

COLLIER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE STAFF CLARIFICATION

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Subject: Update regarding animal boarding in Estates Zoning and further explaining regulations pertaining animal boarding in the Estates zoning districts

As a result of several recent inquires and staff requests for interpretations on the subject of the keeping of animals, as a home occupation, the above referenced memo has been re- evaluated. This memo supersedes the August 27, 1997 memo and updates the Zoning interpretations regarding home based businesses for animal boarding in the Estates. This memo further expands into an explanation of regulations pertaining to land uses involving animals stabling and boarding and provides guidance to staff when evaluating these types of land uses.

Florida Statutes 559.955; Home based businesses-local government restrictions has preempted the County in a number of ways which expands the opportunity for home-based businesses. The change in the statutes now allows for up to two employees to be able to work at the residency and provides that all business conducted must take place inside the residence; as well as the home, when viewed from the street, is consistent with the uses of residential areas that surround the property. Additionally, adequate parking must be provided to accommodate workers and customers.

To comply with the conditions imposed on the home-based business, animal boarding in the Estates must be provided ***within the interior of the residence***, with no more than 6 dogs/animals at any one time. Adequate parking must be provided to accommodate employees and customers. The animals can be outside within a fenced enclosure or on individual leashes, but these outdoor ventures should not last beyond a 30-minute window, with attention to any prolonged barking, which can disrupt the residential character of the neighborhood.