



Here's the Scoop

If you would like to keep **five or more adult dogs** in a residential district, you'll need a residential kennel conditional use permit (CUP).

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Residential Kennel Conditional Use Permits

FAQs

What is a Conditional Use Permit (CUP)?

A CUP allows a property owner to use their land for something not normally permitted by-right under current zoning rules. Each CUP is reviewed to make sure the use fits appropriately with the surrounding neighborhood. CUPs are granted by City Council.

What is a Residential Kennel?

A residential kennel is a premise that is home to more than four dogs over six months old that are kept for pets, breeding, hunting, exhibition/dog shows, field and obedience trials or other reasons.

How much is the permit fee?

The fee is \$360 (a reduced rate compared to typical \$1,090 CUP fee).

I foster dogs. Do I need a CUP?

Yes, if a total of more than four adult dogs are kept at one property. Fostering falls under the scope of "keeping as pets."

What about training dogs in my home?

Dog training and boarding as a business activity is handled differently. Please contact the Zoning office at 757-385-8074 to discuss your specific situation.



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QUESTIONS?

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Application Process

Applying for a Residential Kennel CUP may take about **four months from start to finish**. Applications will be heard at Planning Commission meetings, and the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council. City Council will issue final approval or denial of applications. Public notice is required by law ahead of both meetings.

**1**

Set up pre-application meeting

Optional but encouraged. Get your questions answered ahead of time to ensure a smooth process. Email PlanAdmn@VBgov.com or call 757-385-4621 to schedule.

**2**

Submit application

Submit application via Accela Citizen Access (VirginiaBeach.gov/PlanningApplications). Application reviewed by City staff.

**3**

Notify the public (first notice)

Planning Department sends letters to adjacent property owners and places an advertisement in the newspaper. Applicant is responsible for picking up notice signs from Planning and placing them on their property.

**4**

Attend Planning Commission public hearing

**5**

Notify the public (second notice)

Existing public notice signage updated to include City Council hearing dates.

**6**

Attend City Council public hearing

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Decision letter issued