

ANIMAL ACTIVITY PERMITTING

OUR GOAL – HELP AND EXPAND OUR RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL RESCUE NETWORK

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"LIFELINES" FOR THE PRESENTATION:

ANIMAL SERVICES STAFF – ANIMAL PERMITS

GROWTH SERVICES STAFF – SPECIAL USE PERMITS

COUNTY ATTORNEY STAFF - ORDINANCES

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Our commitment to Animal Welfare and our Community

- Early 2025...
 - Revised Code of Ordinances to improve animal care standards (February 4, 2025, Ord. 25-03)
 - Added Animal Permit Requirements
 - Added Standards of Care
 - Revised Land Development Code to protect neighbors from potential nuisance (April 8, 2025)
 - Modified definitions
 - Animal Related Business, Animal Related Organization, Commercial Breeder, High-Volume Owner, and Kennel
 - KENNEL. Any place or premises where four or more dogs and/or cats, in aggregate, over four 20 months of age are groomed, bred, raised, boarded, or trained for compensation or income including an Animal Related Business; Animal Related Organization; Commercial Breeder; and High-Volume Owners with over thirty (30) dogs and/or cats in aggregate.



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How is it going?



- May 21, 2026... we moved into the new shelter...
- July 22, 2026 @ 6pm... Animal Rescue Partner Open House...
 - Presentation by staff – “State of MCAS”
 - Discussion on permit requirements...
 - Rescue concerns...
 - SUP requirements...
 - Animal Related Permit requirements...
 - Cost of applications...

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Importance of Rescue Organizations



- Rescue organizations can act as an extension of a municipal shelter's capacity, allowing the shelter to help more animals without having to provide every service entirely on its own.

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Diving deeper into concerns

- Some of the concerns...
 - Rescue Organizations 501 (c) (3)'s receive compensation or income $\neq$ Kennel (as defined by LDC)
 - Kennels are allowed by right in M2.
 - Kennels are allowed by SUP only in A1, A2, A3, B4, B5 and RC1.
 - **In practice, Rescue Organizations have operated in other Zoning categories not listed above.**
 - Cost of permitting
 - **Special Use Permit (SUP) - \$1,000**
 - Animal Permits – for rescue organizations \$0

Untangling Regulations.

Making it clear. Making it easier. Helping animals. 🐾



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How could we help on the Zoning side?



- An alternative could be to consider SUP applications for Rescues in more Zoning Classifications

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Can we help with the permitting cost?

Stronger Together for Animals

Good, responsible rescues are partners
and an extension of the shelter.

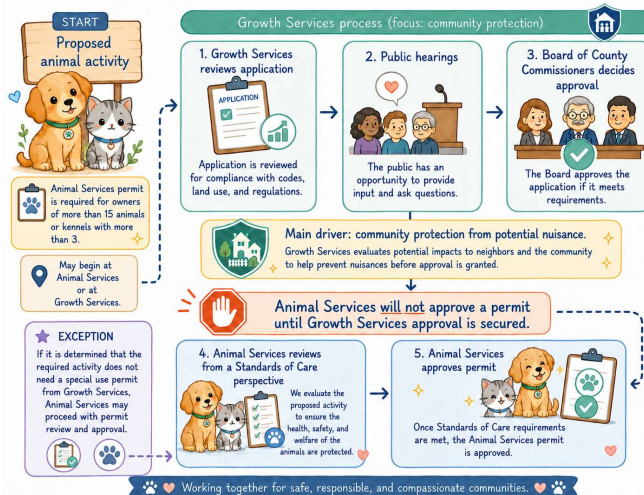
Let's help them by reducing zoning application costs.

Alternatives:

- Temporary exemption from fee or reduction of fee
- Permanent exemption from fee or reduction of fee



Where would you like us to go next?



- As related to SUPs?
- As related to Fees?