



**FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

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DOG KENNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has experienced many problems with dog kennels being placed in close proximity to residential properties. To assure that all kennels are clean, sanitary, in good repair and maintained in such condition so as not to present a nuisance to the adjoining neighbors or the public nor an unsanitary environment for the dog's well being, and pursuant to Fresno County Ordinance Code Section 9.04.050, the following conditions must be met prior to the issuance of a permit from the Department of Public Health:

1. **THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A DOG KENNEL IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRESNO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED *PRIOR* TO COMMENCING ANY CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR OTHER KENNEL RELATED ACTIVITIES.**
2. Complete plans and specifications of the kennel facilities shall be submitted to and be approved by both the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning and the Environmental Health Division prior to construction or issuance of building permits.
3. Pens and/or kennel structures may not be located within fifty feet of any property line.
4. * Separate sewage disposal systems for kennels with a 1500 gallon septic tank must be installed to serve the manure flushing process.
5. * Leach lines or seepage pits must meet minimum setback requirements from any existing or proposed water well. The design of the septic system shall include the required 100% expansion area which shall also meet minimum setback requirements.
6. * Kennel buildings must be constructed with masonry walls, sloped to drain concrete floors, and double/dual pane windows for mitigating noise impacts.
7. Dogs must be placed in buildings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and any additional sound proofing that is feasible must be added.
8. The entire kennel and pen area must be screened from view by a solid six foot high fence.
9. Minimum dog run size will be four feet by four feet inside and four feet by twelve feet outside.
10. Feed storage must be located in a separate rodent proof room with food kept in rodent proof containers which are placed/stored eighteen (18) inches above floor surfaces.
11. * Separate hand washing and toilet facilities must be available in the kennel area.
12. Pens must be kept clean and sanitary at all times with an effective fly control and odor control program submitted to the Environmental Health Division for approval.
13. No exterior lighting shall interfere with neighboring residential properties.

Before any kennel license is issued, a permit therefor shall be obtained from the Fresno County Department of Public Health. For more information, contact Fresno Humane Animal Services at (559) 600-7387.

For items marked with an asterisk (), building permits are required and shall be obtained from the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services Division, Building and Safety (formerly Public Works), 2220 Tulare Street, (Fresno County Plaza), Fresno, California, 93721; telephone (559) 262-4029.