

SUMMARY: Amends the Washoe County Code by adding provisions creating the department of regional animal services and the position of director of regional animal services, by revising provisions relating to the animal services center, and by revising provisions relating to the definition of "animal control officer" and the powers and duties of an animal control officer.

BILL NO. 1738

ORDINANCE NO. 1557

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES, CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES, AND SPECIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES; BY REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER; BY MAKING CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF "ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER"; AND BY CLARIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

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 provisions set forth as sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this ordinance.

SECTION 2.

55.020 Department of regional animal services: Creation.

1. The department of regional animal services is hereby created.
2. The department shall be responsible for the operation of the animal services center, field services, enforcement of laws and ordinances pertaining to animals within Washoe County, emergency response in times of disaster, and other functions as may be assigned by the board of county commissioners.

SECTION 3.

55.021 Director of regional animal services: Creation.

1. The position of director of regional animal services is hereby created.
2. The director shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners upon recommendation by the county manager.

SECTION 4.

55.022 Director of Regional Animal Services: Powers and duties. Subject to chapter 5 of this code regulating county personnel, the director of regional animal services shall appoint, supervise and direct all technical, administrative and operational staff as the department requires. In addition to such duties as may be required in the daily administration of the department, the board of county commissioners and the county manager may make additional assignments as necessary.

Section 5. Washoe County Code 55.010 is hereby amended by changing the definition of "Animal control officer" as follows:

"Animal control officer" means those employees of the county who have been designated by the county pursuant to NRS 280.125: to enforce the provisions of this chapter and Nevada state law; to possess and administer a controlled substance in accordance with applicable regulations of the state board of pharmacy as specified in NRS 453.375(10); to prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes or the Washoe County Code as they relate to animal control as specified in NRS 171.17751(1); and to perform other functions as permitted by law.

SECTION 6. Washoe County Code 55.020 is hereby amended to read as follows, and shall now be designated as 55.023:

55.023 Animal services center.

1. An animal services center is hereby established which shall be maintained in such place as is provided for by the board of county commissioners.

2. The animal services center provides for the receipt, impoundment, care and disposal of animals. Operation, direction, supervision and necessary control of the animal services center shall be under the direction of the director of regional animal services.

3. In carrying out the functions of the animal services center, the board of county commissioners may enter into written agreements upon such terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate and in compliance with all applicable laws.

SECTION 7. Washoe County Code 55.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

55.040 Animal control officer; powers and duties. An animal control officer shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To enforce all provisions of this chapter and all laws of the state relating to the care, treatment, impoundment and disposal of animals.

2. To possess and administer a controlled substance in accordance with applicable regulations of the state board of pharmacy as specified in NRS 453.375(10).

3. To provide sufficient food, water and shelter for impounded animals at the animal services center or other authorized location.

4. To take up, impound and safely keep any animal found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter and Nevada law.

5. To collect any costs or charges hereinafter provided in this chapter for the impounding and keeping of any animal; to account for all money received and disbursed; and to keep an accurate record of all animals impounded.

6. To dispose of animals, including by destruction, lawfully impounded in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to section 55.485 and Nevada law.

7. To employ the use of the tranquilizer gun and all other animal control equipment in the performance of their duties.

8. To prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating a provision of the Nevada Revised Statutes or the Washoe County Code as it pertains to animals. All citations so issued and served shall comply with the requirements of NRS 171.1773 and NRS 171.17751(5).

[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 28th day of April, 2015.

Proposed by Commissioner Jung.

Passed on the 12th day of May, 2015.

Vote:

Ayes: Berkbigler, Jung, Hartung, Lucey & Herman

Nays: NONE

Absent: *NONE*

Maisha Burkhead
Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Dancy L. Parent
County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after
May 22, 2015.



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COUNTY OF WASHOE

Being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That as the legal clerk of the Reno Gazette-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Reno, Washoe County, State of Nevada, that the notice referenced below has published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper between the dates: **5/15/2015 - 5/15/2015**, for exact publication dates please see last line of Proof of Publication below.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Signed: *Kimberly Bnd*

[Handwritten Signature]

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION WASHOE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 1557 BILL NO. 1738
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that typewritten copies of the above-numbered and entitled ordinance are available for inspection by the interested parties at the office of the County Clerk of Washoe County, Nevada, at her office in the Washoe County Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Building A, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada; and that the ordinance was proposed on April 28, 2015 by Commissioner Jung and was passed and adopted without amendment at a regular meeting held on May 12, 2015 by the following vote of the Board of County Commissioners: An ordinance amending the Washoe County Code by adding provisions creating the Department of Regional Animal Services, creating the position of Director of Regional Animal Services, and specifying the powers and duties of the Director of Regional Animal Services; by revising provisions relating to the Animal Services Center; by making changes to the definition of "Animal Control Officer"; and by clarifying the powers and duties of an Animal Control Officer. (Bill No. 1738) Those Voting Aye: Vaughn Hartung, Jeanne Herman, Marsha Berkgigler, Kitty Jung and Bob Lucey Those Absent: None This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after May 22, 2015. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, has caused this Ordinance to be published by title only. DATED May

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<p>DATED May 13, 2015</p>	
<p>Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners</p>	
No. 56668	May 15, 22, 2015