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Clark County Code Title 1
Clark County Code Title 10
Amendments and Additions
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Amendments/Additions

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Clark County Code Title 1 Administrative Citations 1.14

- Code clean-up to add links between Title 1 and Title 7 short-term rental, Title 14 Traffic, and Title 19 Parks and Recreation
- Adds language to allow unpaid citations to be placed as a lien on the property
- Allows for unpaid liens to be placed as a special assessment on the tax roll following NRS 244.3605
- Updates indigency waiver process
- Clarifies judicial review timelines



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Addressing Nuisance Cat Colony Complaints

Amendment more clearly defines the requirements for declaring a cat colony a nuisance. Consideration of aggression, bites, property damage, and sanitation concerns are written into the code to better standardize the process

Creates requirements for less invasive methods of resolution. Utilizing deterrents and TNR before moving to overall removal of cats from an area



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Addressing Illegal Breeding/ Sales of Animals

- Double fines for repeat violations
 - Subsequent violations within 24 months, minimum \$1,000 or double the sale price or offered sale price of the animal
- Added areas where sales of all animals are prohibited including street, ROW, parkway, recreations area, outdoor market, flea market, roadside stand, parking lot
 - Exemptions in place for rescue organizations, animal shelter, or a state or county fair or similar exhibition or educational program



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Breeder/Show Permit Requirements

CCC 10.08.135

- The yearly cost of the permit increases from \$50 to \$400
 - Option to not “Show” or enter the dog or cat in a competition raises the permit cost to \$800
- Failed inspections will result in a \$100 reinspection fee
 - An increase from \$50
- Creates accountability by listing required documentation by breeders
 - Requires veterinary records, dog/cat acquisition and outcome paperwork
- No permits for individuals with outstanding CCAPS fines, animal cruelty or illegal breeding violations



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Boarding and Groomer Training

Requires business owners and employees to complete a free County provided training every two years. Training covers basic animal welfare, signs and symptoms of illness, and compliance with CCC

- Mandatory reporting of death of animal in their care
- Animal body must be made available for investigation
- Reimburse APS for cost of necropsy if death occurred due to actions, inaction, or neglect of the establishment

Mandatory signage inside of shops advising to call APS if patrons or staff observe welfare concerns



Dangerous and Vicious Animal Hearings

Grants the hearing officer the authority to recommend a reduction from a vicious declaration to dangerous declaration

The Chief of Animal Protection Services may accept the recommendation from the hearing officer to reduce a vicious declaration to a dangerous declaration

Provides a necessary middle ground to best handle cases that are out of the ordinary



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Require Microchips for Dogs and Cats

Require	Requires all dogs and cats over four months to have a microchip with the registration up-to-date and maintained
Fix-it	Fix-it ticket gives owners the opportunity to come into compliance without penalty
Voucher	Voucher program for free or low-cost microchipping when funded
Scanners	Scanners or scanning stations placed around the valley and available to the public to scan a found animal and return to owner (as funded)
Exemptions	Exemptions built into code for someone in the County less than 30 days and people visiting for an animal show or exhibition



Quarantining Biting Animals

- Previously, accidental animal bites would result in offsite quarantine due to an expired rabies vaccination or the dog being at large
- Offsite quarantine will still be required for animals with bite history, properties without adequate containment, public safety concerns, or if owner is not willing to comply with home quarantine requirements
- Goal is to keep pets with their owners and reduce the number of animals at the shelter
- Maintains compliance with the CDC's Animal Rabies Compendium and puts our procedures in line with other valley agencies



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Owners Responsibility for Animal Attacks

Makes it unlawful if an animal attacks and injures a person who did not provoke the animal

- Minimum \$500 fine
- Protections in place
 - The bite occurs within a marked enclosure that a person entered or reached into without invitation
 - The bite occurred during the commission or attempted commission of a criminal act on the property of the owner or keeper



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CCC 10.32 – Cruelty



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Animals Kept Outdoors

Currently, supplemental cooling is required when the National Weather Services issues a heat advisory.

- Adds supplemental cooling trigger when the temperature is expected to exceed 105-degrees
- Heat advisories are not always issued when temperatures exceed 105-degrees
- Puts our code in alignment with City of Las Vegas

Does not limit any of our existing heat related laws



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Depriving of Sustenance, Shelter, or Medical Care

Previous language grouped all these violations into a single charge

Separating the existing language allows for more accurate application of the code

- Deprive, neglect or refuse to furnish any animal with adequate feed or adequate sustenance
- Deprive access to adequate water
- Deprive of adequate shelter
- Deprive of medical care
- Deprive of necessary species-specific grooming
- Instigate, engage in or in any way further an act of cruelty





CCC 10.04 – Definitions



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Updating Definitions

- Adding- Abandoned live animal:
 - “Abandoned live animal” means any person who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaves a domestic animal, equine or livestock at a location without providing minimum care. It is no defense to the crime defined in this Title that a defendant abandoned the animal at or near an animal shelter, veterinary clinic or other place of shelter if the defendant did not make reasonable arrangements for the care of the animal
- Adding Abandoned dead animal:
 - “Abandoned dead animal” means any person who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaves behind or deposits a dead animal without making arrangements for its lawful disposal



Updating Definitions

- Breeder Current 10.04.105:
 - “Breeder” A breeder is a person who must acquire a breeder/show permit, prior to breeding any dog, cat, or pot bellied pig
- Breeder New:
 - “Breeder” means a person who owns, harbors, or maintains a dog or cat in Clark County and breeds or allows the breeding of any such animal



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Other Minor Changes

- Makes it a violation to not provide proof of rabies vaccination, sterilization or microchipping 10.40.040
- Makes it a violation to knowingly provide false statements or present false documentation 10.08.070
- Clarifies the age at which dogs/cats/ferrets/rabbits/potbelly pigs must be sterilized (4 months)



Other Minor Changes

- Corrected language in Exotic or Wild Animal exemptions
- Limited the cooping requirement only to birds that have the inherent ability to fly
- Remove 24 hour hold for animals surrendered by their owners to CCAPS or the contracted shelter
- In addition to existing cruelty laws, requires traps be checked and animals removed every 24 hours
- Align existing cruelty impound code with current state law, NRS 574.055





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