

Item # 21

City of Carson City  
Agenda Report

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To: Carson City Board of Supervisors

From: Carson City Health & Human Services

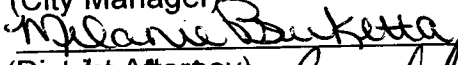
**Subject Title: ACTION TO INTRODUCE ON FIRST READING, BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 7 ANIMALS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7.13, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.010 DEFINITIONS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.030 ANIMAL SERVICES DIRECTOR-ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICER-POWERS AND DUTIES, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.090 VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS REQUIRED-REVACCINATION REQUIRED-EXCEPTIONS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.100 ANIMAL SERVICE TAGS, PERMITS, AND FEES, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.110 RESTRAINING ANIMALS-SANITATION, REPEALING SECTION 7.13.130 FEMALE DOGS OR CATS RUNNING AT LARGE IN COPULATION SEASON-IMPOUNDS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.140 CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED DOG, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.145 CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED CATS AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.190 KEEPING OF ANIMALS IN ZONED AREAS, REPEALING SECTION 7.13.195 FERRETS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.200 VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMALS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.220 KEEPING OF AN ANIMAL POSSESSING VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS TENDENCIES, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.230 MISKEEPING OF A VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.240 VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL MAY BE KILLED, ADDING SECTION 7.13.265 RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.280 IMPOUNDING OR DESTROYING OF RABID ANIMALS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.450 POISONING ANIMALS, AMENDING SECTION 7.13.605 UNLAWFUL ACTS-STEALING, BUTCHERING, HARMING, INHUMANE KILLING, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.**

**Staff Summary:** Carson City Animal Services (CCAS) provides numerous programs and services to the public. The proposed amendments within this title will clarify CCAS roles and responsibilities. In addition, the amendments will address public opinions and standards concerning animal laws of which have changed, and have been expressed,

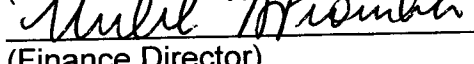
Reviewed By:



(City Manager)



(District Attorney)



(Finance Director)

Date: 6/8/09

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**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARSON CITY DO ORDAIN:

SECTION I:

That Chapter 7.13, Licenses and Regulations of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

7.13.010 Definitions.

7.13.020 Carson City animal control center-Use.

7.13.030 Animal services director-Animals services officer-Powers and duties.

7.13.040 Carson City sheriff and deputies.

7.13.050 Collections and disbursements.

- 1 7.13.060 Use of tranquilizer gun, other devices, in controlling animals.
- 2 7.13.070 Search and seizure.
- 3 7.13.080 Restricting or obstructing animal services officers, health officers, or sheriff, or  
4 deputies, unlawful.
- 5 7.13.090 Rabies vaccination of dogs [~~and cats~~], cats and ferrets required-Revaccination  
6 required-Exceptions.
- 7 7.13.100 Animal service tags, permits, and fees.
- 8 7.13.110 Restraining animals-Sanitation.
- 9 7.13.120 Dogs running at large-Impounds.
- 10 [~~7.13.130 Female dogs or cats running at large in copulating season-Impounds.~~]
- 11 7.13.140 Conditions for release of impounded dog.
- 12 7.13.145 Conditions for release of impounded cats and additional conditions for release of  
13 impounded dogs.
- 14 7.13.150 Disposal of unclaimed animals.
- 15 7.13.160 Impounding of estray animals.
- 16 7.13.170 Impounding of strays.
- 17 7.13.190 Keeping of animals in zoned areas.
- 18 [~~7.13.195 Ferrets.~~]
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- 20 7.13.200 Vicious or dangerous [~~animals~~] dogs: Unlawful acts; penalties.
- 21 7.13.210 Investigation of bitings or injuries.
- 22 7.13.220 Keeping of an animal possessing ~~vicious or~~ dangerous tendencies.
- 23 7.13.230 Miskeeping of a ~~vicious or~~ dangerous animal.
- 24 7.13.240 Vicious or dangerous animal may be killed.
- 25 7.13.250 Reporting of animal biting a human being.
- 26 7.13.260 Quarantine or impounding of biting animals.
- 27 7.13.265 Rabies Control Authority.
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- 1 7.13.270 Suspicion of rabies.
- 2 7.13.280 Impounding or destroying of rabid animals.
- 3 7.13.290 Responsibility of owner.
- 4 7.13.300 Bitten animals.
- 5 7.13.310 Impounding for observation.
- 6 7.13.320 Animal control center to record animal bites.
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- 8 7.13.330 Animal-Noises-Nuisances.
- 9 7.13.340 Nuisances.
- 10 7.13.350 Animal fighting-Firing on animals-Pigeon shooting.
- 11 7.13.360 Torturing-Maiming.
- 12 7.13.370 Deprivation of sustenance or shelter.
- 13 7.13.380 Riding or driving an equine under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
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- 15 7.13.390 Safety reflectors required on animals.
- 16 7.13.400 Trapping of animals.
- 17 7.13.410 Disposition of trapped animals.
- 18 7.13.420 Overcrowding.
- 19 7.13.430 Abandoning animals.
- 20 7.13.440 Uncared for animals.
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- 22 7.13.450 Poisoning animals.
- 23 7.13.460 Endangering animals.
- 24 7.13.470 Transporting or enclosing animals in vehicles.
- 25 7.13.480 Confining animals in motor vehicles.
- 26 7.13.490 Responsibility of motor vehicle owner.
- 27 7.13.500 Authority of officer.
- 28 7.13.510 Injury to animal by motorist

- 1 7.13.520 Selling or giving away certain animals.
- 2 7.13.530 Disposition of animals on commercial or public property.
- 3 7.13.540 Sale, use or gift of animals in contests or advertising.
- 4 7.13.550 Cruel or unusual uses prohibited by carnivals, fairs.
- 5 7.13.560 Artificially colored or dyed animals.
- 6 7.13.570 Research facility.
- 7 7.13.590 Protective custody-Impoundment of animals treated cruelly.
- 8 7.13.600 Causing another person's animal to be disposed of-Penalties.
- 9 7.13.605 Unlawful acts-Stealing, butchering, harming, inhumane killing.
- 10 7.13.610 Violations and penalties.
- 11 7.13.620 Severability-Conflicts-Invalidity.

14 SECTION II:

15 That Section 7.13.010 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
16 follows:

17 7.13.010 Definitions.

18 For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings  
19 respectively ascribed to them by this section:

- 21 1. "Adequate feed" means the provision at suitable intervals for the species, of a quantity of  
22 wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species, physical condition and age, sufficient to  
23 maintain an adequate level of nutrition in the animal, such foodstuff to be served in a clean  
24 receptacle, dish or container.
- 25 2. "Adequate water" means an adequate supply of clean, fresh, potable water provided at  
26 suitable intervals for the species, physical condition and age of the animal provided at least  
27 once every twelve (12) hours.
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1 3. "Adequate shelter" means a physical structure or place suitable for maintaining the health  
2 and life of an animal.

3 4. "Animal" means every living creature, either male or female, except humans.

4 5. "Animal control center" means any establishment authorized by the Carson City board of  
5 supervisors for the confinement, maintenance, safekeeping and control of all animals that  
6 come into the custody of animal services officers in the performance of their official duties.  
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8 6. "Animal services officer" means any person, including the animal services director, in  
9 Carson City responsible for the enforcement of this chapter, and regulations promulgated  
10 thereunder, working at the direction and under the supervision of the ~~[animal services]~~ health  
11 and human services director.

12 7. "Animal services director" means the person ~~[appointed by the city manager of Carson City~~  
13 ~~to be]~~ in charge of the animal control center, officers and personnel.

14 8. "At large" means (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), any animal that is off  
15 the property of the owner, and off the leash, cord, chain or effective control of a responsible  
16 person; (b) any dog that is off the property of the owner and off a leash, cord or chain.  
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18 9. "Bite" means a puncture or tear of the skin inflicted by the teeth of an animal.

19 10. "Confined" means a condition whereby an animal is restricted to the property of the owner  
20 by enclosed lot, leash, cord, cage or container, chain of suitable length or size for the type of  
21 animal, and so placed that the animal has free access to food, water and shelter and further  
22 so affixed as to preclude the animal from becoming entangled on any obstruction. The cage,  
23 coop, stable, leash, container, cord, chain or fence barrier shall be of such size and length to  
24 permit the animal to stand upright and lie down, and of such further dimensions as shall be  
25 deemed adequate by the animal services director.  
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27 11. "Cruelty or torture" means every act of omission or commission that results in unjustifiable  
28 physical pain, suffering or death to any animal.

1 12. "Enclosed lot" means a parcel of land or portion thereof around the perimeter of which is a  
2 fence or wall adequate to contain the animals kept therein.

3 13. "Estray" means any livestock running at large upon public or private lands in the state of  
4 Nevada, whose owner is unknown in the section where the animal is found.

5 14. "Health officer" means the Carson City health officer or his designated and duly  
6 authorized representative.

7 15. "Impound" means the act of taking or receiving into custody by the animal services officer,  
8 any animal for the purpose of confinement in an animal control center consistent with the  
9 provisions of this chapter.

10 16. "License or permit fee" means the fee paid for each animal license or permit as  
11 established by the Carson City board of supervisors.

12 17. "Livestock" means all cattle or animals of the bovine species; all horses, mules, burros  
13 and asses or animals of the equine species; all swine or animals of the porcine species; all  
14 goats or animals of the caprine species; all sheep or animals of the ovine species; and all  
15 poultry or domesticated fowl or birds.

16 18. "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled device in, upon, or by which any person or  
17 property is or may be transported or drawn upon a road or highway except devices powered  
18 by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

19 19. "Owner" means person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring, or having the care,  
20 custody or control of any animal, and furnishing proof of ownership with a medical certificate,  
21 bill of sale, or other indicia of ownership or possession.

22 20. "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation,  
23 association, trust, estate or other legal entity.

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1 21. "Pet shop" means any profit-making or commercial establishment, premises or part  
2 thereof, maintained for the purchase, sale, exchange or hire of animals of any type; except  
3 that the term shall not include livestock or livestock auctions.

4 22. "Rabies quarantine area" means any area in which a state of emergency has been  
5 declared to exist due to the occurrence of rabies in animals in or adjacent to this area. The  
6 health officer may, by public notice and proclamation, quarantine animals in any area of  
7 Carson City where he or she finds rabies or other disease to exist. During such quarantine  
8 period and until public notice of its termination has been given by the health officer, all  
9 designated animals in that area must be securely confined by their owners in that area. Any  
10 quarantined animals found at large in such areas during such period of quarantine may be  
11 destroyed, impounded or quarantined.  
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13 23. "Service animal" means an animal which has been or is being trained to provide a  
14 specialized service to a person with a disability.  
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16 24. "Sheriff" means the sheriff of Carson City, his or her deputies or any person designated by  
17 the sheriff to act herein.

18 25. "Stray animal" means any animal at large other than a dog, cat or stray.

19 26. "Vaccination" means administration of an antirabies vaccine to any animal by a  
20 veterinarian.  
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22 27. "Vaccine" means an antirabies medication in a dosage as designated by the State  
23 veterinarian.

24 28. "Veterinarian," unless otherwise indicated, means any person licensed to practice  
25 veterinary medicine in the state of Nevada or any person employed in Nevada by a  
26 governmental agency to practice veterinary medicine.  
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28 29. "Veterinary clinic" means any establishment, either fixed or mobile, operated by a  
veterinarian to provide dental, medical or surgical treatment or care for animals.

1 30. "Veterinary hospital" means any establishment operated by a veterinarian that provides  
2 clinical facilities and houses animals for dental, medical or surgical treatment. A veterinary  
3 hospital may have adjacent to it or in conjunction with it, or as an integral part of it, pens,  
4 stalls, cages, or kennels for quarantine or observation, in a completely enclosed building.

5 31. Vicious or Dangerous Tendencies. An animal possesses "vicious or dangerous  
6 tendencies" if it is the type, kind, or species of animal generally known to bite or injure people  
7 or other animals or if the animal has bitten, attempted to bite, injured or attempted to injure  
8 any person or other animal.  
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10 32. "Wild animal" means any animal found naturally in the wild state, whether indigenous to  
11 the state of Nevada or not, and whether raised in captivity or not.

12 33. "Rabies control authority" means the person designated by the Carson City Board of  
13 Supervisors to administer the rabies control program.  
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15 SECTION III:

16 That Section 7.13.030 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
17 follows:

18 7.13.030 Animal services director-Animal services officers-Powers and duties.

19 1. ~~[The city manager shall appoint an animal services director.]~~ The animal services director  
20 may designate animal services officers and other personnel, as required, to properly  
21 discharge the duties required by this chapter and provided for by the board of supervisors.  
22 The animal services director, officers, and other animal control center personnel shall be  
23 subject to the direction and control of the Health and Human Services Director. ~~[city~~  
24 ~~manager.]~~  
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26 2. The powers and duties of the animal services director and officers are as follows:

27 a. To enforce all provisions of this chapter and all laws of the state of Nevada relating to the  
28 licensing, control, care, treatment, impoundment, identification and destruction of animals;

- 1 b. To maintain and keep up the Carson City animal control center, or other places where  
2 animals subject to impoundment may be kept, and any other equipment or automobiles of the  
3 animal control center;
- 4 c. To collect any costs, charges, or fees hereinafter provided for in this chapter for the  
5 issuance of licenses or permits or for the impounding and keeping of any animal;
- 6 d. To take up, impound and safely keep or humanely destroy animals found to be in violation  
7 of the provisions of this chapter or the laws of the state of Nevada;
- 8 e. To forthwith destroy in a humane manner any animal lawfully impounded which is  
9 determined to be by reason of injury, disease or other cause unfit for further use or which is  
10 determined to be dangerous or inimical to human life or the public safety;
- 11 f. To forthwith destroy in a humane manner at the owner's expense, any animal whose owner  
12 requests said destruction, if the Animal Services Director or his designee agrees that the  
13 destruction is the most humane action for the animal;
- 14 g. To purchase, maintain and [~~rent~~] loan, [~~at a price~~] for a deposit to be set by the animal  
15 control, live cage traps which may be ~~rented~~ loaned to citizens of Carson City to aid in  
16 enforcing this chapter;
- 17 h. To keep accurate records of all animals impounded including age, date acquired, location  
18 found, person reporting stray, whether sterilized, and sex if that information is known or  
19 available; to account for all moneys received and disbursed; and to record all reports received  
20 involving animals, including all reports of animal bites and the time of the report, the person  
21 making the report and the disposition of each such case and make such data available to the  
22 public. Each such report shall be investigated and the animal properly quarantined,  
23 impounded or destroyed, in accordance with provisions of this chapter and the laws of the  
24 state of Nevada;
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1 i. To collect charges and fees associated with the operation of the pet cemetery, as set from  
2 time to time by resolution of the board of supervisors.

3 j. To prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating the provisions  
4 of this title of the Carson City Municipal Code.

5 3. The currently used method of killing must be posted at the animal control center.

6 SECTION IV:

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8 That Section 7.13.090 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
9 follows:

10 7.13.090 Vaccination of dogs and cats required-Revaccination required-Exceptions.

11 An owner of a dog, cat or ferret shall maintain the dog, cat or ferret currently vaccinated  
12 against rabies in accordance with the provisions of this section and the recommendation set  
13 forth in the then current "Compendium of Animal Rabies control", published by the National  
14 Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.; which is hereby adopted by reference.

15 The publication is available, free of charge, from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.  
16 Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325. Telephone (202) 512-1800.

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18 1. Every person having the care, control or custody of a dog [~~or cat~~] cat or ferret over the age  
19 of [~~four (4)~~] three (3) months shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated, if applicable, with  
20 rabies vaccine within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of first caring for or having  
21 custody of said dog or cat within Carson City, or from the date said dog or cat attains the age  
22 of [~~four (4)~~] three (3) months. [~~If live virus vaccine was used, the vaccination must have been~~  
23 ~~given within two (2) years prior to the date such dog or cat is kept, harbored or brought into~~  
24 ~~Carson City. If tissue phenolized vaccine was used, such vaccination must have been within~~  
25 ~~one (1) year prior to the date such dog or cat is kept, possessed, harbored, or brought into~~  
26 ~~Carson City.]~~  
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1 2. Vaccination other than rabies vaccination, may be required for any animal according to  
2 state veterinarian recommendations to the animal services director, but only upon seventy-  
3 two (72) hours notice to persons owning, harboring, keeping, or possessing such animal  
4 unless emergency conditions exist as determined by the animal services director.

5 ~~[3. Every person having care, control or custody of a dog which has been vaccinated with live~~  
6 ~~virus vaccine shall cause such dog to be revaccinated every two (2) years after such prior~~  
7 ~~vaccination, whether such prior vaccination occurred within or without Carson City.~~

8 ~~4. Every person having care, control or custody of a dog which has been vaccinated with~~  
9 ~~tissue phenolized vaccine shall cause such dog to be revaccinated with rabies vaccine within~~  
10 ~~one (1) year after such vaccination, whether such prior vaccination occurred within or without~~  
11 ~~Carson City.]~~

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13 5. The animal services director, on advice from a qualified veterinarian, may exempt any  
14 animal from the foregoing vaccination requirements.

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16 6. Every veterinarian who vaccinates a dog with rabies vaccine shall issue to the person  
17 having care, control or custody of such dog, kept within Carson City, a numbered tag of  
18 durable material with the phone number of the veterinarian or clinic thereon, and shall issue a  
19 certificate of vaccination, substantially as reproduced in subsection 9 of this section. The  
20 certificate shall be prepared in duplicate; the veterinarian shall furnish the original to the  
21 owner of the dog and shall keep the duplicate copy for a period of not less than ~~[two (2)]~~ three  
22 (3) years. Every veterinarian who sets up practice within Carson City on either a permanent or  
23 temporary basis must provide the department of animal services with his or her name,  
24 hospital name, hospital address, and hospital telephone number or a copy of their vaccination  
25 records.  
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28 ~~[7. Every person having care or custody of a cat in Carson City which has been vaccinated~~  
~~shall cause such cat to be revaccinated every year after such prior vaccination whether~~

1 ~~occurring within or without Carson City. Every veterinarian who vaccinates a cat pursuant to~~  
2 ~~this paragraph shall issue a certificate of vaccination substantially similar to the one set forth~~  
3 ~~in paragraph 9 below.]~~

4 8. Every veterinarian sterilizing an animal shall issue to the person having care, control or  
5 custody of such animal, kept in Carson City, a certificate of sterilization, substantially similar  
6 to the one set forth in paragraph 9(b) below.

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8 9.a. Certificate of Vaccination.

9 **CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION**

10 Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_  
11 Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
14 City \_\_\_\_\_  
15 Owner's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
16 Species \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Age \_\_\_\_\_  
20 Color \_\_\_\_\_  
21 Markings \_\_\_\_\_  
22 Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
24 Spayed \_\_\_\_\_  
25 Neutered \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 Vaccine  
2 [- 2 yr. Live Virus \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage \_\_\_\_\_]

3 Vaccination Given: \_\_\_\_\_

4 [- 1 yr. Phenolized \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage \_\_\_\_\_]

5 Revaccination Due: \_\_\_\_\_

6 [Vaccine Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_]

7 Rabies Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

8 Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

9 Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Serial Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

11 By \_\_\_\_\_

12 Licensed Veterinarian Address

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15 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

16 b. Certificate of Sterilization.

17 **CERTIFICATE OF STERILIZATION**

18 OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

19 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

20 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

21 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

22 CITY \_\_\_\_\_

23 STATE \_\_\_\_\_

24 ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

1 [CANINE]\_\_\_\_\_ [FELINE]\_\_\_\_\_  
2 SPECIES\_\_\_\_\_  
3 BREED\_\_\_\_\_  
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6 MARKINGS\_\_\_\_\_  
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8 AGE\_\_\_\_\_WEIGHT\_\_\_\_\_  
9 NAME\_\_\_\_\_

10 By LICENSED VETERINARIAN  
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12 ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_  
13 TELEPHONE\_\_\_\_\_

16 10. The same vaccination procedure and exemptions apply to other animals if the animal  
17 services director, on the advice from a qualified veterinarian deems this prudent to insure the  
18 safety of the public.

19 11. Every person applying for or renewing a dog license must exhibit a certificate of  
20 vaccination, if applicable, issued by a person licensed by this state, or any other state or  
21 nation, to practice veterinary medicine, which certificate shall show that the dog for which the  
22 license is to be issued has been vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of this section,  
23 whether said dog is spayed or neutered; provided as an alternative, the person may exhibit a  
24 current exemption from vaccination permit. A license for such dog shall not be issued unless  
25 and until such certificate of vaccination is so exhibited; provided, however, that the license  
26 collector may accept the license fee from the applicant and withhold issuance of the license  
27 until the certificate of vaccination or exemption permit is provided by the applicant.  
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1 SECTION V:

2 That Section 7.13.100 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
3 follows:

4 7.13.100 Animal service tags, permits and fees.

5 1. Every person, firm or corporation owning, operating or maintaining a commercial kennel or  
6 any business involving the keeping of any animal including the keeping of animals for the  
7 purpose of breeding, for the purpose of medical treatment, for the purpose of care for hire, for  
8 sale or for the purpose of grooming shall first obtain a license from Carson City to operate  
9 said business or commercial kennel, as provided for in the Carson City Municipal Code, Title  
10 4, Chapter 4.04, but the granting of said license shall be subject to the approval, denial, or  
11 revocation by the animal services director. Such business license shall at all times be subject  
12 to the planning and zoning regulations of Carson City. Such licenses must be renewed  
13 annually and exempt that person from having to obtain other licenses required in this chapter.

14 2. No person shall keep more than three (3) canine animals over six (6) months of age or  
15 three (3) feline animals over six (6) months of age, at any place, or on any premises, or in any  
16 one residence without first obtaining a permit from the animal services director. Such permit  
17 shall cost two dollars (\$2.00), in addition to any other license fee required, per year per dog or  
18 cat kept over three (3) in number and shall include the cost of inspection by the animal  
19 services director or officers. Such permit shall at all times be subject to the planning and  
20 zoning regulations of Carson City.

21 3. No wild animal or livestock shall be exhibited in public or private unless the animal is kept in  
22 an area that is zoned for livestock or kept anywhere within Carson City unless and until the  
23 owner thereof has obtained ~~an identification~~ a special exemption permit from the animal  
24 services director. Such ~~identification~~ special exemption permit shall not [issue] be issued for  
25 the keeping or exhibiting of a wild animal or livestock until an investigation has been made to  
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1 ascertain what precautions are reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety and  
2 general welfare of the public and of the animal. The fee for such identification special  
3 exemption permit shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually unless the animal is used for  
4 an education purpose as 4H or Future Farmers of America then the fee is waived. [~~and the~~  
5 ~~animals~~] Animals are subject to the impoundment provisions of this chapter, and if  
6 impounded, the animal shall not be released until said [~~identification~~] special exemption use  
7 permit is obtained by the owner of the animal.  
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9 4. The animal services director in approving, denying or revoking any license and permit  
10 required in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this section shall consider the following:

11 a. The animal services director shall determine if the person requesting a license or permit  
12 can keep or maintain any animal or animals so as to not create a public nuisance.

13 b. The animal services director shall determine if the person requesting a license or permit  
14 can keep or maintain the animal or animals in compliance with all the requirements of this  
15 chapter and all other ordinances of Carson City, and the laws of the state of Nevada.  
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17 5. Every person must hold a license for every dog he or she owns, keeps, harbors or  
18 possesses. The owner of any dog over the age of six (6) months shall, within thirty (30) days  
19 after obtaining the dog or first bringing said dog into Carson City, obtain and continuously  
20 maintain for said dog a current and valid animal service tag issued by the Carson City animal  
21 control center.  
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23 6. Each animal service tag issued by the animal control center is annual. The tag shall be  
24 renewed on or before the date one year after its original purchase.

25 7. The following fees shall be paid annually for each animal service tag at the time of  
26 issuance of said tag of each dog:

- 27 a. for each natural male or female dog                    ~~[\$12.00]~~ \$20.00  
28 b. for each neutered or spayed dog                        ~~[\$3.50]~~ \$7.00

1 8. The owner of any dog tagged as aforesaid shall securely fasten about the neck of the dog,  
2 a collar with the animal service identification attached thereto. It is unlawful for any person to  
3 remove any tag issued under the provisions of this chapter from any dog not owned by him or  
4 her, or not lawfully in his or her possession or under his or her control or care, or for any  
5 person to place on any dog, or to permit any dog in his or her control or possession, to wear  
6 any animal service tag not issued or provided in this chapter for that particular dog or to place  
7 on a dog or to own, keep or possess any dog wearing any counterfeit, imitation or altered  
8 animal service tag provided for in this chapter.  
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10 9. There shall be given to each person paying such animal service tag fee aforesaid, or any  
11 moneys paid to the animal control center, a receipt stating the amount and date of payment  
12 and the date of expiration of such tag, and containing a brief description of the dog, and the  
13 owner shall be furnished a numbered tag of a durable material. If such tag shall be lost, it  
14 shall be the duty of the owner, within ten (10) days from the date of the discovery of loss, to  
15 procure a new numbered tag and pay the fee of one dollar (\$1.00) therefor. Failure to secure  
16 the required animal tag within thirty (30) days following the expiration date will result in a  
17 penalty in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) before securing the proper animal service tag.  
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19 10. The animal control center shall keep a register of all animal service tags issued, showing  
20 the name, current address, and telephone number, if any, of the holder of the tag, date of  
21 issuance, date of expiration, description of the dog, the number of the tag, and the type and  
22 date of vaccination, and whether it is spayed or neutered.  
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24 11. Any person required to obtain any permit or animal service tag under any of the provisions  
25 of this section shall permit their premises to be inspected by the animal services director, his  
26 or her officers or health officer at reasonable times. This section shall not apply to quarters  
27 maintained by political entities for the purpose of using animals in law enforcement or animal  
28 control or to quarters maintained by veterinarians for the purpose of surveillance or treatment

1 of animals on a temporary basis. In addition, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a  
2 dog which has been trained and is actually being used to act as a service animal.

3 12. An owner whose animal is wearing an animal service tag which has been in effect for  
4 thirty (30) days or more is entitled to the following services:

5 a. Running at Large, First Offense. The animal will be returned to the owner's residence,  
6 whenever possible, without charge, except that the incident will be regarded as a first offense.

7 b. Free transport, upon request, to a licensed Carson City veterinary service for emergency  
8 care.

9 c. For emergency responses by an officer of the animal control center to the scene of an auto  
10 accident involving an animal, said animal shall be transported to a Carson City veterinarian  
11 without charge[; further, the first thirty dollars (\$30.00) of emergency care costs shall be paid  
12 by the animal control center. Payment of the above described emergency care costs must be  
13 approved by the animal services director].

14 d. The animal control center may remove and care for the animals of any lone person that  
15 must be removed from a residence due to injury, illness or death until relatives or a suitable  
16 location can be arranged.

17 13. No animals defined as livestock shall be kept on any residential lot unless a special use  
18 permit is obtained from the Animal Services Director or his designee.

19 SECTION VI:

20 That Section 7.13.110 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
21 follows:

22 7.13.110 Restraining animals-Sanitation.

23 Every person who is the owner of any animal, except cats, shall keep the same upon his  
24 premises under his control, shall keep said animal adequately covered from weather, and  
25 properly restrained by a fence, cage, coop or other adequate means so that said animal shall  
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1 not leave or escape from the premises upon which it shall be kept; provided that no person  
2 shall keep any such animal unless its living area is kept clean and free from offensive odors,  
3 animal wastes and rodents, flies, or any other offensive or unwholesome condition.

4 SECTION VII:

5 That Section 7.13.130 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby repealed as  
6 follows:

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8 ~~[7.13.130 Female dogs or cats running at large during copulating season Impounds.~~

9 ~~1. It is unlawful for the owner of any unspayed natural female dog or cat to suffer, permit, or~~  
10 ~~allow said animal to run at large while said animal is in its copulating season, and the owner~~  
11 ~~of said animal shall keep the same secured upon his or her premises or in a boarding kennel~~  
12 ~~so that the other animals do not have access thereto. Every unspayed female dog or cat~~  
13 ~~which is not kept in conformance with this section shall be immediately seized and impounded~~  
14 ~~in the animal control center and held subject to the provisions of this chapter. The charge for~~  
15 ~~impounding such animal is fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per~~  
16 ~~day for any time over twenty-four (24) hours, twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which can, at the~~  
17 ~~option of the owner, be applied toward the sterilization of said dog or cat at the veterinarian of~~  
18 ~~the owner's choice, if the spaying is performed within thirty (30) days. The animal control~~  
19 ~~center shall forward said twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the depositor upon proof of the spay of~~  
20 ~~said dog or cat. Should the owner opt not to have spay performed, the entire fifty dollars~~  
21 ~~(\$50.00) shall be retained by Carson City.]~~

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24 ~~[2. If a female dog or cat running at large in its copulating season is captured by an animal~~  
25 ~~services officer for the second time within a three (3) year period of the first capture, in~~  
26 ~~copulating season, then a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus four dollars and fifty~~  
27 ~~cents (\$4.50) per day for any time over twenty-four (24) hours to be levied by Carson City with~~  
28 ~~the same option to spay the dog or cat as provided in paragraph 1.]~~

1 ~~[3. All subsequent captures in copulating season within a three (3) year period of the first~~  
2 ~~capture shall cause a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus four dollars and fifty cents~~  
3 ~~(\$4.50) per day for any time over twenty four (24) hours to be levied by Carson City. In~~  
4 ~~addition to the fees, said dog or cat shall be spayed or neutered depending on the sex of the~~  
5 ~~animal before it is released from impound, if it has not yet been spayed or neutered. The~~  
6 ~~sterilization procedure may be performed by a veterinarian of the owner's choice and the cost~~  
7 ~~of the procedure must be paid by the owner. (Ord. 1994-22 § 12, 1994: Ord. 1985-1 § 1,~~  
8 ~~1985: Ord. 1979-3 § 1 (part), 1979).]~~

10 SECTION VIII:

11 That Section 7.13.140 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
12 follows:

13 7.13.140 Conditions for release of impounded dog.

14 No dog which has been impounded shall be released to any person except upon performance  
15 of the following applicable conditions and any other conditions imposed by this chapter:

- 16 I. There has been presented to the animal ~~[control supervisor]~~ services director or his/her  
17 designee a current license for such dog issued by Carson City or a current license from any  
18 other state of the nation, or a political subdivision of the same, by the person owning or  
19 possessing such dog;  
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21 2. If there is a Carson City license but the license has been lost, the same shall be replaced  
22 at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00);  
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24 3. Where the person owning, keeping, harboring, or possessing a dog that is impounded is a  
25 resident of Carson City and the dog is unlicensed, the applicable fees must be paid;  
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27 4. There has been paid to the animal control center the impounding, collection, and other fees  
28 as provided by law; a bill of sale, or transfer or adoption fee to be established by the board of

1 supervisors from time to time, shall be charged to the person applying for the release of said  
2 animal;

3 5. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, no spaying or neutering deposit  
4 shall be required by the animal control center for the release of any dog to its owner, if such  
5 ownership prior to the capture and impounding can be proved.

6 SECTION IX:

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8 That Section 7.13.145 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
9 follows:

10 7.13.145 Conditions for release of impounded cats and additional conditions for release of  
11 impounded dogs.

12 No dog or cat which has been impounded shall be released to any person except upon the  
13 performance of the following conditions:

14 1. Proof has been supplied to the satisfaction of the animal control center that such dog or cat  
15 has been vaccinated with rabies vaccine within the time periods according to requirements as  
16 prescribed in this chapter;

17 2. The animal control center or health department has determined that such dog or cat does  
18 not have or is not reasonably suspected of having rabies;

19 3. Before any dog or cat which has not been spayed or neutered may be released for sale or  
20 adoption, a deposit, the amount of which is established by the animal services director from  
21 time to time, shall be paid for the spaying or neutering of the animal. Said deposit shall be  
22 forwarded by the animal services director to the depositor, upon a veterinarian's proof of the  
23 spay or neuter of said dog or cat. No additional fee for the spay or neuter of said animal shall  
24 be charged to the depositor by the veterinarian except any fee agreed to by the depositor and  
25 the veterinarian. If the spaying or neutering is not done, the deposit is forfeited to Carson City;  
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1 4. After the animal has been vaccinated, or the fee for vaccination has been paid, and if all  
2 the conditions of this chapter have been satisfied, the animal control center shall release such  
3 dog or cat to the owner, or to the person making application for the release of such animal as  
4 herein provided;

5 5. If the animal control center suspects that any dog or cat so impounded has rabies, such  
6 animal shall be held for inspection by a veterinarian. In the event that such animal is afflicted  
7 with rabies, it shall be disposed of or confined for such time as the ~~[health officer]~~ animal  
8 services director determines. ~~[shall direct.]~~ Whenever the veterinarian shall determine that  
9 such dog or cat does not have rabies, it shall be released as provided herein.  
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11 SECTION X:

12 That Section 7.13.190 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
13 follows:

14 7.13.190 Impounding of animals in zoned areas.

15 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or cause to be kept any animal in violation of  
16 Carson City zoning regulations.  
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18 2. Animals and Fowl.

19 a. Except as provided in subsection B and C; horses, swine, fowl, sheep or other animals of a  
20 similar nature shall not be maintained on any lot or parcel other than a lot or parcel zoned  
21 agriculture (A), conservation reserve (CR), single family one acre (SF1A), single family two  
22 acre (SF2A) or single family five acre (SF5A). All parcels containing animals, not meeting  
23 these requirements at time of code adoption, shall be considered an approved nonconforming  
24 use and are restricted by the nonconforming use portion of Section 18.03.010.  
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26 b. On residentially zoned properties requiring less than one (1) acre in land area, a maximum  
27 of two (2) rabbits, two (2) potbelly pigs, that weigh less than 150 pounds each, and four (4)  
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1 female chickens or female ducks may be kept on any single family residential parcel if used  
2 as a pet or an educational project.

3 c. Formal youth education groups such as 4H or Future Farmers of America can apply for  
4 special use permits to have livestock on residential lots.

5 3. Animal Units. The keeping or raising of livestock and other farm animals as allowable under  
6 this section shall be permitted in accordance with the table of animals units and density  
7 standards described as follows:  
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| 9  | Animal Types                    | Animal Unit Equivalents (A.U.E) |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10 | (1) Horse, Mule or Donkey       | 1.00                            |
| 11 | (1) Cow, Steer, or Bull         | 1.00                            |
| 12 | (1) Pig, Llama, or Alpaca       | 1.00                            |
| 13 | (1) Pony or Burro               | 1.00                            |
| 14 | (1) Sheep, Goat or Mini Horse   | 0.50                            |
| 15 | (1) Rabbit, Chinchilla, or Fowl | 0.20                            |

17 4. Animal Density. Livestock and farm animal numbers may be established at the density of  
18 one animal unit for each seven thousand (7,000) square feet of lot area. All fractional  
19 densities are to be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

20 Example: On a one (1) acre parcel (43,560 square feet), six (6) animal units would be  
21 allowable. For every residential parcel larger than one (1) acre in size and zoned single family  
22 two acre (SF2A) or single family five acre (SF5A), only two (2) A.U.E. may be added per  
23 additional acre up to five (5) acres unless disallowed by CC&R's.

25 5. Calculations. For allowable animals, animal categories may be combined to total an  
26 allowable animal unit density:

27 Example: On a one (1) acre parcel where six (6) A.U. are allowed:  
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| 3 horses | (3x1.00) | 3.00 AUE |
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1 +4 sheep (4x0.50) 2.00

2 +5 chickens (5x.020) 1.00

3 Total Animal Unit Density 6.00

4 6. The offspring of animals are allowable and not to be counted until they are weaned or self-  
5 sufficient.

6 7. Any person permitted under this section to have livestock as defined in Title 7 shall  
7 maintain them in such a way to assure they do not encroach upon or damage the property of  
8 others. The living area with respect to sanitation shall conform with restrictions set forth in  
9 Title 7 of the CCMC animal control ordinance and Section 9 of the CCMC health department  
10 regulations.  
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12 8. Slaughter of animals shall not be permitted within any residential district in Carson City, but  
13 may be an accessory use to an agricultural use in the conservation reserve (CR) and  
14 agricultural (A) districts.  
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16 9. Keeping of hazardous or offensive animals prohibited. No person shall keep, maintain or  
17 have in his possession or permit on any property owned or controlled by him any household  
18 pet or pets or any other animal or animals in such manner, number or kind as to cause  
19 damage or hazard to persons or property in the vicinity or to generate offensive noise, dust or  
20 odor. Wild animals will be administered in accord with Title 7 by the animal regulation  
21 department and Title 9 of the health department regulations.  
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23 10. Bees may be kept on large parcels provided:

24 a. The parcel on which the bees are kept shall be at least one (1) acre in size, and a special  
25 use permit is obtained for parcels under five (5) acres in size;

26 b. The number of colonies or nuclei shall not exceed one (1) per acre;

27 c. Adequate freshwater supply shall be available for bees on the subject property at all times;  
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1 d. The location shall be not less than two hundred feet (200') from any public road, street or  
2 highway, residence or other occupied building other than that of the property owner or  
3 occupant of said property;

4 e. Approval by appropriate state agencies shall be obtained.

5 SECTION XI:

6 That Section 7.13.195 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby repealed as  
7 follows:

8 ~~[7.13.195 Ferrets.~~

9 ~~The sale, purchase and possession of ferrets is subject to the following restrictions:~~

10 ~~1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or cause to be kept any ferret on any premises~~  
11 ~~in Carson City which is inhabited by a child under the age of three (3) years.~~

12 ~~2. It shall be unlawful for any pet shop or person to sell a ferret in Carson City without first~~  
13 ~~informing the purchaser, in writing, of the propensity of ferrets to attack infants.~~

14 ~~3. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a ferret in Carson City without obtaining a~~  
15 ~~permit from the animal control department within five (5) days of obtaining possession of said~~  
16 ~~ferret.~~

17 ~~4. Pet shops or persons selling ferrets or persons purchasing ferrets outside of Carson City~~  
18 ~~shall provide the following information, in writing, to the animal control department within five~~  
19 ~~(5) days of the sale of any ferret:~~

20 ~~a. Purchaser's name/address;~~

21 ~~b. Written statement of purchaser that no child under the age of three (3) years resides on the~~  
22 ~~premises to be inhabited by the ferret;~~

23 ~~c. Age and sex of ferret;~~

24 ~~d. Whether ferret is neutered;~~

25 ~~e. Date of sale;~~

1 ~~f. Source of ferret (name, address);~~

2 ~~g. Vaccinations received by ferret prior to sale.~~

3 ~~(Ord. 1986-12 § 1, 1986).]~~

4 SECTION XII:

5 That Section 7.13.200 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
6 follows:

7 7.13.200 Vicious or dangerous ~~[animals]~~ dogs: Unlawful acts; penalties.

8 ~~[1. It is the responsibility of any person having care or custody of any animal in Carson City to  
9 make himself aware of the propensities of any animal in his care or custody.~~

10 ~~2. An animal is known by the person having care or custody to possess vicious or dangerous  
11 propensities if:~~

12 ~~a. It is the type, kind or species of animal that is generally known to bite or injure people or  
13 other animals.~~

14 ~~b. It is not generally known to bite or injure people or other animals but the particular animal  
15 has bitten, attempted to bite, injured or attempted to injure a person or animal and such fact  
16 was personally observed by the person having care and custody or the person having care  
17 and custody has been informed of such facts by other persons. (Ord. 1979-3 § 1 (part),  
18 1979).]~~

19 1. As used in this section, a dog is:

20 (a) "dangerous" if:

21 (1) It is so declared pursuant to subsection 2; or

22 (2) Without provocation, on two separate occasions within 18 months, it behaves  
23 menacingly, to a degree that would lead a reasonable person to defend himself against  
24 substantial bodily harm, when the dog is:

25 (l) Off the premises of its owner or keeper, or

1                   (II) Not confined in a cage, pen or vehicle.

2 (b) "Provoked" when it is tormented or subjected to pain.

3 (c) "Vicious" if:

4                   (1) Without being provoked, it kills or inflicts substantial bodily harm upon a human  
5 being; or

6                   (2) After its owner or keeper has been notified by a law enforcement agency that it is  
7 dangerous, or continues the behavior described in paragraph (a).

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9 2. A dog may be declared dangerous by a law enforcement agency if it is used in the  
10 commission of a crime by its owner or keeper.

11 3. A dog may not be found dangerous or vicious because of a defensive act against a person  
12 who was committing or attempting to commit a crime or who provoked the dog.

13 4. A person who knowingly:

14 (a) Owns or keeps a vicious dog, for more than 7 days after he has actual notice that the dog  
15 is vicious; or

16 (b) Transfers ownership of a vicious dog after he has actual notice that the dog is vicious, is  
17 guilty of a misdemeanor.

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19 5. If substantial bodily harm results from an attack by a dog known to be vicious, its owner or  
20 keeper is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. In  
21 lieu of, or in addition to, a penalty provided in this subsection, the judge may order the vicious  
22 dog to be humanely destroyed.

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24 6. This section does not apply to a dog used by a law enforcement officer in the performance  
25 of his duties.

26 SECTION XIII:

27                   That Section 7.13.220 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
28 follows:

1 7.13.220 Keeping of an animal possessing [~~vicious or~~] dangerous tendencies.

2 It is unlawful for any person to have care or custody of any animal in Carson City which is  
3 known to possess vicious or dangerous tendencies unless the following conditions are met:

4 1. At no time shall such animal leave the private property confines of the person having care  
5 or custody of the animal unless it is muzzled, leashed, and under the effective control of an  
6 adult.

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8 2. The private property shall be adequately and properly posted with conspicuous warning  
9 signs, with a list of name and telephone number of handlers of said animal, if applicable.

10 3. The animal shall be kept, confined or housed within an enclosure:

11 a. That is adequate to insure the animal's retention and comfort and of a size to permit the  
12 animal to stand upright;

13 b. That is high enough so that the animal cannot bite, harm, or injure anyone by overreaching  
14 the top of the fence or other enclosure.

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16 4. The animal shall be kept upon the private property in a manner that will prevent it from  
17 biting or injuring any person lawfully upon the property who is not provoking or teasing the  
18 animal.

19 5. At the owner or keepers expense, the animal shall be spayed or neutered and a pet  
20 identification microchip inserted into the nominal with the owners name, address, and phone  
21 number.

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23 6. The animal owner or keeper shall purchase a \$75,000.00 "Dangerous Dog" insurance  
24 policy and keep said insurance policy current for the duration of the ownership of the animal.

25 SECTION XIV:

26 That Section 7.13.230 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
27 follows:

28 7.13.230 Miskeeping of a [~~vicious or~~] dangerous animal.

1 Every person having the care or custody of any animal in Carson City known to said person to  
2 possess vicious or dangerous tendencies who fails to keep said animal as required by  
3 Section 7.13.110 and thereby allows the same to either injure any person or to escape and  
4 run at large in any place or manner liable to endanger the safety of any person, shall be guilty  
5 of a misdemeanor.

6 SECTION XV:  
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8 That Section 7.13.240 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
9 follows:

10 7.13.240 Vicious or dangerous animal may be killed.

11 Any person may lawfully kill any animal known to possess vicious or dangerous tendencies  
12 found running at large when reasonably necessary to protect his or her own safety or the  
13 safety of other persons or animals.  
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15 SECTION XVI:

16 That Section 7.13.265 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

17 7.13.265 Rabies Control Authority

18 The Rabies Control Authority is designated as the animal services director or the health  
19 director or his/her designee. The Rabies Control Authority is responsible to administer the  
20 rabies control program.  
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22 SECTION XVII:

23 That Section 7.13.280 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
24 follows:

25 7.13.280 Impounding or destroying of rabid animals.

26 1. It shall be the duty of the animal control center to impound any animal found in or upon any  
27 public street, alley or other public place, or in or upon any lot or premises, whether public or  
28 private, if such animal is known to have or suspected of having rabies, or known to have been

1 bitten by any animal having or suspected of having rabies. It shall be examined immediately  
2 by the ~~[health officer]~~ animal services director or his/her designee and a veterinarian for  
3 determination of whether the animal shall be destroyed or impounded. If destruction of the  
4 animal is required, destruction shall be accomplished in such manner as to preserve intact the  
5 head. Such head shall promptly and without delay be properly removed and packaged for  
6 shipment for laboratory analysis as prescribed by the health officer.  
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8 2. The maximum period of confinement for observation at the animal control center of an  
9 animal known to have or suspected of having rabies, shall be ten (10) days, even if said  
10 animal is obtained from any other governmental entity, including, but not limited to the state of  
11 Nevada or Carson City. If the animal is not released after the maximum ten (10) day period,  
12 as provided by law, it may be destroyed thereafter. Any other animal known to have or  
13 suspected of having rabies shall be confined for observation at the animal control center for  
14 such necessary period of time as shall be determined by the health officer but, in no event,  
15 less than ten (10) days.  
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17 SECTION XVIII:

18 That Section 7.13.450 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
19 follows:  
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21 7.13.450 Poisoning animals.

22 It shall be unlawful for any person unjustifiably to administer any poisonous drug or substance  
23 with intent that the same shall be taken by an animal, except for animals classified as "non-  
24 protected wildlife" defined by State of Nevada Department of Agriculture, whether such animal  
25 be the property of himself or another, or whether said drug or substance be exposed upon  
26 such person's property, the private property of another, or any public place; provided, that  
27 nothing herein shall be construed to prevent or restrict the animal services officers, or health  
28 officer in the exercise and performance of the powers and duties as set forth.



1 SECTION XIX:

2 That Section 7.13.605 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
3 follows:

4 7.13.605 Unlawful acts-Stealing, butchering, harming, inhumane killing.

5 It is unlawful for any person to:

- 6 a. Steal or relocate an animal belonging to another person;  
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8 b. Butcher any animal except where allowed by law;  
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10 c. Inflict pain or harm upon an animal in the course of a ritual in public or in private; or  
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12 d. Kill an animal by using an inhumane method of killing.  
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14 e. Knowingly engage in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal.

15 SECTION XX:

16 That no other provisions of Title 7 of the Carson City Municipal Code are affected by  
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PROPOSED by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_.

PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day), 2009.

VOTE:

AYES:

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NAYES:

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ABSENT:

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ATTEST:

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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk/Recorder

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ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2009.