

ARTICLE XX **KENNEL LICENSE FEE STRUCTURE**
(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will amend its fee structure for kennel licenses as follows:

Type of Kennel	Fee
Commercial Boarding or Training Kennel	\$125.00
Commercial Breeder Kennel	\$125.00
Domestic Charitable Kennel	No Fee (Exempt by statute.)
Veterinary Kennel	\$125.00
Personal Kennel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$45.00 (1-4 dogs six months of age and older)• \$89.00 (5-9 dogs six months of age and older)• \$125.00 (10 or more dogs six months of age and older)

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION

Move that the Town amend its fee structure for kennel licenses as set forth in the article.

SUMMARY

This article proposes to amend the Town’s fee structure for the issuance of kennel licenses. This article does not request any appropriations. Currently, the Town Clerk’s office calculates kennel license fees as follows:

- 1-4 dogs = \$45.00
- 5-9 dogs = \$89.00
- 10-19 dogs = \$125.00

Recent revisions to state law governing animal control define kennels in five categories for licensing purposes: Commercial Boarding or Training Kennels, Commercial Breeder Kennels, Domestic Charitable Kennels, Personal Kennels, and Veterinary Kennels. This amendment would modify the Town’s licensing fee structure to reflect the five new statutory categories listed above. This amendment does not change any zoning provision related to kennel uses or permit any uses currently not allowed. Under this new fee structure, the fee for a Personal Kennel license would remain the same as it is now. This article changes fees only for non-Personal Kennels operated for commercial or veterinary purposes to a flat \$125.00, which is in line with kennel fees in other towns.

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Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Finance Committee