

BUTTE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- KENNELS -

Q: When is a kennel permit required in Butte County?

A: A kennel permit is required when an applicant has a 'kennel' on their property, which is defined as "more than five dogs over the age of four months" (BCC §24-304).

Q: What type of kennel do I want/need?

A: Three types of kennels may be permitted in the County (as noted in BCC §24-165), subject to applicable regulatory requirements.

Commercial Kennels, a kennel operated for commercial purposes that is non-accessory to an on-site residential use. Minimum (2) two acre parcel size, or as needed to meet noise standards. Allowed in applicable zones with a *Conditional Use Permit*.

Personal Kennels, a kennel that is accessory to an on-site residential use. Minimum (2) two acre parcel size, or as needed to meet noise standards. Allowed in applicable zones with a *Minor Use Permit*

Personnel Hardship Kennels, a kennel authorized by the Zoning Administrator for a period of one-year due to a death, hardship, illness, or military deployment of a family member, not to exceed ten (10) doggies. Minimum one (1) acre parcel size. Allowed in applicable zones with an *Administrative Permit*.

Q: Where may kennels be located within the County?

A: Kennels must be located in a zone that allows kennels and meet applicable regulatory requirements, as noted below.

- Kennels are permitted land uses in: the Light Industrial (LI) and General Industrial (GI) zones.
- Kennels are permitted land uses with issuance of a *Conditional Use Permit* (or Minor Use Permit, or Administrative Permit as noted above) in the following zones: Agriculture Services (AS), Agriculture (AG) (no permanent improvements*), Foothill Residential (FR), Foothill County Residential (FCR), Rural Residential (RR), Rural County Residential (RCR), and Timber Mountain (TM).

* Zoning Code Amendment ZCA14-0003 would allow permanent improvements in the Agriculture zone. It is anticipated that ZCA14-0003 will be heard/decided by the Board of Supervisors in 2015.

Other Applicable Requirements

- Kennel Standards Applying to all Zones (BCC §24-165 B) DDS Permit Center 530-538-5359.
- Noise Control Ordinance 41A contains exterior and interior noise standards applicable to kennels, see Butte County Code (BCC) §41A-7 and §41A-8.
- Kennel license required from Butte County Animal Control 530-538-7409.
- Building permits necessary for new structures. DDS Permit Center 530-538-6861.
- Wastewater and water requirements from Environmental Health 530-538-7281.

Q: What is the cost of a kennel license?

A: Once a Conditional Use Permit (Minor Use Permit or Administrative Permit) has been approved by Development Services, the information is forwarded to Butte County Animal Control, where fees for a kennel license are based on the number of dogs allowed.

The kennel fee covers the individual license costs for the dogs and inspection of the site. 530-538-7409.