

TOWN OF WEST PARIS
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION
OF COMMERCIAL BREEDING FACILITIES OF DOGS AND CATS

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Establishment and Operation of Commercial Breeding Facilities designed for the sale of dogs and cats directly to the public. The establishment and operation of commercial breeding facilities of dogs and cats that maintains four (4) or more breeder female dogs or cats and sells seven (7) or more litters of puppies or kittens per year directly to the public to avoid Animal Welfare Act licensing and USDA inspection and enforcement of humane handling, housing and medical requirements set forth in the Animal Welfare Act shall be prohibited within the borders of West Paris.

The following are exempt from this ordinance:

- i. Any person who maintains a total of three (3) or fewer breeding female dogs or cats and who sells only the offspring of these dogs and/or cats, which were born and raised on the premises for pets or exhibition.
 - ii. Any person who sells less than twenty-five (25) dogs and/or cats per year, which were born and raised on his or her premises.
 - iii. Any kennel or shelter licensed by USDA and/or the State of Maine
 - iv. Any non-profit rescue group that charges an adoption/donation fee.
- In accordance with Title 7 M.R.S.A. Chapter 725 subpart 3950 of Maine State Law.

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