

**KENNEL APPLICATION  
MARION TOWNSHIP  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**Name of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Information**

Parcel ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Size \_\_\_\_\_

Current Zoning \_\_\_\_\_

If multiple lots, are they contiguous? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG	BREED	DATE OF BIRTH	LICENSED (yes/no)

Please provide a plot plan that includes the lot lines, exercise areas, screening and all structures located on the parcel. Kennels must comply with the provisions of the township zoning ordinance (see reverse).

I hereby attest that the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant Date

Office Use Only			
<b>Date Received:</b> _____	<b>Fee Paid:</b> _____		
<b>Date Inspected:</b> _____	<b>Inspected by:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Denied</b>
<b>Comments:</b> _____			
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### Section 17.19 Kennels (*Amended 3/2023*)

The purpose of this section is to establish the standards and maintenance of operating a kennel within the township in order to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of residents and property owners and to preclude any harmful effects of such land use from occurring in any zoning district where such use may be permitted.

- A. **Locational Requirements:** Kennels are permitted by special use permit in the Rural Residential and Suburban Residential Districts.
- B. **Site Requirements:** A kennel shall be on a lot with a minimum lot size of two (2) acres for the first five (5) dogs and an additional one-third (1/3) acre for each additional animal thereafter.
- C. **Buffering Requirements:** Accessory buildings where dogs are kept, runs, exercise areas, and any other place where dogs are kept outside, shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from any lot line.
- D. **Barrier Requirements:** The dog runs or enclosures, exercise yards, and any places where the dogs are kept, either full-time or part-time, must be enclosed with a view obstruction noise barrier, such as a sound fence, to prohibit the escape of dogs. The fence or barrier shall have a minimum height of six (6) feet, a maximum height of eight (8) feet, be at least three (3) feet from any of the runs, exercise areas, places where the dogs are kept, or any exterior property lines, wetlands, or ponds.
- E. **Performance Standards:**
  - 1. All kennels shall be operated in conformance with all applicable county, state and federal regulations.
  - 2. Kennel indoor areas and any building used to house the dogs shall be insulated to minimize animal noises.
  - 3. Dog nuisance barking that results in a nuisance to neighboring landowners or residents is prohibited. Sounds created by a kennel shall be subject to the Marion Township Nuisance Ordinance.
  - 4. Exercise yards, when provided for training or exercising, shall not be used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
  - 5. Dog runs, exercise yards, and any places where the dogs are kept, either full-time or part-time, must be located in the rear yard only.
  - 6. Kennel outdoor areas shall be screened from view by appropriate screening as determined by the Planning Commission in conformance with Section 6.13—Landscaping, Fencing, Walls, and Screens.
  - 7. All dogs must be licensed, vaccinated, and maintained in a healthful and careful manner, in conformance with the Livingston County Animal Control Ordinance, Article LV, Section 1-7—Licensing and Vaccination.
  - 8. The building, heating, water supply, electricity and sanitary facilities shall meet the requirements of township ordinances and the Livingston County Building Department. In addition, all kennels shall be regulated, inspected, and licensed by the Livingston County Animal Control ordinance, Article IV, Section 1-7—Licensing and Vaccination.
  - 9. The kennel shall be owned and operated by the owner of the property.
  - 10. Kennel Indoor Area:
    - a. Indoor animal housing areas shall be provided with sufficient heating and cooling to protect animals from extreme temperatures and to provide for adequate care at all times. The ambient temperature shall be consistent with the needs of the canines and their life stage and medical condition. Adequate fresh drinking water must be present at all times for each animal.
    - b. Housing, whelping, and husbandry areas must be of sufficient size to allow room for each animal to stand and walk around freely, and exercise normal postural movements as well as allowing adequate room for bedding, food/water bowls, and the birth and care of any offspring.
    - c. The minimum size of the indoor enclosures shall be at least four (4) feet by four (4) feet square and four (4) feet high. There shall be a door or gate to each enclosure that allows easy access for inserting and removing the dogs. There shall be a minimum of one (1) enclosure per animal.
    - d. Each indoor enclosure shall have a door that allows access of the dog to an outdoor exercise area that is only accessible by a single indoor enclosure.
    - e. All floors within each enclosure shall be made of sealed or coated concrete to facilitate cleaning, drainage, and sanitation.

- f. Indoor animal play areas shall be of sufficient size to allow for maintenance of sanitary conditions and to avoid overcrowding of animals.
- g. Convenient toilet and hand washing facilities with hot and cold running water shall be available to maintain personal hygiene of kennel staff.

11. Kennel Outdoor Area:

- a. Outdoor areas and exercise areas shall have enclosed walls or fences to keep animals secured and to restrict the entry of dangerous animals from the outside.
- b. Outdoor areas and exercise areas shall have adequate drainage to prevent standing water.
- c. Animals shall not be allowed in outside areas unless they are able, in the environmental conditions present at that time, to maintain the normal body temperature appropriate for that species.
- d. The exterior run or enclosure for each indoor enclosure shall be a minimum of four (4) feet wide and twelve (12) feet long and have direct access to the kennel building. The opening into the kennel building shall have a sliding or other type of closable door.
- e. Outdoor areas and exercise areas shall be provided with areas of shade and adequate shelter to protect from rain, snow, and weather detrimental to the health of the animal. Adequate fresh drinking water must be present at all time for each animal while in the outdoor or exercise areas.
- f. Dogs shall be supervised at all times when outdoors.
- g. The premises shall be kept in a clean and sanitary manner to prevent the accumulation of flies, the spread of disease, or offensive odor.
- h. Dog odors shall not be detectable beyond the lot lines of the property in which the kennel is located.
- i. Dust and drainage from the kennel building, exterior runs or enclosures, or exercise areas shall not create a nuisance or hazard to adjoining properties or uses.
- j. All waste shall be disposed of according to state, county, and federal regulations.