



City of North Las Vegas

Animal Protection Services

Name change

Title 6: Repeal and replace



Summary of revisions

City of North Las Vegas staff recommends amending portions of Title 6 of the Municipal Code in order to...

- **Better protect the health, safety and welfare of animals in our community**
- **Ensure compliance with the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”)**



Proposed name change

from

Animal Control Division

to...

Animal Protection Services



Amend Section 6.08.060

- **To require impounded dogs, cats, potbellied pigs, ferrets and rabbits to be microchipped before being released**



Amend Section 6.08.070

- **To provide that animals that have been impounded for Title 6 violations other than animal cruelty be deemed abandoned if they remain unclaimed by an owner after 72 hours of being impounded**



Add Section 6.08.075

- Provides a mechanism to transfer impounded animals owned or possessed by an arrested or detained person and recovery of costs of care



Add Chapter 6.09: General Welfare; Neglect

- Deems it unlawful for any person who has the care, custody, or possession of an animal to refuse or fail to provide food, water, or veterinary care for illness, injury, disease, or infirmity
- Requires that animals kept outdoors be provided adequate shelter
- Requires that animals kept outdoors be provided shade when the temperature is expected to rise above 85 degrees Fahrenheit
- Requires a secondary cooling mechanism when the temperature is expected to rise above 105 degrees Fahrenheit



Add Chapter 6.11: Nuisance

- Establishes that roosting or lingering wild pigeons are considered a public nuisance because of the health hazard they pose
- Deems it unlawful for anyone to encourage such a public nuisance by feeding wild pigeons



Amend Section 6.12.020

- **To revise the definition of animal cruelty to include failure to provide shelter, shade, or the veterinary attention needed to prevent protracted suffering**



Amend Section 6.12.070: Tethering

- To prohibit using a tether, chain, tie, or other device that places a dog in unsafe or unsanitary conditions
- To prohibit using a tether, tie or similar item that does not permit the dog access to food, water, shade, dry ground, or shelter
- To reduce the number of hours that a dog may be tethered, from no more than 14 hours during a 24-hour period to no more than 10 hours during a 24-hour period



Add Section 6.12.100

Providing For Impounded Animals Due To Animal Cruelty

- Ensures compliance with NRS 574.055, which requires that Officers provide certain notice when impounding an animal
- Provides the owner an opportunity to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 574.203
- Provides a mechanism for Municipal Court to order that the animal be sold at auction, humanely destroyed, or continued in the care of the City if the owner does not request a hearing after five days of receiving the notice
- Establishes when to hold a hearing if Municipal Court receives a request for a hearing pursuant to NRS 574.203; identifies what evidence to consider at such a hearing
- Provides that any charges, fees, or costs incurred by the contracted animal shelter related to any animal being impounded shall be the responsibility of the animal's owner



Add Section 6.12.110

- Provides a mechanism to request a hearing when an animal is impounded and its owner or caretaker is lawfully arrested for violations of NRS 574.070 or 574.100



Add Section 6.12.200

- **Provides the various determinations of Municipal Court when holding a hearing pursuant to NRS 574.203**



Amend Section 6.13.040

- **To regulate animals kept outdoors by operators**
- **To require that animals kept outdoors be provided with adequate shelter and shade when the temperature is expected to rise above 85 degrees Fahrenheit and a secondary cooling mechanism when the temperature is expected to rise above 105 degrees Fahrenheit**



**In order to protect the health, welfare and safety of animals,
staff recommends that the City Council
introduce, approve, and adopt Ordinance No. 3053**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!