

SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Code Chapter 55 by adding provisions creating the animal services advisory board.

BILL NO. 1769

ORDINANCE NO. 1585

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 55 BY ADDING PROVISIONS CREATING THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; SPECIFYING THE BOARD'S PURPOSE AND DUTIES; AND SPECIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, TERMS OF SERVICE, OFFICERS, MEETINGS, COMPENSATION AND REMOVAL.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section.

55.035 Animal Services Advisory Board; creation, duties.

1. The animal services advisory board is hereby created.

2. The animal services advisory board shall facilitate communication between community members and the director of regional animal services to ensure that regional animal services' programs, operations and goals relative to the care and safety of animals are consistent with community needs and desires.

3. The animal services advisory board may offer opinions and make recommendations to the director of regional animal services in the following areas:

(a) development of short and long-term departmental goals and objectives;

(b) amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 55;

(c) development of materials and programs to educate the public;

(d) evaluation and recommendations on departmental delivery of programs and services to the community;

(e) recommendations on departmental policies and procedures;

(f) input to the director of animal services regarding animal-related community needs and trends.

4. The director of regional animal services shall serve the animal services advisory board in a technical and advisory capacity. The director of regional animal services, or his or her designee, shall attend each meeting and shall provide a report to the animal services advisory board. The report may include such subjects as departmental program and service

statistics, emerging developments, financial and budgetary updates, recent events and accomplishments, and proposed goals and objectives for the upcoming quarter.

5. The director of regional animal services, or his or her designee, shall report the recommendations of the animal services advisory board to the board of county commissioners at least biannually.

55.036 Animal Services Advisory Board; composition, appointment, terms of service, officers, meetings, compensation and removal.

1. The animal services advisory board shall consist of seven members, all residents of Washoe County, one member from each of the following groups:

- (a) a veterinarian or veterinary technician licensed to practice in Nevada, and who is not employed by Washoe County;
- (b) a real estate or business professional with knowledge or experience related to homeowners' associations, business organizations and/or financial operations;
- (c) a representative of a humane or rescue organization;
- (d) an individual with an interest in promoting the health and safety of animals in Washoe County;
- (e) an elected member of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners;
- (f) an elected member of the Reno City Council;
- (g) an elected member of the Sparks City Council.

2. The members listed in subsection 3(a)-(e) shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners. The elected members from the Reno and Sparks' city councils shall be appointed by their respective memberships.

3. The animal services advisory board members listed in subsection 3(a)-(d) shall serve four-year terms, which expire on June 30th of their respective terms. However, following enactment of this section, the members listed in subsections 3(a) and 3(b) shall serve a four-year term, and the members listed in subsections 3(c) and 3(d) shall serve a two-year term.

4. The animal services advisory board members listed in subsections 3(a)-(d) may serve, with reappointment, a maximum of two consecutive terms. An additional term may be considered for a member's appointment if there are no other interested and qualified applicants.

5. The animal services advisory board members shall select from among their membership a chair, who shall act as presiding officer at meetings, and a vice-chair, who shall act in the absence of the chair. The chair and vice-chair shall each hold office for one year.

6. Animal services advisory board meetings shall be conducted in the following manner:

(a) Regular meetings shall be held quarterly. The date and time of all meetings shall be set by the director of regional animal services.

(b) Special meetings may be called by the chair at the request of the director of regional animal services whenever there is sufficient business to come before the board.

(c) One more than half of the total membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Motions before the board require a majority vote of the members present and voting for passage.

7. Animal services advisory board members shall serve without compensation, but may be entitled to reimbursement for expenses upon prior approval of the director of regional animal services.

8. Any animal services advisory board member who is appointed by the board of county commissioners may be removed by the board of county commissioners for cause. For purposes of this section, "cause" includes three consecutive absences from board meetings, as well as engaging in activities contrary to the mission, goals or objectives of the animal services advisory board.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

Proposed on the 9th day of August, 2016.

Proposed by Commissioner Berkbigler.

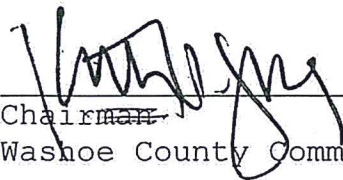
Passed on the 23rd day of August, 2016.

Vote:

Ayes: Kitty Jung, Bob Lucey, Marsha Berkbigler and Vaughn Hartung.

Nays: Jeanne Herman.

Absent: NONE.


Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

 Chief Deputy
County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after
September 2nd, 2016.

