ORDINANCE 2027-007

A NEW ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT GIBSON OKLAHOMA AMENDING TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 92: ANIMALS; SECTION 92.034 AMEDING AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

92.034 Kennels

1. *Private kennels.*
    1. *Number of animals; license required.* Any person owning, possessing, keeping, or harboring or allowing to be kept or harbored more than three dogs or three cats four months old or older shall be deemed to be operating a private kennel for such animals. No person shall operate a private kennel without first obtaining from the town an annual license to operate the kennel.
    2. ***Application and Fee Required.*** **Any person desiring to establish, maintain, or operate a private kennel within town limits shall submit a written application to the Town Clerk/ or Animal Control Officer prior to establishing or operating such kennel. No private kennel shall be established or operated until the required application has been approved and any applicable fees have been paid. An applicant shall pay the following fee: Initial private kennel application fee: $100.00.All fees shall be paid to the Town Clerk at the time specified by the Town. Application fees shall be nonrefundable unless otherwise provided by ordinance or applicable law.**
    3. ***Application Review and Approval.*** **The Town shall review each completed application to determine whether the proposed private kennel complies with applicable ordinances and requirements. The Town may conduct an inspection of the property, upon lawful notice and with any required consent or legal authorization, before approving the application and may require reasonable corrections to address identified violations. Shall an application be approved a business license shall be obtained.**
    4. ***Denial, Suspension, or Revocation.*** **The Town may deny, suspend, or revoke a private kennel license for failure to comply with this ordinance or other applicable laws, subject to any required notice, opportunity to respond, and appeal procedures established by law.**
    5. ***Enforcement.*** **Operating a private kennel without the required approval or license or failing to comply with the requirements of this section, shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to the enforcement provisions and penalties otherwise established by the Town Code.**
    6. *Maintenance requirements.* Private kennels shall be maintained in accordance with the written standards of the American Humane Society and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
    7. *Inspections.* Licenses under this section shall permit the Animal Control Officer to inspect the premises used as a private kennel **at anytime.**

~~*2.Commercial kennels prohibited.* No person may operate a kennel within the town limits for pecuniary gain or as a commercial business. The private kennel license provided for in this section does not authorize the conducting of any commercial kennel operation but only authorizes the holder to keep more than three dogs or three cats as pets for the personal use of the family residing on the premises where the animals are kept.~~

2. **Commercial Animal Boarding Facility.**
    1. **Commercial Animal Boarding Facilities shall only be located in the approved Zoning Districts, A-1 Agricultural, C-1 Local Commercial, C-2 General Commercial.**
    2. **Maintenance Requirements. Commercial Boarding Facilities shall be maintained in accordance with the written standards of the American Humane Society and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.**
    3. **Inspections. Licensees under this section shall permit the Animal Control Officer to inspect the premises at anytime.**
    4. **Purpose and Intent. The Purpose and Intent of a Commercial Animal Boarding Facility is for the temporary care of domestic pets, to include overnight stays as needed. Commercial Boarding Facilities shall not be utilized as a breeding facility.**
3. ***Repealer.***
   All ordinances or parts of ordinances in direct conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict only.
4. ***Severability.***
   Should any section, subsection, sentence, provision, clause or phrase hereof be held invalid, void or unconstitutional or any reason, such holding shall not render invalid, void or unconstitutional for any other section, subsection, sentence, provision, clause, or phrase of this resolution and the same are deemed severable for this purpose.

(Prior Code, § 6-2-5) Penalty, see § 92.999

***Cross-reference**: Kennel defined, see § 157.004*

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF FORT GIBSON, OKLAHOMA THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Mike Sharpe, Mayor

ATTEST:
Cassandra Weidman, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT GIBSON OFFICIAL SEAL OKLAHOMA

Amended by Ord. 2027-006 on 10/26/2026