

Los Angeles City Dog Kennel Rules and Regulations

The Los Angeles Kennel Permit Standards contains 33 standards that Los Angeles City kennel owners must comply with. There are maybe 10 standards that go back at least in part to this or some other Municipal Code section (i.e., licensing, vaccination, inspection, spay/neuter ordinance, permit posting, GENERAL care standards) or State law (tethering). The remainders of the standards, which are the SPECIFIC animal care standards fall under Chapter 5, Article 3, Sec. 53.50 (e) of the Code, which states:
... (e) RULES AND REGULATIONS. The General Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations as he deems reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of this article, and to insure the maintenance of approved and humane conditions at any place for which a permit is granted hereunder. A copy of such rules and regulations shall be furnished to each applicant for a permit upon the filing of his application. (Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)

The General Manager of LAAS set more than 2/3 of the standards that Los Angeles kennel owners are now held to in the City of Los Angeles, not specifically by ordinance. Compare the Los Angeles kennel ordinance that was enacted by the City Council, versus the LAAS Kennel Standards that are the REALITY of what L.A. City kennel owners will have to live with if they are able. It's not necessarily the ordinance that seems onerous, but the REGULATIONS that come afterwards.

There are certain requirements that come under other sections of the Municipal Code that dog kennels must also adhere to (i.e., licensing, vaccination, spay/neuter ordinance, inspections), but most of the items listed in the Kennel Permit Standards come under Sec (e) rules and regulations set by the General Manager and have been set by the General Manager (or maybe the LAAS Commission) and not by ordinance. This shows how much power goes to those who are empowered to write regulations. A law may sound simple on the surface, but don't forget to consider the potential regulations that could go along with it.

The March 2010 Kennel Permit Standards :

[http://www.laanimalservices.com/PDF/permits/Kennel Permit Standards March 2010 final.pdf](http://www.laanimalservices.com/PDF/permits/Kennel%20Permit%20Standards%20March%202010%20final.pdf)

The Ordinance:

http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=amlegal:lamc_ca

SEC. 53.50. DOG KENNELS, ETC.

(a) **Permit Required. (Amended by Ord. No. 170,171, Eff. 1/20/95.)** No person, without first obtaining a permit therefore in writing from the Department, shall keep, conduct or operate within the City of Los Angeles any dog kennel, cat kennel, pet shop, zoo,

animal rental establishment, animal grooming parlor, riding academy, livery stable, boarding stable, pony ring or pony ride, horse market, mule market, circus, rodeo, pet show, cat show, animal acts or exhibitions, alligator farm, ostrich farm, wild animals, miscellaneous animal or reptile establishment, or carrier and homing pigeons which are to be liberated for exercise or racing.

(b) **Application – Contents of.** Each application for permit hereunder shall be in writing upon a form to be furnished by the Department, and shall contain such information as the General Manager, by rule or regulation shall require. **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

All permits issued by the Department as required by this article shall expire one year from the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked or suspended, or unless the holder of such permit changes the location of his place of business, or sells, assigns, transfers or otherwise disposes of such business or his interest therein for a period of 30 days. **(Amended by Ord. No. 150,576, Eff. 3/26/78, Oper. 7/1/78.)**

Upon the expiration of any permit and within thirty days thereafter, the permittee shall apply for and secure a renewal of the permit in the manner provided for in this article upon paying the proper fees. Upon failure to make application for renewal of such permit within the time herein provided, the applicant shall pay, in addition to the regular permit fee, a penalty of 15% of any such renewal fee. **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

All permits issued hereunder shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place. **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

(c) **Investigation.** Upon the filing of each application hereunder, either for an original permit or a renewal thereof, the Department shall make such investigation as it deems proper. It shall then issue a permit to the applicant if it finds that: **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

1. The keeping of animals, or the conduct or operation of the business for which the permit is requested, and at the place set forth in the application, will not violate any law or ordinance of this City, or any law of the State of California; and

2. The keeping of animals, or the conduct or operation of the business for which the permit is requested will not constitute a menace to the health, peace or safety of the community; and

3. The premises and establishment where animals are to be kept is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and that animals will not be subject to needless suffering, unnecessary cruelty or abuse; and

4. The applicant has not had a permit revoked within one year prior to the application.

(d) **Revocation or Suspension – Grounds – Procedure.** Any permit issued hereunder may be revoked or suspended under the procedure outlined in Sec. [22.02](#) of this Code, if, after due investigation, the Department finds: **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

1. That the permittee, his agent, or employee, has been convicted of any offense involving the violation of Section 597 of the Penal Code of the State of California, or any provision of this article; or

2. That the permittee, his agent, or employee, has, at the place for which the permit was issued, failed to provide any animal, fowl or reptile in his possession, care or control, with proper and sufficient food, drink, shelter, or protection, or subjected any such animal, fowl or reptile to needless suffering, unnecessary cruelty, or abuse; or

3. That the permittee, his agent, or employee, has failed to maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition; or

4. That the permittee, his agent, or employee, has violated any rule or regulation of the Department. **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** The General Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations as he deems reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of this article, and to insure the maintenance of approved and humane conditions at any place for which a permit is granted hereunder. A copy of such rules and regulations shall be furnished to each applicant for a permit upon the filing of his application. **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff. 4/10/67.)**

(f) **Permit Fees. (Amended by Ord. No. 180,697, Eff. 6/26/09.)** The Department, before receiving any application for granting of any permit required by this Section, shall require the payment of an annual permit fee of the type and in the amount set forth in this Section as follows, or as revised in the manner set forth in Subsection (a) of Section [53.12](#):

1. Dog Kennel \$225.00
2. Cat Kennel \$210.00
3. Pet Shop \$275.00
4. Zoo \$180.00
5. Animal Rental Establishment \$210.00
6. Pet Show, Dog Show, Animal Acts or Exhibitions \$380.00
7. Alligator Farms, Ostrich Farms and Wild Animals \$150.00
8. Miscellaneous Animals or Reptile Establishment \$150.00
9. Circus, First Day \$3,100.00
Per Day Thereafter Included
10. Rodeo, First Day \$665.00
Per Day Thereafter Included
11. Homing Pigeons \$225.00
12. Riding Academy, Livery Stable, Board Stable, Pony Ride, Horse Market or Mule Market \$180.00
13. Animal Grooming Parlor \$130.00
14. Filming with Animals \$300.00
15. Filming per day, Thereafter Included

The fees imposed herein for a pet show or a dog show shall be waived in the event that such show is held in a public park.