

## LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION



# DOG KENNELS HANDOUT

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### For areas outside an urban growth boundary:

#### 16.090 Definitions.

**Kennel; Commercial.** A place of business where dogs are boarded. No more than two of the dogs shall be used for breeding. The term is not intended to include an animal hospital or noncommercial kennel.

**Kennel; Commercial Breeding.** A place of business for the breeding and/or selling of dogs. The term is not intended to include an animal hospital or noncommercial kennel.

**Kennel; Noncommercial.** An establishment or premises where three or more dogs, over six months of age, are kept or maintained. No more than two of the dogs shall be used for breeding. The term does not include any animal hospital.

The policy of the Land Management Division is to allow 8 dogs as an accessory use to an existing dwelling. No application is required. This interpretation recognizes that keeping multiple dogs is a normal activity that occurs on rural residential, farm and forest lands when a dwelling is present. This policy doesn't allow for the breeding of more than 2 dogs. Refer to the definition of "noncommercial kennel". If allowed in a zone, a commercial kennel requires a special use permit. Refer to Table 1 for zones that allow a commercial kennel.

This interpretation is consistent with the purposes of the farm, forest and rural residential zones. The purpose statements of these zones include reducing the conflicts between farm and urban activities [refer to LC 16.212(1)(c)] and promoting a rural residential living environment that is compatible with surrounding lands [refer to LC 16.290(1)(b)]. Table 1 shows the number of dogs allowed and whether a planning permit is required.

Table 1

Zone	CHAPTER 16 Zone Name	Section	Base Limit: Personal Use no permit	Commercial Kennel: permit required	Code Citation
F-1	Non-Impacted Forest Lands Zone	16.210	8	Type II Home Occupation	16.210(2)-3.6
F-2	Impacted Forest Lands Zone	16.211	8	Type II Home Occupation	16.211(2)-3.6
EFU	Exclusive Farm Use Zone	16.212	8	Type II Conditional Use	16.212(3)-3.9
ML	Marginal Lands Zone	16.214	8	Type II Home Occupation	16.214(2)-3.2
RR	Rural Residential Zone	16.290	8	Type II Special Use Permit	16.290(4)(j)
RC	Rural Commercial Zone	16.291	8	Type II Special Use Permit	16.291(3)(t)
RI	Rural Industrial Zone	16.292	8	prohibited	-

Note: Not all zones have been included in Table 1. The listed zones cover approximately 95% of the county. Check with staff for permitted uses.

**For areas inside an urban growth boundary and outside the city limits.**

**LC 10.020 Definitions. Kennel.** Any lot on which three or more dogs over the age of four months are kept.

The Land Management Division applies the same policy for Chapter 10 as for Chapter 16. However, it is only applicable to existing dwellings in the A1, F1 and CA zones. All other zones have specific rules regarding dogs and kennels. Chapter 10 does not differentiate between commercial and non-commercial kennels. It contains standards for “kennels” but is silent on “commercial kennels”. Table 2 identifies how many dogs are allowed and whether a land use permit is required.

**Table 2**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>CHAPTER 10 ZONE NAME</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Base Limit: Personal Use no permit</b>	<b>Commercial Kennel: Permit required</b>	<b>Code Citation</b>
EFU	Exclusive Farm Use District	10.100	8	prohibited	10.100-10
FM	Forest Management District	10.102	unlimited	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.102-10(12) & 10.102-15(9)
F1	Important Forest District	10.103	8	Permitted or Type III Conditional Home Occupation	10.342
F2	Forest Land District	10.104	unlimited	Type III Special Use Permit	10.104-20(2)
FF20	Farm-Forestry District	10.105	unlimited	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.105-10(11) & 10.105-15(2)
GR10	General Rural	10.108	unlimited	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.108-10(9) & 10.108-15(17)
AGT	Agriculture, Grazing, Timber	10.110	8	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.110-10(11) & 10.110-15(4)
GR1	General Rural-I	10.112	unlimited	Type III Special Use Permit	10.112-10(9) & 10.112-20(1)(i)
GR11	General Rural-II	10.113	unlimited	Type III Special Use Permit	10.113-10(9) & 10.113-20(i)
RR	Rural Residential	10.130	5	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.130-10(8) & 10.130-15(12)
RA	Suburban Residential	10.135	5	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.135-10(14) & 10.135-15(3)
R1	Single Family Residential	10.140	5	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.140-10(12) & 10.140-15(2)
C1	Limited Commercial	10.155	Special Use Permit for 5	prohibited	10.155-15(2)
C2	Neighborhood Commercial	10.160	Special Use Permit for 5	prohibited	10.160-15(2)
C3	Commercial District	10.165	Special Use Permit for 5	prohibited	10.165-15(2)
CT	Tourist Commercial District	10.166	-	Permitted / Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.166-10(9) & 10.166-15(4)
M1	Limited Industrial	10.170	8	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.170-10(4) & 10.170-15(10)
M2	Light Industrial	10.175	8	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.170-10(4) & 10.170-15(10)
M3	Heavy Industrial	10.180	8	Type III Conditional Use Permit	10.170-10(4) & 10.170-15(10)
M4	Special Heavy Industrial	10.182	unlimited	Type III Special Use Permit	10.182-10(11) & 10.182-20(1)

- Notes:
- Not all zones are listed in Table 2. Check with staff for permitted uses.
  - The city codes are applicable inside the Eugene/Springfield urban growth boundary
  - Refer to the specific code citation for addition criteria. Some zones have acreage restrictions.