



**Department of Planning and Zoning  
Planner's Report**

**DATE:** July 18, 2019  
**TO:** Adrienne Senter  
**FROM:** Lynn Patterson, Consulting Planner for City of Hapeville  
**RE:** Definitions for Veterinarians, Animal Hospitals, and Kennels

**BACKGROUND**

The following is a proposed text amendment to update the definitions for “Animal Hospital”, “Veterinarian”, and “Kennel” found in Sec. 93-1-2 of the Zoning Code.

**CODE**

**ARTICLE 1. – TITLE, DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS**

**Sec. 93-1-2. – Definitions**

**(c) Definitions**

Add “*Animal Hospital*. Any facility used by a veterinarian or their staff to treat diseased or injured animals, and to board animals exclusively as required for treatment.”

Add “*Veterinarian*. Any facility used by a person who holds a license to practice the profession of veterinary medicine in the state. Veterinarians may board animals exclusively as required for treatment.”

Change “*Kennel*. Any building or land use, designed or arranged for the boarding, breeding, or care of dogs for a fee” to “*Kennel*. Any building or land use, designed or arranged for the boarding, breeding, or care of dogs or cats for a fee. A ‘kennel’ does not include a facility that boards animals exclusively as part of veterinary care.”