



Year \_\_\_\_\_  
License Period: Jan 1 – Dec 31

## Town of Belmont Kennel License Application

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Kennel, as defined by Mass General Law Ch. 140 §136A** (✓ Check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Boarding or Training Kennel (includes Animal Day Care)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Charitable Corporation Kennel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Kennel ( 4 to 8 animals only)

Kennel Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont, MA 02478

Kennel Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner is (circle one)    A) an Individual                      OR                      B) a business holding a current  
Business Certificate in Belmont

OR                      C) a Corporation or LLC Registered with MA Secretary of State

If Owner is a Corporation, Name of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Corporate Officer Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Officer Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Officer e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Telephone of On-site Kennel Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Hour Emergency Contact Name & Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Days & Hours of Animal Pick-up and Drop-off: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Hours Kennel Staff will be on-site: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Full-time Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Part-Time Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Special Permit was granted by Belmont Planning Board \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant must attach a copy of the relevant kennel/day care Planning Board Decision**

Maximum animal capacity as determined by Planning Board:

- Overnight Boarding: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Care: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Square Footage used for animal boarding: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Floor(s) used for animal boarding: \_\_\_\_\_

Square Footage used for animal day care: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Floor(s) in facility used for animal day care: \_\_\_\_\_

How many rooms will be used for animal day care: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have received, read, and understand the Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law Sections 1.4 and 3.3 and General Bylaws §60-200 and §60-205 (available in entirety at [www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov) and an excerpt of the General Bylaw is printed and attached hereto), pertaining to animals and kennels. I will operate this kennel in compliance with Belmont Zoning and General Bylaws.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Owner Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Review Process:** This application, with a check for \$150 made payable to *Town of Belmont*, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office (Town Hall 455 Concord Avenue). Once application is received, an inspection of your facility will then be arranged by the Health Department and abutters to the property will be notified. Abutters may offer comments to the Town Clerk for fourteen days. The Application, the Kennel Inspection Report and any comments received will be considered by the Town Clerk. You will be notified whether or not your kennel license is granted. If the license is not granted, you will be notified the reason for denial of the license and the remedies you can pursue. Applications for renewal of an existing Kennel License should be submitted annually by March 15<sup>th</sup>; renewal applications received after March 15<sup>th</sup> are subject to an additional fee.

Attachment: Belmont General Bylaws

- §60-205 Kennels
- Extract from §60-200 Pets and Other Animals

Checklist for Submission:

- Completed application
- Payment of \$150.00
- Copy of the Belmont Planning Board Decision allowing a kennel
- Workers' Comprehensive Insurance Affidavit: General Business & Copy of Declaration Page showing policy number and expiration date
- Massachusetts Department of Revenue – Revenue Enforcement and protection (REAP) Attestation

§ 60-205. Kennels.

- A. Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

KENNEL — A pack or collection of dogs on a single property, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel, domestic charitable corporation kennel, person kennel, or veterinary kennel, as defined in MGL c. 140, § 136A.

KENNEL INSPECTOR — The Town's Animal Control Officer, the Police Chief, or such other qualified party as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

KENNEL LICENSE — An annual license permitting a kennel to operate within the Town, issued to a kennel that has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of this section.

LICENSING PERIOD — The time between January 1 and the following December 31, both dates inclusive.

- B. Licenses; Fees; Requirements; Violations.

- (1) No person shall operate a kennel within the Town without first obtaining a kennel license from the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of this section. Possession of a kennel license shall not demonstrate compliance with any other provision of the bylaws of the Town of Belmont.
- (2) The Town Clerk shall determine the amount of the nonrefundable fee for a kennel license for each license period. The Town Clerk may charge an increased fee for applications for kennel license renewals after March 15 for that license period.
- (3) The location and operation of any kennel shall be appropriate for housing the number of dogs allowable under the terms of its kennel license and may not be detrimental to the health and safety of dogs or persons.
- (4) All kennels shall be operated in an safe, sanitary, and humane condition as provided in MGL c. 140, § 137C.
- (5) No kennel that provides overnight boarding of dogs may keep more than 25 dogs for overnight stays on the premises. Dogs that are on the premises for medical or surgical treatment or observation shall not be counted in this number.
- (6) No kennel may contract with security dog firms or other businesses to board protection or security dogs, or dogs in training to be protection or

security dogs on the premises. A security dog kept on the premises for the kennel's own security purposes is permitted.

- (7) Kennel operations including the exercising of dogs, shall be in an indoor enclosed area, except that individual dogs may be exercised one at a time in the prescribed outdoor area.
- (8) Every kennel shall at all times keep and maintain accurate records of the number and identities of all dogs kept on the premises, and the identities of persons who have purchased dogs from the kennel.
- (9) In addition to the requirements of this section, the provisions of § 60-200C and Article 6 of this chapter shall apply to all kennels.
- (10) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any violation of this section shall result in a fine of \$50 per such violation and, for violations continuing 30 days past licensing deadlines, and additional fine of \$100 per such violation. A person maintaining a kennel after the kennel license therefor has been revoked or while such kennel license is suspended, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250. Violations shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 140, § 173A.

C. Application process: license issuance; renewals.

- (1) Any person or entity seeking a kennel license or renewal or reinstatement thereof shall complete and submit to the Town Clerk a kennel license application, in a form prescribed by the Town Clerk. The application shall include a statement that the applicant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the provisions of this section and agrees to comply with all applicable provisions.
- (2) Upon receipt of a completed application, the Town Clerk shall so notify the kennel inspector who shall forthwith conduct an inspection of the applicant's kennel as provided in Subsection D. The Town Clerk shall also give notice of the application to direct abutters to the proposed kennel location and provide such abutters 14 days to submit written comments on the application.
- (3) The Town Clerk shall review the completed application, all comments received within 14 days of the notice to abutters given pursuant to Subsection D(2), and the kennel inspector's report. The Town Clerk shall determine whether the proposed kennel is in compliance with the requirements of this section and MGL c. 140, §§ 137C and 137 D, and, if so, shall issue a kennel license to the applicant. If the Town Clerk finds that the proposed kennel is not in compliance with such requirements, the Town Clerk shall deny the application and state the reasons for such denial. **[Amended 5-4-2015 ATM, approved 8-2-2015]**

- (4) Any application for renewal of a kennel license shall be submitted to the Town Clerk on or before March 15 for that license period.
- D. Inspections. The kennel inspector, the Police Chief, the Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer may at any time inspect a kennel or cause the inspection of a kennel to ascertain whether the kennel complies with the requirements of this section and applicable state statutes.
- E. Suspension or revocation of kennel license; reinspections.
- (1) If the Town Clerk denies a kennel license application or renewal application, the applicant or kennel license holder may request a reinspection of the proposed kennel after reasonably demonstrating to the kennel inspector that the proposed kennel has been brought into compliance with the requirements of this section and applicable state statutes. The kennel inspector shall thereafter, as soon as is practicable, reinspect the proposed kennel and make a report to the Town Clerk, who shall, within a reasonable time, review the application in accordance with Subsection C. The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this subsection.
- (2) If the kennel inspector, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer inspects or causes to be inspected a kennel and, in the judgment of the person or entity that performed the inspection, the kennel operator is not maintaining the kennel in compliance with this section and applicable state statutes, then the kennel inspector, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer shall, by order, revoke or suspend the kennel license, in accordance with MGL c. 140, § 137C.
- (3) If a kennel license is suspended, the kennel license holder may apply for reinstatement by requesting a reinspection of the kennel after reasonably demonstrating to the kennel inspector that the kennel has been brought into compliance with this section and applicable state statutes, and that the license holder has satisfied the terms of the suspension order. The kennel inspector shall thereafter, as soon as is practicable, reinspect the kennel and make a report to the Town Clerk who shall, within a reasonable time, review the application in accordance with Subsection C. The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this subsection.
- (4) If a kennel license is revoked, the kennel license holder may apply for a new kennel license in accordance with Subsection C. The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this subsection.
- F. Petitions to declare a kennel a nuisance. Any group of 25 citizens may file a petition with the Board of Selectmen setting forth that they are aggrieved, or annoyed to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs maintained in the Town due to excessive barking or other conditions connected with a kennel constituting a nuisance, as provided in MGL c. 140 § 137C. The Board of

Selectmen shall request that the kennel inspector investigate and provide a report for the parties' review prior to the public hearing provided in MGL c. 140, § 137C.

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**REVENUE ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) ATTESTATION**

**FOR BUSINESS CERTIFICATE**

I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

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- Signature of Individual or Corporate Name (Mandatory)

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- By: Corporate Officer (Mandatory, If Applicable)

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- \*\*Social Security # or  
Federal Identification Number

- This business certificate will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant.

\*\*Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. This request is made under the authority of Mass. General Law c. 62C s. 49A.