



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

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DATE: 10/22/2025

TO: Julie Griffin
34 Phillip Drive
Bellingham, MA 02019

Address: 202 Hartford Ave

RE: Accessory Animal Kennel

This is to inform you that 20 days have elapsed since 10/2/2025 the date the above was filed with the Town Clerk, and that no notice of appeal has been filed with this office during that period.

A certified copy attesting this is available on file at this office.

Sincerely,

Amy Bartelloni
Bellingham Town Clerk



BELLINGHAM ZONING BOARD

10 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

File #
Date: 10/2/2025

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF DECISION

Location of Property:
202 Hartford Avenue
Bellingham, MA 02019

Assessor's Reference:
Assessor's Map: 24
Lot: 9

Name and Address of Applicant:
Julie Griffin
34 Phillip Drive
Bellingham, MA 02019

Name and Address of Owner:
Nawal Morkos
202 Hartford Avenue
Bellingham, MA 02019

DECISION of the Zoning Board of Appeals (the "Board") on the application of Julie Griffin (the "Applicant") for a Special Permit under Section 240-31 of the Zoning Bylaw, to allow for an accessory animal kennel at 202 Hartford Avenue, Bellingham, Massachusetts and identified as Assessor Map 24 Lot 9, Zoning District Residential (the "Property").

This Decision is in response to an application filed on September 12, 2025. After causing notice of the time and place of the public hearing and of the subject matter thereof to be published in the Milford Daily News on September 18, 2025 and September 25, 2025, posted and mailed to abutters and other parties of interest as required by law, the public hearing was conducted on October 2, 2025. The record of the proceedings and submissions upon which this Decision is based may be referred to in the office of the Town Clerk or the Board office.

Members present and voting at the hearing were Brian Wright, Chair, Peter Gabrielle, Elizabeth Berthelette, and James Dixon.

The Board, after considering the materials submitted with the application, together with the information developed at the hearing, finds that:

1. The Applicant seeks a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 240-31 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow for an accessory animal kennel for boarding of dogs located at 202 Hartford Avenue.
2. The proposed activity which is the subject of this application is described in the application and supporting documentation.
3. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the bylaw and is an allowed use in the Residential zoning district by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. There shall be limited impacts to the social, economic, or community need as this animal kennel shall be an accessory operation and all animals shall be contained on the property.
5. There will be minimal impacts to the traffic flow or safety as the property as the applicant is proposing appointment only drop-offs and pick-ups. The subject use is further conditioned below to a limit of 10 dogs at one time, limiting the number of vehicles accessing the site.
6. The neighborhood character and qualities of the natural environment were considered during the hearing process and careful conditions shall be met to mitigate any impacts this animal kennel may have caused.
7. There shall be a positive fiscal impact due to the addition of an accessory business located in a currently residentially used parcel.

Therefore, the Board, after reviewing the available materials and based upon the above findings, voted 4-0 to **GRANT** the **SPECIAL PERMIT** subject, to the following **conditions**:

1. The proposed activity shall be conducted substantially in accordance with the Application submitted and materials contained in the file.
2. Annual review of this permit shall be required at a regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Failure to comply with the annual review shall be deemed a violation of this special permit and shall provide the Zoning Board of Appeals with grounds to void this permit.
3. The permit is granted for use by the Applicant Julie Griffin only. Any transfer of animal kennel ownership and management shall be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
4. The permit is granted for use located at 202 Hartford Avenue only and is not transferable.
5. The permit is granted as an accessory animal kennel for boarding no more than 10 dogs on the premise.
6. Each client shall be required to provide documentation of their pet's vaccinations. Applicant shall have pet care industry software in place to ensure that all pets have proper and up-to-date vaccinations, or they will not be allowed into the facility. Applicant shall require the following vaccines: Rabies, Bordetella (Kennel Cough) and Distemper. Influenza vaccine will be recommended but not required.
7. Each dog shall be evaluated for behavior and temperament before being accepted into day-care. Any dog showing aggression or bad behavior will not be admitted into day-care program.
8. Use of the outdoor dog "run" area shall be between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
9. Dogs utilizing the outdoor "run" shall be supervised at all times.
10. A six (6) foot height opaque fenced enclosure shall be installed between the existing house and the Hartford Avenue frontage to be used as the outside dog "run".
11. The applicant needs to comply with the Town of Bellingham Domestic Animal Regulations pursuant to G.L. chapter 111, Section 131 and a meeting should be set up with the Board of Health prior to occupancy of site.
12. No Special Permit, or modification or extension thereof, shall take effect until a copy of this Decision has been recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds. Such Decision shall bear the certification of the Town Clerk that twenty (20) days have elapsed after the Decision has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and no appeal has been filed, or that if such appeals has been filed, it has been dismissed or denied.

13. Any person aggrieved by the Decision may appeal pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17 within twenty (20) days after this Decision is filed with the Bellingham Town Clerk.
14. The Decision rendered herein is concerned only with the Zoning Bylaw and not with the Building Code or any other Town Bylaw. The Applicant is responsible for determining and complying with Town, State, and Federal regulations in using the authorization granted.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Ben Wright, Chair