

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
BILL NO. 2022-26**

(Amends LVMC Chapter 7.40, regarding professional animal handler and breeder permits, to expand the scope of the permit requirement to include animal rescue operations, require background checks, and establish additional operational requirements for the holders of certain permits)

This business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of the contents of a proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2022-26, that will amend LVMC Chapter 7.40, regarding professional animal handler and breeder permits, to expand the scope of the permit requirement to include animal rescue operations, require background checks, and establish additional operational requirements for the holders of certain permits.

1. The following constitutes a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notification of the proposal was provided by email or US mail to approximately 172 businesses potentially affected by the proposal. In addition, notification was also sent to approximately 50 other persons or organizations--either representative of business or nonprofit organizations likely to be impacted by or interested in the proposal. Recipients of the notification were invited to respond in writing and to submit comments, data or arguments regarding whether the proposal would impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

The City received three written responses to the solicitation, two of which were submitted by the deadline. Written comments from the third respondent were submitted the day after the deadline but will be reported here as if received in a timely manner. One response was on behalf of a nonprofit rescue operation, reciting the hardship of requiring background checks for permittees and employees. The other two responses were on behalf of businesses, including a grooming business and a business that provides care and training. The business responses also addressed the burden of background checks for employees, indicating the difficulty of hiring and the cost of background checks. The preceding sentences of this paragraph are the means by which the summary is made available to interested persons.

2. The estimated economic effect of the rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects:

Potentially affected businesses indicate that the proposed requirements will impose a significant economic and administrative burden on businesses.

Beneficial effects:

The proposal is intended to provide more protection to animals and greater public confidence in operations that are subject to the requirements.

Direct effects:

See adverse and beneficial effects above.

Indirect effects:

None identified.

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:

After consideration of adjustments to the proposed rule, no adjustments were made.

4. The estimate of the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the rule is:

Approximately \$238,314 in ongoing administration and enforcement costs, as well as approximately \$182,353 in one-time initial costs. These costs represent those associated with the work of one dedicated marshal assigned to background checks and one animal protection services officer assigned to enforcement.

5. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount expected to be collected is:

In Year 1, estimated revenue of \$15,000 (approximately 600 background checks at \$25 each).

In Years 2 and beyond, estimated revenue of \$2,500 (approximately 100 background checks at \$25 each).

6. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee will be used by the local government to:

Help offset the costs of administration and enforcement.

7. If the rule includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explains why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

The proposal is intended to provide greater protection and benefit than exist under current law and standards.

8. The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the rule on businesses:

It is believed that the proposal represents a balanced approach to the regulation of businesses and operations that have regular contact with animals as part of their operation.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in this business impact statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

By: *Jerry Cuvak*
 City Manager

Date: 9/27/ , 2022