



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date:	6/14/18
Agenda Item #:	R.6
Est. Start Time:	10:25 a.m.
Date Submitted:	6/6/18

**Agenda Title:** Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 13 – Animal Control to Ban the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Displays and/or Acts

**Requested Date:** 06/14/2018

**Time Needed:** 20 minutes

**Department/Division:** Non-Departmental;  
District 1 – Office of Commissioner Sharon  
Meieran

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**Presenters:**

Jackie Rose, *Multnomah County Animal Services Director*;  
Andrea Kozil, *Community Advocate*;  
Sharon Harmon, *Chief Executive Officer - Oregon Humane Society*;  
Lisa Wathne, *Manager, Captive Wildlife Protection - Humane Society of the United States*;  
Dr. Lisa Wathne, *Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association*

## General Information:

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 13 – Animal Control to Ban the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Displays and/or Acts

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The use of wild or exotic animals in traveling animal displays creates significant negative impacts on wild or exotic animals, perpetuates the sale and trade of these animals, and presents a threat to public safety. Restrictions governing the use of wild or exotic animals in traveling shows have been passed in five states and more than 135 other localities across 37

states. The proposed ordinance would ban the use of wild or exotic animals in traveling animal displays and/or acts within Multnomah County. The ordinance outlines a comprehensive list of exotic animals covered by this ban. The ordinance would exempt an employee or contractor of a filmmaker for the purposes of producing a film. The enforcement process would be complaint-driven, and the ordinance would be enforced by Multnomah County Animal Services.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

N/A.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

See question 2.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The concept of this ordinance was brought to Multnomah County by a local animal advocate. The language of the ordinance was crafted in partnership with the Multnomah County Animal Services Division, the Humane Society of the United States, the Oregon Zoo, and the Oregon Media Production Association. Members of the public and other government entities are invited to testify on the proposed ordinance.

**Required Signature:**

**Elected Official/  
Department Director:**

/s/Sharon Meieran

**Date:**

6/6/18