



Pierce County Business Licensing
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Animal Business License Instructions

Step 1

- **Before applying for your license you must obtain a development permit through Planning and Land Services (PALS).** For information on this process and the fees please contact the PALS Development Center at (253) 798-3739, Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 2:00PM. PCC 2.05.040-15

Step 2

- **Bring the following items to our office to apply for your business license:**

- Completed application for Animal Business License
- Approval from PALS
- Valid Business License, if applicable
- For Hobby Kennel or Cattery, proof of activity or club membership
- Veterinary proof that pets are altered
(Required for Private Kennel/Cattery and Altered Foster Shelter/Kennel/Cattery)
- For Foster Kennel, proof of involvement with a foster care group/organization
- License Fee

Requirements:

1. Any person keeping more than ten dogs and/or cats must provide kennel facilities.
2. Kennel facilities are kennels, animal runs, enclosures, and/or any other building used for the keeping or housing of such dogs/cats. Kennel facilities shall comply with all zoning and code requirements, such as setbacks.
3. Animals kept more than sixty days will be considered owned by the person housing the animal and must be licensed under PCC 6.04.020, Foster Shelter, Kennel, or Cattery.
4. Persons providing temporary housing must comply with PCC 5.24.030 F.