



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/30/15  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 3.30.15

**Agenda Title:** **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 – Animal Services**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 30, 2015 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Community Services **Division:** Animal Services  
**Contact(s):** Mike Oswald  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Mike Oswald, Animal Services Director

## General Information

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

Request approval of the first reading of an Ordinance amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 13 to codify changes to Oregon Revised Statutes related to animal rescue entities.

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

The 2013 Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 6 which created new provisions and amended state law related to animals. The 2013 Act amended the Oregon Revised Statutes and created new provisions for regulating animal rescue entities (ORS 609.415) and new provisions for investigation and inspection of animal rescue entities (ORS 609.420).

ORS 609.415 defines "Animal rescue entity" as an individual or organization, including but not limited to an animal control agency, humane society, animal shelter, animal sanctuary or boarding kennel not subject to ORS 167.374 (Possession or control of dogs for purpose of reproduction), but excluding a veterinary facility, that keeps, houses, and maintains in its custody 10 or more animals and solicits or accepts donations in any form.

ORS 609.415 defines "Enforcing agency" as the agency that operates a city or county dog licensing and control program under ORS 609.035 to 609.110 or under any city or county ordinances or regulations that operate in lieu of ORS 609.035 to 609.110, or any other agency designated the enforcing agency by the city or county governing body.

The new provisions in the state law require the enforcing agency to establish a licensing program for animal rescue entities. The license program shall establish reasonable fees for a license to provide for actual cost of enforcing ORS 609.420. The enforcing agency shall establish procedures for licensing, inspection, investigation of violations, imposition of civil penalties, animal impoundment, and adopt rules and policies for a hearing process prior to the imposition of any civil penalties.

The amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance codifies the state law into Chapter 13 of Multnomah County Code. The new animal rescue entity licensing procedures shall be incorporated into current licensing procedures in MCC 13.151.

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

The amendment includes language to establish a fee for the actual costs of licensing and enforcing the new provisions.

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

This amendment incorporates the new state law into Multnomah County Code Chapter 13.

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

The Division's Community Advisory Committee has reviewed the amendment.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

**Date:**

March 30, 2015

*Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.*