



## Legislation Text

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### **ITEM TITLE:**

Approval of a Recommendation to the Chief of Police to Authorize Kennel License #19-01 Grooming as Home Occupation Submitted by Christina Mitvitnikoff and FUR-ologist's LAB-oratory Located at 120 Hanagita Street

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nicole LeRoy, Planning Technician

### **FISCAL NOTES:**

Expenditure Required: N/A  
Unencumbered Balance: N/A  
Funding Source: N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a recommendation to the Chief of Police to authorize Kennel License #19-01 Grooming as a Home Occupation submitted by Christina Mitvitnikoff dba FUR-ologist's LAB-oratory located at 120 Hanagita Street

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On August 21, 2019, Planning Department staff received a business registration application from Christina Mitvitnikoff for her dog grooming business at 120 Hanagita Street. Ms. Mitvitnikoff applied to operate her business as a home occupation, which is a permitted accessory use in the residential mobile home district where her home is located. However, Valdez Municipal Code 6.12.040 (A)1 requires that grooming facilities obtain a kennel license reviewed by the Animal Control Officer, Planning and Zoning Commission, and approved by the Chief of Police before her business registration could be issued.

A permit of this type requires a public hearing during a scheduled Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, following public notification in a community publication and a property owner notification mailed to property owners within three hundred feet (300') of the proposed location. The Policies & Procedures for the Planning & Zoning Commission state that "an issue discussed in a public hearing may not appear as an agenda item for decision at the same meeting except with consent by the majority of the Commission."

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to allow a the vote on a recommendation to approve a recommendation to the Chief of Police to authorize a kennel license for FUR-ologist's LAB-oratory at the same meeting as the public hearing.

It should be emphasized that if the Commission has any questions resulting from the public hearing,

the decision can be postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting, to allow staff to follow up on any new information or questions raised.

Please see the attached kennel application from Christina Mitvitnikoff and the accompanying inspection report from the Animal Control Officer, Rich Long. The Fur Lab Inspection Report finds Ms. Mitvitnikoff's facility in compliance with all kennel license requirements. As such, staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission vote to approve a recommendation to the Chief of Police to approve her kennel license.

Approval of this item will constitute approval of a report to the Chief of Police to approve the kennel license, per Valdez Municipal Code 6.12.040 (B.) Following the Commission's decision on this item, the application will go to the Chief of Police for final review and decision.