

RESEARCH ON KENNELS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 7/27/2026

- **Otter Tail County** – Same basic code, no ordinance on kennels or limit on number of dogs.
- **Battle Lake: 91.06 KENNELS. (A)** Definition of kennel. The keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises, whether owned by the same person or not and for whatever purpose kept, shall constitute a “kennel;” except that a fresh litter of pups may be kept for a period of three month before that keeping shall be deemed to be a “kennel.” (B) Kennel as a nuisance. Because the keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises is subject to great abuse, causing discomfort to persons in the area by way of smell, noise, hazard, and genera] aesthetic depreciation, the keeping of three or more dogs on the premises is hereby declared to be a nuisance and no person shall keep or maintain a kennel within the city. Penalty, see § 91.99
- **Pelican Rapids: 503.09 NUMBER OF ANIMALS RESTRICTED.** The number of licensed animals permitted shall not exceed four (4) per dwelling unit. Any existing dwelling which becomes nonconforming on the effective date of this Section shall not have the number of permitted animals enlarged, but may continue with the existing animals until the death of the animals in excess of the permitted number.
- **Lake Park: § 91.22 KEEPING.**
It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, or harbor within the city any of the following animals: (A) Any animals or species prohibited by state statute or federal law; (B) More than three dogs over the age of six months; or (C) Any non-domesticated animals or species as defined in § [91.21](#).
§ 91.23 EXCEPTIONS.
(E) More than three dogs more than six months old allowed by special permit approved by the City Council for such periods as the Council may determine. The Council shall designate the appropriate staff to investigate all such applications and make recommendation on the application and forward same to the Council. A permit may be issued only if the Council is satisfied that other residents of the city will not be annoyed thereby.
- **Hawley: KENNEL:** Any place four (4) or more dogs or four (4) or more cats over six (6) months of age are kept in a single location for breeding, hunting, show, training, field trials, exhibition purposes, or as personal pets. (An annual kennel license is required for any place where 4 or more dogs and/or cats over 6 months of age are kept.)
- **Detroit Lakes:** Pet: The City of Detroit Lakes requires the registration and licensure of dogs and cats within City Limits. Pet Owners must complete the application and adhere to the laws set forth in the City of Detroit Lakes Municipal Code. No person

shall own, keep, harbor any dog or cat over the age of three months within the city unless a license has first been licensed. Each person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat shall pay the license fee imposed to the city administrator on or before the first day in January in each year, upon acquiring ownership or possession of any unlicensed dog or cat. Every application for a license shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog or cat to be licensed has been given a vaccination against rabies within a period of one year preceding the application for license. The City of Detroit Lakes limits the number of animals in a household to 2. There shall be no more than 2 animals per household, unless all of the animals are sterilized. Any combination thereof shall not exceed three sterilized animals.

Dog Kennel. Any place where three (3) dogs or more over six (6) months of age are boarded, bred, and/or offered for sale, except a veterinary clinic.

- **Perham: § 93.32 KENNELS.** (A) *Definition.* The keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises, whether owned by the same person or not, and for whatever purpose kept shall constitute a “kennel;” except that a fresh litter of pups may be kept for a period of three months before such keeping shall be deemed to be a “kennel.” (B) *Nuisance.* Because the keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises is subject to great abuse, causing discomfort to persons in the area by way of smell, noise, hazard, and general aesthetic depreciation, the keeping of three or more dogs on the premises is declared to be a nuisance, and no person shall keep or maintain a kennel within the city. (Ord. 211, passed 7-12-99)