**Section 25.145 Kennel Operators**

a) All kennel operators shall comply with this Part, as applicable, and this Section.

b) A kennel operator that maintains cats or dogs for boarding must meet one of the following:

1) Be staffed at all times cats or dogs are on the premises. A staffing plan shall be maintained on file with the Department;

2) Have an operational fire sprinkler system in every building where cats or dogs are located. The fire sprinkler system must communicate notifications directly to local emergency responders; or

3) Have an operational fire alarm system in every building where cats and dogs are located. For the purposes of this Section, a fire alarm system includes any of the following:

A) A hard-wired fire alarm system that communicates notifications directly to local emergency responders;

B) A wireless fire alarm system that communicates notifications directly to local emergency responders;

C) A fire alarm system that is monitored by a third-party security service, with an active service contract, when the security service will communicate notifications directly to local emergency responders.

c) *A qualified fire inspector may inspect a kennel operator that maintains dogs and cats for boarding during the course of performing routine inspections. If, during a routine inspection, a qualified fire inspector determines that the kennel operator does not have a fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system, the inspector may inform the Department.* [225 ILCS 605/18.2(c)]

d) A kennel operator shall certify in its license application, and annually certify in its license renewal application, one of the following:

1) The kennel is staffed at all times cats or dogs are on the premises. The kennel operator shall provide the Department with a staffing plan;

2) The kennel has an operational fire sprinkler system in every building where cats and dogs are located. The kennel operator shall provide:

A) a picture and description of the make and model of the system; and

B) if the system has been inspected by a qualified fire inspector, a copy of the inspection report; or

3) The kennel has an operational fire alarm system in every building where cats and dogs are located. The kennel operator shall provide:

A) a picture and description of the make and model of the system; and

B) if the system:

i) has been inspected by a qualified fire inspector, a copy of the inspection report; and/or

ii) is monitored by a third-party security service, a copy of the service contract evidencing that there is third-party monitoring of the system, or a statement evidencing that there is third-party monitoring and the service contract is effective and operational.

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