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SECTION 1122. KENNELS, COMMERCIAL:

DEFINITIONS:

"Commercial Kennel" shall mean an establishment where dogs of any breed are bred and sold for profits.

"Service Kennel" shall mean an establishment where dogs of any breed are boarded or kept for another owner at a profit of the kennel owner.

Commercial kennels, service kennels, and the like, may be permitted as a Special Approval Use, accessory to a residence, in the AR district only, subject to the following:

- A. A limited kennel is defined as having not less than six (6) but not more than ten (10) dogs. For such use, there shall be provided a minimum of one hundred fifty (150') feet from the kennel or run to any side or rear lot line, and not less than two hundred fifty (250') feet from the center of the road. A minimum site shall be five (5) acres.
- B. An unlimited kennel is defined as having more than ten (10) dogs. For such use there shall be a minimum of two hundred fifty (250') feet from the kennel or run to any side or rear lot line and not less than three hundred fifty (350') feet from the center of the road. The minimum site shall be ten (10) acres.
- C. All pens are to be enclosed in a building and runways shall be screened from view from all directions by either a building or greenbelt plantings as required by the Planning Commission. A secondary fence must enclose all runs.
- D. All animals shall be adequately housed, fenced and maintained so as not to be or become a public or private nuisance. The health and welfare of the animals shall meet the St. Clair County regulations governing kennels. The premises shall be maintained in such a manner so as not to be harmful to surrounding properties, or create any hazard or detriment to public health, safety, or general welfare.
- E. There shall be an opening in the building housing the animals to permit them easy entrance and exit. The opening must have a door to retain the dogs.
- F. All gates on fences where the dogs are enclosed must have a self closing latch to which a lock may be fastened. (5/96)
- G. Kennels housing more than ten (10) dogs shall provide one (1) off-street parking space for each five (5) kennel runs. All users shall provide parking to accommodate the maximum number of patrons using the facility at any one time with a minimum of three (3) spaces required. The parking area shall be screened from view of an abutting

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residential district by a wall, pressure treated wood fence, or a greenbelt in a manner that is satisfactory to the Planning Commission.

- H. All objectionable noise shall be controlled as required by the Performance Standards of this Ordinance.
- I. Any use permitted by the Township under this Section shall terminate immediately when the lot area requirements herein set forth are decreased in any manner or the provisions of this Ordinance are violated.
- J. All animals six (6) months of age and older shall be counted in the total number of animals.