

Chapter 145

ANIMALS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Erin as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Animals at Clearwater Beach boat launching area on Druid Lake — See Ch. 156.
Animals in parks — See Ch. 264.
Zoning — See Ch. 360.

ARTICLE I Dog and Horse Boarding [Adopted 9-21-1992] [Amended 1/18/2010, ORD 10-01]

§ 145-1. Title.

This article shall be known as the "Town of Erin Dog and Horse Boarding Ordinance."

§ 145-2. Areas to which this article applies.

This article applies to all lands within the Town of Erin.

§ 145-3. Compliance.

The operation of a kennel or horse boarding facility within the Town of Erin shall be in full compliance with the terms of this article and any other applicable regulations. It shall be unlawful to establish and operate a kennel or horse boarding facility in noncompliance with the terms of this article and other applicable regulations.

§ 145-4. Intent.

The intent of this article is to encourage and maintain a healthy, humane environment for animals and citizens alike.

§ 145-5. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL FANCIER'S PERMIT – Anyone caring for more than 3 dogs or cats in any zoning district must have an Animal Fancier's Permit. All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Erin, and no one may own more than 6 dogs unless operating a licensed kennel. Likewise, anyone having more than three cats must also have an Animal Fancier's Permit, with a maximum of six cats allowed. (this does not apply to cats on

agricultural lands or farms.)¹

DOG — A canine six months or older is considered a dog.

DOG SHELTER — A structure with four sides, a waterproof roof, and a floor used for keeping dogs.

HORSE BOARDING FACILITY — An establishment to operate a facility housing horses where grooming, breeding, boarding, training, or selling of horses is conducted as a business.

KENNEL – Any establishment where three or more dogs or cats are kept for breeding, boarding, sale, sporting, or commercial purposes; in the A: Agricultural with a Conditional Use Permit or as maybe permitted in B: business/commercial thru Conditional Use Permit. No person shall operate a kennel without a permit. A kennel permit may also be granted with a Conditional Use Permit for the keeping of 7 or more dogs or cats as pets.

STABLE — An accessory building or structure in which horses are kept for commercial use, including boarding, training, riding, hire, and sale.

§ 145-6. Kennel requirements.

A. Dog shelter requirements.

- (1) The following are minimum dog run size requirements as corresponding to different sized dogs. Sizes to be measured at the shoulders.

Size of Dog (inches)	Minimum Dog Run Required for a Single Dog (feet)
Small, 4 to 12	4 x 8
Medium, 12 to 18	4 x 12
Large, 18 or larger	6 x 14

- (2) For each additional dog over one, the dog shelter is required to be 50% larger than the minimum size stated above. Thus, the dog shelter size for two dogs must be 50% larger. The dog run size for three dogs must be 100% larger (double in size).
- (3) Dog shelters must otherwise be adequate with respect to light, ventilation, etc.

B. Additional requirements for kennels.²

- (1) For kennels, there will be allowed up to three adult dogs per run and any number of puppies.
- (2) For kennels, there shall not be more than two different types of breeds used for breeding.

¹ All such animals must be owned by the person(s) in a property/residence and may not be kept for breeding, boarding, sale, sporting or commercial purposes.

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

§ 145-7. Horse boarding facility requirements.

A. Stable requirements.

- (1) The following are the minimum size requirements for stables corresponding to the size of the horse:

Size of Horse (hands)	Minimum Stable Size (feet)
Small, under 13-2	9 x 9
Medium, 13-2 to 15-2	10 x 10
Large, 15-2 or over	10 x 12

- (2) Stables must be a box stall, lean to or a three-sided structure.

B. Horse boarding facilities must have in place a manure disposal plan approved by the Town Board.