

Washoe County Regional Animal Services Proposed Chapter 55 Code Revisions 2016

Commercial Animal Welfare Permit w.c.c.55.455 (1st reading January 12, 2016, 2nd reading January 26, 2016)

New code being proposed to establish an animal welfare permit process that coincides with Reno, Sparks and Washoe Business Licensing procedures for commercial animal establishments (pet stores, kennels or boarding facilities used for the business of buying/selling/boarding animals). The permit process establishes:

- Animal welfare requirements in accordance with NRS 574, including inspections, industry standards of care and housing in accordance American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Principles and related policies
- Revocation of animal welfare permit if any state, federal or local welfare regulation violations in accordance with procedures set forth in W.C.C. 55.800
- Establishes due process for permittee appeal of revocation through Administrative Hearing Office and if permittee is aggrieved by the hearing officer's decision can file for petition for judicial review within 30 days

Cruelty to Animals; generally w.c.c. 55.110, 55.130, 55.140-55.220 (1st reading January 26, 2016, 2nd tbd.)

Revision to existing code to include:

- Insertion of definitions for *animal abandonment* and *horse tripping*.
- Developed sub section of cruelty violations for more effective enforcement and NRS 574 amendments under 55.140, section 1
- Deletion of un-enforceable sections 55.160 and 55.210
- Deletion of 55.180 as definition has been re-defined to include abandonment of any animal, not just injured
- Language clean up and clarifications

Animal Exhibitor Permit; Permit Requirement; permit time limits w.c.c. 55.655 (1st reading February 9, 2016, 2nd tbd).

This new code being is proposed to establish an animal welfare exhibitor's permit process for traveling animal exhibits and circuses. This language was originally included in the Commercial Animal Welfare Permit and was later separated out per direction of Board of County Commissioners. The permit process establishes:

- Verification of animals being exhibited, their health and containment methods
- Verification of certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000
- Verification of location and transport procedures
- Site inspection and business license verification
- Revocation of animal welfare permit if any state, federal or local welfare regulation violations in accordance with procedures set forth in W.C.C. 55.800
- Establishes due process for permittee appeal of revocation through Administrative Hearing Office and if permittee is aggrieved by the hearing officer's decision can file for petition for judicial review within 30 days

More to follow on language and drafts for the following code sections:

Nuisance w.c. c. 55.120 (March 2016)

WCRAS Advisory Board (April 2016)

Exotic Animals (May 2016)