



# Dog Kennels & Keeping of Dogs in Foothills County

## Land Use Bylaw Regulations & Applications

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**KENNEL, COMMERCIAL** means the keeping on a property, for any purpose, of 4 or more adult dogs not owned by the resident(s) of the principal dwelling located on the same property.

**KENNEL, PRIVATE** means the keeping on a property, of 4 or more adult dogs that are owned by the resident(s) of the principal dwelling located on the same property.

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1. In accordance with Section 4.2 of the Land Use Bylaw, no permit is required for the keeping of up to three (3) adult dogs over 6 months of age at any one time, on a lot containing a dwelling, in all land use districts so long as the dogs are managed in accordance with all other municipal bylaws. (See Section 9.12.1 Keeping of Dogs)
2. In determining the number of dogs, pups less than six months of age shall not be included.
3. The keeping of more than three adult dogs requires a Development Permit for a kennel in accordance with *Section 10.13 Kennel provisions*.
4. The keeping of all dogs in the County shall be done in accordance with “*The Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw*”, as Appendix K of the Bylaw and the “*Community Standards Bylaw*” as Appendix J.
5. All kennels shall meet the following kennel provisions:
  - a. All dogs, including puppies, shall be kept indoors between the hours of 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM daily.
  - b. All dog facilities, including buildings and exterior exercise area, shall be located to the rear of the principal building unless otherwise approved by the Approving Authority.
  - c. All dog facilities shall be visually screened from the existing dwellings on adjoining lots in accordance with the County’s Screening Standards.
  - d. The Approving Authority may, when issuing a Development Permit, determine the maximum number of dogs that may be kept at any one time by the operator of a private or commercial kennel.
6. The following provisions apply to private kennels:
  - a. The keeping of 4 or more adult dogs owned by the resident(s) of the dwelling located on the same property shall be considered a Private Kennel.
  - b. A Development Permit is required for a Private Kennel.
  - c. Care should be given to situate buildings or exterior exercise area, used to accommodate dogs as part of a private kennel on the property as to not unduly interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjacent parcels.
7. The following provisions apply to commercial kennels:
  - a. The keeping of 4 or more adult dogs not owned by the resident(s) of the dwelling located on the same property for any purpose shall be considered a Commercial Kennel. Such uses may include but not be limited to the breeding, boarding, caring for, grooming, and/or training of dogs.
  - b. Commercial Kennel is a discretionary use under Direct Control District #26. Redesignation to Direct Control District #26 is required for all commercial kennels in the County. If approved by Council, a Development Permit approval is also required. More information on the *Keeping of Dogs* can be found in *Section 9.12* of the Land Use Bylaw.
  - c. Any building or exterior exercise area(s), to be used to accommodate the dogs as part of a Commercial Kennel shall be located:
    - i. A minimum of 300m to any dwelling located on adjacent parcels; or
    - ii. As determined by Council.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applications for both Land Use and Development Permit Applications must be accompanied with the following information:

1. A site plan (can be hand drawn) showing:
  - a. the entire parcel;
  - b. north at the top of the page;
  - c. all existing structures, proposed buildings and dog runs with measurements from the same, in feet or metres to all parcel lines;
  - d. location of any temporary garbage/feces storage bins and screening of these facilities;
  - e. all existing wells, septic tanks, disposal fields, dugouts on the parcel and storage areas;
  - f. any existing or proposed screening/sound attenuation, such as vegetation, fencing (type), etc.
2. Description of facilities, activities and the management plan for the kennel, including answers to the following:
  - a. How many dogs in total will there be at any one time?
  - b. Type, size and weight of dogs.
  - c. Do you plan to breed your dogs?
  - d. How will you mitigate barking and noise issues from the parcel?
  - e. How will you handle (picking up and storage) dog feces and how often?
  - f. How will you dispose of the feces and how often?
  - g. How much water will be used in relation to this kennel on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, whichever most accurately reflects the facts?
  - h. How many business-related visits do you anticipate on a daily basis? And, type of vehicle? (customers/clients, drop-off/pick-up, employees, deliveries, etc.)
  - i. Do you plan to have employees to this operation?
    - i. number of employees working on site at any time
    - ii. breakdown or number of part-time or full-time employees
    - iii. residents of the property or non-residents
    - iv. other employees attending the property for any other reasons
  - j. Hours and days of operation.
  - k. What buildings will be used on the parcel for this operation? Including storage areas.
  - l. Are there any new buildings proposed, and if so, what will they be used for. Please also include the building size and why it is necessary.
  - m. Provisions for loading and parking.
  - n. Access locations to and from the lot including roads and highways to be used and dust control measures to be implemented.
  - o. Proposed or existing fencing and dog runs include size, height and type of fencing (i.e. chain link, wood, sheet metal).
  - p. Will dogs be contained on site at all times? Please specify indoor or outdoor. If outdoors, please provide a detailed description of how they are contained.
3. Description of landscaping plans for visual buffering.
4. Particulars of any proposed use or involvement by persons other than residents of the lot.
5. If this parcel is not owned by the applicant, then they must receive written consent from the landowner to file an application.