

**MOTION for Article 26 (Requires a two thirds vote)**

Move to amend the Zoning Bylaw to align the Natick definitions with the Massachusetts definitions. Adapt the state definitions into the Natick Zoning Bylaws by deleting the definition for “Dog Kennel” and adding the definition for “Personal Dog Kennel” and “Commercial Dog Kennel”. Amend the Use Regulations Table by deleting “Use 53 Dog Kennel” and adding both “Use 53 Personal Dog Kennel” and “Use 53A Commercial Dog Kennel”.

**To change the definitions in Zoning Bylaw, Section I, Article 1, Section 200 DEFINITIONS:**

To delete the definition “Dog Kennel”:

- Remove the definition “**Dog Kennel**: One pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old, or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained.”

To add the definitions “Personal Dog Kennel” and “Commercial Dog Kennel” from MGL, Part 1, Title XX, Chapter 140, Section 136A

- Add the definition “**Personal Dog Kennel**: A pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.”
- Also add the definition “**Commercial Dog Kennel**: ‘Commercial boarding or training kennel’, an establishment used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of animals that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such animal; provided, however, that "commercial boarding or training kennel" shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed under Massachusetts General Law section 39A of chapter 129, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not for overnight boarding or an individual who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, boards or cares for animals owned by others.”

**To amend Bylaw Section III-A.2 USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE, OTHER USES, “Use 53 Dog Kennel”, by changing “Use 53 Dog Kennel” to “Use 53 Personal Dog Kennel” and adding “Use 53A Commercial Dog Kennel”:**

- For **Use 53**, change the title from “Dog Kennel” to “Personal Dog Kennel”
- Create **Use 53A** entitled “Commercial Dog Kennel”
  - For District CII, insert use A (allowed under a Special Permit).
  - For District DM, insert use (\*) which is the same as in Use 53
  - For all other Districts including RG and RS, insert O (a prohibited use)