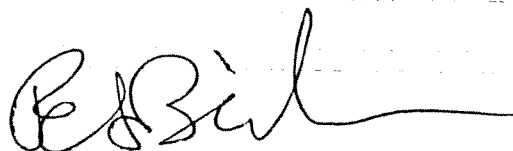
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C. COMMERCIAL KENNEL PERMIT

1. Applicant must have a conference with a representative of Animal Control to discuss the process and sign forms. Call 410-396-4694 to schedule conference.
2. Applicant must obtain all pertinent Maryland Licenses, Baltimore Zoning Permits, Variances, Building Permits, Trade Permits and all other necessary documentation. This will be brought to the application conference.

Approved:



Peter Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

3/14/00

Date