

Section 719.123 – Commercial Kennels

- A. In AG, LI, and HI districts, commercial kennels may be permitted on sites of at least five (5) acres.
- B. Macomb County shall license all commercial kennels and shall comply with the regulations of the Macomb County Animal Control Ordinance. Where the standards of the Lenox Township Zoning Ordinance are stricter, the Lenox Township Ordinance shall control.
- C. The site shall abut either a public road shown as a major or secondary thoroughfare on the Township's adopted Master Plan or an internal industrial park street.
- D. All animals shall be adequately housed, fenced, and maintained so as not to be or become a public or private nuisance. The premises shall be maintained in such a manner so as not to be harmful to surrounding properties or create any hazard or detriment to public health, safety, or general welfare.
- E. Kennels housing more than ten (10) dogs shall provide one (1) off-street parking space for each five (5) animals that can be boarded. Other uses shall provide parking to accommodate the maximum number of patrons using the facility at any one time.
- F. Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., all animals shall be confined in a sound and odor-proof kennel building that is completely enclosed and climate-controlled. During all other hours, the animals may be exercised as provided for in item G below.
- G. All objectionable noise shall be controlled as required by Section 2008 and shall not be permitted to become a nuisance for adjoining residential properties.
- H. Outdoor animal exercise shall be conducted within the confines of a fenced exercise yard on the property and limited to:
 - 1. Leashed animals under the direct supervision of their owners or commercial kennel staff.
 - 2. Small “play groups” of animals pre-selected for compatibility, supervised by kennel staff.

- I. Exercise yards and kennel buildings shall be located no closer than one hundred fifty (150) feet to any abutting residential property line.
- J. A dog kennel shall have at least the following two levels of outdoor exercise:
 - 1. Individual outdoor pens, separated by privacy panels to prevent the dogs from seeing one another.
 - 2. A yard completely enclosed by an obscuring fence.
- K. A second yard, enclosed by a 5-foot-high chain-link fence, is optional and may be substituted for the above.
- L. Unsupervised outdoor dog runs and pens are not permitted.
- M. The number of dogs housed, boarded, or kept in a kennel building shall not exceed one (1) dog for every fifty (50) square feet of floor area.
- N. All kennel buildings shall be fitted with soundproofing on walls, windows, and doors.
- O. The interior of the kennel building shall be capable of being hosed down and sanitized. Water supply shall be available, and floor drains shall be connected to the septic system.
- P. All kennels shall have an isolation pen for dogs that bark uncontrollably, to reduce their influence on other dogs.
- Q. Privacy panels are required between isolation pens.
- R. A variety of pen sizes shall be provided to accommodate both individuals and "families" of dogs.