

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING CODE OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA,
AMENDING SECTION 201: WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED**

WHEREAS, the Huntington County Plan Commission considered application PC-20-016 filed by the Department of Community Development to amend the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance Section 201: Words and Phrases Defined; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntington County Plan Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on application PC-20-016 on August 12, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntington County Plan Commission, by a 7-0 vote, issued a favorable recommendation to application PC-20-016 at a meeting duly conducted on August 12, 2020. The Plan Commission Certification of the favorable recommendation is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A", and,

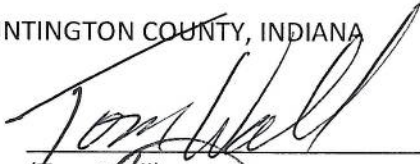
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now determines that from time to time, it is necessary to amend land use regulations in accordance with IC 36-7-4-607; and,


WHEREAS, such regulations are designed to promote the public health, safety, general welfare, efficiency and economy in the process of the normal and orderly development of the land within the jurisdictional area.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, that Section 201: Words and Phrases Defined, be amended in the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance and to read as follows:

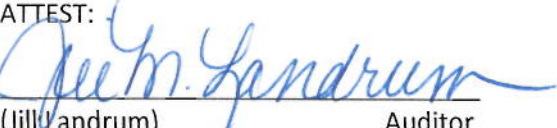
Adopted this day of 31st day of August, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA


 _____ as
 (Tom Wall) President


 _____ as
 (Larry Buzzard) Member


 _____ as
 (Rob Miller) Member

ATTEST:

 (Jill Landrum) Auditor

SECTION 201: WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED:

DOMESTIC ANIMALS: Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, domestic animals shall include dogs, cats, caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, pot-bellied pigs, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals. Housing greater than seven (7) Domestic Animals (non-caged) must be in an accessory, non-dwelling unit structure (Kennel, Animal Shelter and/or Animal Sanctuary) and shall not be operated within nor connected to a dwelling unit. **Animals under the age of six (6) months are not counted towards the allowed number of Domesticated Animals.**

DWELLING UNIT: One or more rooms designed exclusively for residential occupancy which include lawful cooking and sanitary facilities.

ANIMAL SHELTER: An accessory structure that provides temporary care for animals that need protection, attempts to find homes for homeless animals, and reunites lost pets with their owners. An animal shelter may provide other services such as behavioral evaluations and training. Animals may be euthanized if homes are not found in a certain time frame. An Animal Shelter shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

KENNEL: An accessory structure or business that houses animals, particularly Domesticated Animals. A Kennel may provide housing, boarding, grooming, training, and/or breeding for personal or commercial purposes. A Kennel shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

ANIMAL SANCTUARY/RESCUE: An accessory structure that provides temporary or permanent safe haven to animals in need. Animals are not bred or exploited for commercial activities. Every effort is made to provide the most natural habitat for the animals and shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

Exhibit "A"

Plan Commission Certification

On August 12, 2020, the Huntington County Plan Commission by a 7-0 vote certified a favorable recommendation on application PC-20-016: Amend Section 201: Words & Phrases Defined to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance.


Marla Stambazze, Secretary
Huntington County Plan Commission

