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Written Interpretation – Pet Grooming

Question: What zoning districts allow pet grooming?

Relevant Code Citations:

ARTICLE 1, SEC. 2.b

60.00 KENNEL. Any lot or premises or portion of it on which a combined total of more than five (5) dogs, cats, and other household domestic animals over six (6) months of age are kept; or on which more than two (2) of such animals are kept for: (a) breeding, boarding or training for compensation, or for (b) the purpose of sale. (Amended 5/21/2012 PC12-04)

[Note there is no definition in the Zoning Ordinance for Pet Shop]

SPECIFICATIONS A, C, D, F – ZONING DISTRICTS AND USES

Key: P = Permitted by right L = Permitted subject to limitations S = Special Use Permit [blank] = Prohibited

Specific Use	A1	R1	R2	R3	R4	B1	B2	B3	M1	M2	Standards (apply to S or L)
Kennel	L					S	S	S	P	P	Minimum of 3 acres provided the use, including any runs, pens, facilities, fencing and structures, shall be: Set back at least 200 feet from the nearest principal residence not occupied by the kennel operator; and, Set back at least 50 feet from any other property line; and, Fenced with a visual buffer to neighboring properties;
Pet Shop with Indoor Pens and/or Runs						P	P	P	P	P	
Pet Shop with Outdoor Pens and/or Runs	S					S	S	S	P	P	



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Interpretation: A pet grooming business, with only indoor areas for grooming and the keeping of animals, should be treated like a “pet shop with indoor pens and/or runs” and therefore allowed by right in the B-1, B-2, B-3, M-1 and M-2 zoning districts. This is because the primary characteristic of a kennel, the keeping of animals overnight, either indoors or outdoors, is not taking place at a conventional, stand-alone pet grooming facility.

If a person proposes a pet grooming business with outdoor areas to keep the animals, or a combination pet grooming facility and kennel, then the provisions related to kennels would control.

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