

Recorder:

Deputy:

Beverly Howard

STATE IMPOSED RHSP:

ATTACHMENT TO ORDINANCE 18-07 DOC#2018R01824
MULTIPLE PET-OWNER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

1. Whenever used herein, the following words shall have the meaning set after them as follows:

- (a) Animal – means any dog; kept by an individual.
- (b) Building – means Any structure built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or movable property of any kind, and which is permanently affixed to the land.
- (c) “Breeding Females” shall mean an unspayed female dog, 12 months of age or older kept or maintained for the purpose of breeding and selling the dog’s offspring.

ARTICLE 5

REQUIREMENTS

Any person or entity owning or maintaining three (3) or more breeding females on their property is required to:

- 1. Acquire and maintain any and all applicable State and Federal licenses; and
- 2. Acquire and maintain a Cumberland County Multiple Pet-Owner License.

An applicant for a multiple-pet owner license shall consent to the inspection of the premises where their animals are kept or maintained. Such inspection may be performed before issuance of the license. If a license is granted under this ordinance such inspection may be had on an annual basis, or upon receipt of a complaint. Such inspection may be performed by the Administrator or any law enforcement agency located within the County of Cumberland. Failure to comply with a request for inspection is a violation of this article and grounds for revocation of said license.

The fee for a license under this section shall be \$ 25⁰⁰.

Holders of multiple-pet owner licenses shall conform to the following requirements:

- 1. All animals over four months of age must be inoculated against rabies and registered pursuant to local, state, and/or federal requirements.
- 2. All animals must be provided with a continuous supply of fresh water, sufficient food to maintain acceptable body weight, proper shelter, protection from the weather and sufficient veterinary care to prevent suffering.
- 3. If the animals are kept or maintained within a structure or building, such building shall:
 - a. Be kept in a reasonably clean, and free of feces and urine;
 - b. Not constitute a nuisance or danger to the health or welfare of its inhabitants nor surrounding residents;
 - c. Be well ventilated and maintain appropriate temperature (follow USDA guidelines) to prevent suffering to the animals.
- 4. If the animals are kept or maintained outside a building;
 - a. A shelter of sufficient size to permit such animal to stand up and turn around while inside the shelter when fully grown shall be accessible to the animal at all times;

- b. The shelter shall have four sides, a roof, floor, bedding; and an opening large enough for the animal to enter the shelter. The shelter shall be placed to provide shade from the sun and protection from the weather;
 - c. The shelter shall be placed at least ten feet from all property lines except where there is an alley; and
 - d. An animal shall be deemed to be housed outside if said animal is outside for more than eight hours in the aggregate during any 24-hour period or is outside for more than 30 minutes between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
5. Any animal covered under this Ordinance shall not run at large;
 6. Any animal covered under this act shall not constitute a nuisance;
 7. The licensee shall maintain the property in which any animal covered under this act is kept shall keep such property reasonably free of feces and urine to prevent its accumulation from constituting a health hazard or an odorous nuisance;
 8. The applicant shall not have violated any animal control ordinance more than three (3) times within the previous three (3) years from the date of application;
 9. The owner shall immediately notify the Animal Control Administrator of any change in the animals governed under this license including the rabies vaccination and registration required pursuant to this article.

Article 10

PENALTY.

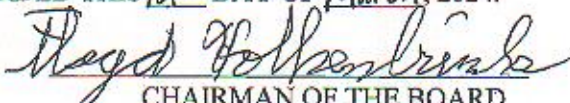
A. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions herein, shall be fined not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) for each offense, and every day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be considered a separate offense.

B. Any person who violates any of the provisions herein, shall be subject to revocation of their multiple-pet owner license at the discretion of the Animal Control Warden.

ARTICLE 20:

This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED THIS 12th DAY OF March, 2024.


CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK