

**CITY OF DEXTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER TEXT AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10-38 OF THE GENERAL CODE**

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter City Council will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via the Zoom online meeting platform. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment regarding proposed text amendments to Section 10-38 City of Dexter General Code of Ordinances. Interested parties may join the meeting as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91815398082>
Dial In: 877-853-5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 918 1539 8082#

The purpose of the text amendments is to reconcile language between the General Code and City of Dexter Zoning Ordinance and clarify that residents who own four or more pets are not required to obtain special land use approval and an annual zoning compliance permit. A corresponding Zoning Ordinance text amendment will establish that Commercial Kennels are required to obtain an annual zoning compliance permit in addition to special land use approval, which is already required. The proposed General Code text amendments are as follows. Text to be added is underlined; ~~strikeout~~ text is to be deleted.

Section 10-38. – Pet Ownership

- (a) Pet ownership of certain animals expressly owned by any residents shall be permitted in residential districts and shall include:
 - (1) Small animals (legal, nonprotected species) confined solely within the dwelling proper (e.g., rodents, birds and reptiles);
 - (2) Marine (fish) species except those prohibited by protective law;
 - (3) Domesticated dogs and household cats as single pets providing they are in compliance with the ordinance.
- (b) Keeping, possession, or harboring of live hogs, cows, sheep, goats, or any species of equines is prohibited.
- (c) Keeping, possession, or harboring of protected species, except as federally approved, is prohibited. Keeping, possession, or harboring undomesticated animals of a wild or feral nature, or larger than a house cat, is prohibited.
- ~~(d) Any resident who keeps four or more dogs and/or cats shall be required to first obtain a special use permit from the city council after a public hearing held in the manner required for special use permits under the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the city.~~

~~[sic] Any resident who keeps four or more dogs and/or cats shall annually, on or before the first day of January, apply for and obtain from the city zoning official a zoning compliance permit, which application shall certify under oath that the applicant is in full compliance with all the provisions of this article and all other ordinances pertaining to the keeping of dogs and cats in the city. The fee for such permit shall be as established by resolution of the city council.~~

(Ord. No. 2010-04, 10-11-2010)

Copies of the proposed General Code and Zoning Ordinance amendments will be available for public inspection at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Dexter, MI 48130; weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties are welcome to attend the public hearing and present their comments. Written comments regarding the proposed amendments should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at the address listed above or via email to jbreyer@dextermi.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

A sign language interpreter, or other assistance, may be provided upon request to the City Manager jbreyer@dextermi.gov, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available on the City website, www.dextermi.gov.