

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF SEC. 106-1 (DEFINITIONS), SEC. 218-1 (PERMITTED USE TABLE), SEC. 218-13 (STANDARDS OF USE AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, AS AMENDED, REGARDING LIMITED ANIMAL SERVICES AND KENNEL, PET BOARDING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Title 2 the Unified Development Ordinance of Rockdale County (Subpart B – Planning and Development of The Code of Rockdale County, Georgia), as amended, governs land use and zoning; and

WHEREAS, provisions within the Unified Development Ordinance pertaining to Limited Animal Services and Kennel, Pet Boarding require revision in order to create standardized regulations and criteria governing their location of so as to protect the health, safety, climate, and welfare;

WHEREAS, public hearings were held following public notice and all other requirements of Sec. 238-4 of the Unified Development Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same as follows:

Section I

That Sec. 106-1 entitled “Definitions” subsection (c) entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended by enacting the following:

Animal services, Limited: A use that provides grooming and training services for dogs or cats or other small animals.

Kennel, hobby: An accessory use for the keeping of up to seven dogs or cats or other small animals or any combination thereof (except litters of animals of not more than six months of age) is carried on for the purpose of showing, training, or breeding. Such use specifically excludes any operation for which a fee or other compensation is charged and also excluded any commercial use.

Kennel, pet boarding: Any use where up to 21 dogs or cats or other small animals or any combination thereof (except litters of animals of not more than six months of age) are maintained for boarding, sitting, breeding, or similar purpose for a fee or other compensation is carried on. May also include Animal services, Limited activities.

Section II

That Sec. 218-1 entitled “Table of Permitted Uses” is hereby amended by enacting the following:

NAICS Code	Uses	Suppl. Reg?	A-R	R-1	R-2	CRS	CSD	MUR	RM	CID	O-I	NC	MxD	C-1	C-2	OBP	M-1	M-2	CSO
	Animal services, Limited		C							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
812910	Kennels, Pet Boarding	(kk)	C											P			P	P	

Section III

That Sec. 218-13 "Supplemental Standards of use and development" is hereby amended as follows:

(kk) ***Kennel, pet boarding.***

- (1) The lot size shall be no less than two acres within the A-R Zoning District.
- (2) Any building or enclosed structures for the housing of animals shall have minimum side and rear setbacks of at least 100 feet:
 - a. Within the A-R Zoning District;
 - b. When adjacent to residential districts.
- (3) All areas maintaining animals outside shall be completely enclosed by walls or fences at least six feet in height and shall be located no closer than 200 feet from property lines or street right-of-way.

Section IV

That all ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section V

That should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

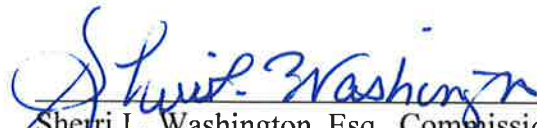
EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective as of the date hereof.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 22 **DAY OF** June, 2021.

**ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Oz Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman



Sherri L. Washington, Esq., Commissioner Post I



Dr. Doreen Williams, Commissioner Post II

Attest:

By: 
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

By: 
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First Reading: April 27, 2021

Second Reading: 6/22/2021