

ORDINANCE V25-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-42(b) KENNEL LICENSES

WHEREAS, Village ordinance 6-42(b) Kennel License, adopted in 2015, states (dog) kennels may only be located in General Agricultural or Community Commercial zoned districts, and

WHEREAS, there is a public interest in operating kennels in Rural Residential zoned districts, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Residential zoning code allows for agricultural and general farming, and housing of livestock, as acceptable accessory uses and structures, and

WHEREAS, Harrison is marketing its Community Commercial zoned districts to attract retail type business, and

WHEREAS, it may be more suitable to permit kennels in Rural Residential than Community Commercial zoned districts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Calumet County, State of Wisconsin, does hereby amend ordinance 6-42(b) as follows:

Sec. 6-42. Issuance of dog and kennel licenses.

(b) Kennel licenses.

- (1) Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of the license fee for each dog required by this chapter, apply for a kennel license for the keeping or operating of the kennel. Such person shall pay for the license fee established by Wis. Stats. § 174.053(1). Kennels may only be located in a General Agricultural [AG] or ~~Community Commercial [CC]~~ or **Rural Residential [RR]** zoning district pursuant to the village zoning regulations.
- (2) The term "kennel" means any establishment wherein or whereon four or more dogs are kept, **and/or is engaged in the business of boarding, breeding, buying, letting for hire, training for a fee, or selling of dogs or cats.**
- (3) No kennel license shall be issued to the keeper or operator of a kennel who fails to provide proper food and drink and proper shelter for the dogs in said kennel or who neglects or abandons said dogs. ~~The village board~~ **Law enforcement** or other designated official shall investigate any complaints regarding the failure to maintain proper standards or investigate any kennel premises upon his own initiative. ~~Expressly incorporated by reference in this section as minimum standards for kennel keepers or operators are the relevant provisions of Wis. Stats. ch. 948.~~

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Harrison this 28th day of January 2025.

Allison Blackmer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Tessen, Clerk

Recorded Vote: ____ Ayes ____ Nays