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- Existing commercial boarding kennels would become nonconforming special uses. As a nonconforming use, they would be subject to the limitations of §4-K-4-b of the Zoning Ordinance including prohibition on expansion or relocation to another portion of the property.
- Commercial boarding kennels would continue to be a by-right use in the Highway Commercial (CH) District and a special use in the Neighborhood Commercial (CN) District.
- The former “animal shelter” use would be replaced by a new use entitled, “Animal Shelter/Governmental.” Such uses would have to be either owned and/or operated by the County government and would include the current Clarke County Animal Shelter. The Commission did not make a recommendation on whether this new use would be a by-right or a special use.

The Commission’s recommendations would have no impact on veterinary services, animal hospitals, and breeding kennels. Zoning Ordinance provisions for these uses would remain unchanged.

Commission members chose not to prepare a draft text amendment this time and are providing these recommendations for the Board’s consideration. Should the Board wish to develop this item as a text amendment, Staff recommends that the Board take action at the May 20 meeting to request the Planning Commission to prepare the text amendment for public hearing, provide a formal recommendation, and forward it for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions or concerns in advance of the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.