

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of an Ordinance)
Defining Commercial Kennels and)
Prescribing Fees for Commercial) ORDINANCE NO. 88-14
Kennels Which House and Maintain Dogs)
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WHEREAS, ORS 601.100 provides that counties may establish special license fees for commercial kennels which house and maintain dogs; and

WHEREAS, a special license must be established before March 1, 1989, in order to be effective in 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. A commercial kennel is a facility which:

- (A) Houses five (5) or more adult dogs;
- (B) Is kept for the exclusive purpose of housing dogs for sale or lease, breeding, boarding, show, hunting, racing, or herding, and not as pets; and
- (C) In which dogs are confined at all times so as to be unable to run free except when actually in use for the purpose for which they are kept.

SECTION 2. Annual commercial kennel fees are:

- (A) For the first five (5) dogs: \$25.00;
- (B) For six (6) to ten (10) dogs: 50.00; and
- (C) For eleven (11) or more dogs: 75.00.

SECTION 3. Kennel licensing standards.

- (A) Housing structures shall be sound and maintained in good repair to protect dogs from injury, safely confining any dog housed therein and preventing entry of other animals.
- (B) Reliable and adequate electrical service and a potable water supply shall serve the facility.
- (C) Storage of food supplies and bedding materials shall be designed to prevent vermin infection.
- (D) Safe and sanitary disposal facilities shall be available to eliminate animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals and debris, and to minimize vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards.
- (E) Adequate ventilation shall be maintained to assure animal comfort by such means as will provide sufficient fresh air and minimize drafts, odors and moisture condensation. Mechanical ventilation must be available when ambient temperatures exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

- (F) Interior building surfaces shall be so constructed and maintained to permit sanitizing and prevent moisture penetration.
- (G) Outdoor facilities shall provide protective shading and adequate shelter areas designed to minimize harmful exposure to weather conditions for those animals not acclimated to the environment.
- (H) In addition to the general standards contained in this section, the following standards of care shall apply specifically to the keeping of dogs in licensed facilities:
 - (1) Dogs shall be fed at least once daily a diet which is nutritionally adequate, and contains uncontaminated foods.
 - (2) Potable water shall be continuously available.
 - (3) Cages, rooms, hard-surfaced pens, runs and food and watering receptacles shall be sanitized to prevent disease not less than once every two weeks by washing with hot water (180 degrees Fahrenheit) and soap or detergent, by washing with a combination disinfectant and cleanser, by washing with a detergent followed with a safe, effective disinfectant or by cleaning with steam. Prior to the introduction of dogs into empty enclosures previously occupied, the enclosures shall be sanitized. Dogs shall be removed from the enclosure during the cleaning process and adequate care shall be taken to protect animals in other enclosures.
 - (4) Excrement shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination, reduce disease hazards and minimize odors.
 - (5) Dogs housed together in primary enclosures shall be maintained in compatible groups with the following restrictions, except in residential dwellings:
 - (a) Females in season (estrus) shall not be placed with males except for breeding purposes.
 - (b) Animals exhibiting vicious behavior shall be housed with adult animals other than their dams.
 - (c) Animals six months or less of age shall not be housed with adult animals other than their dams.
 - (d) Dogs shall not be housed with other species of animals.
 - (e) Dogs under quarantine or treatment for any communicable disease shall be kept separate from other dogs.
 - (6) Each dog shall be seen at least once during each 24-hour period by an animal caretaker.

SECTION 4. Kennel Regulations and Standards:

- (A) The Columbia County Dog Control Officer shall inspect any facility for which a license is sought and, upon a determination that the facility and its operation complies with the applicable provisions of all Columbia County

ordinances, other applicable state and federal laws, and all required fees are paid, shall issue a license.

- (B) A license shall be conspicuously displayed on the facility premises and a holder of a license shall keep available for inspection by the Dog Control Officer, a record of the name, address and telephone number of the owner of each dog kept at the facility, the date each dog was received, the purpose therefor, the name and address of the person from whom the dog was purchased or received, a description of each dog including age, breed, sex, and color, and the animal's veterinarian, if known.
- (C) Any unlicensed dog housed in the kennel must have rabies vaccination information available.

SECTION 5. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 88-14.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

To the extent any ordinance presently in effect in Columbia County is inconsistent with this ordinance, including Ordinance No. 79-4, they are repealed, but otherwise shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 8. Emergency.

This ordinance being immediately necessary to maintain the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON THIS 8th DAY OF November, 1988.

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