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BILL NO. 2025-37

ORDINANCE NO. 6930

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LVMC TITLE 7 BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER THEREIN, DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 7.43, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF HANDLING PETS TO COMPLETE A TRAINING COURSE ON HANDLING PETS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Proposed by: Jason Potts, Chief of Public Safety

Summary: Amends Title 7 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code by adding Chapter 7.43 to require certain owners and operators of commercial establishments engaged in the business of handling pets to complete a training course on handling pets.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Title 7 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, designated as Chapter 7.43, consisting of Sections 10 to 40, inclusive, reading as follows:

7.43.010: The following definitions are applicable only to LVMC Chapter 7.43 and do not alter or supersede any other definitions of such terms provided elsewhere in LVMC Title 7.

- (A) "Animal rescue organization" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.205.
- (B) "Animal shelter" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.240.
- (C) "Breeder" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.245.
- (D) "Cattery" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.250.
- (E) "Dealer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.260.
- (F) "Kennel" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.280.
- (G) "Nonprofit organization" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 82A.060.
- (H) "Pet" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.300.
- (I) "Pet groomer" means a person who professionally styles pets for compensation. The term includes, without limitation, a person who professionally bathes, brushes, or clips a pet.

1 (J) "Retailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.320.

2 (K) "Veterinarian" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.330.

3 **7.43.020:** The owner or operator of a kennel, an animal rescue organization that handles pets, or a
4 commercial establishment engaged in the business of handling pets, including, without limitation, a breeder,
5 a cattery, a retailer, a pet groomer, or a dealer, must complete a training course on handling pets. The Animal
6 Regulation Officer is authorized to:

7 (A) Develop the training course, which shall include, without limitation, information related to
8 animal welfare, standards of care, incident reporting, and compliance with the provisions of LVMC Title 7;
9 and

10 (B) Prescribe the manner by which the training course must be completed prior to obtaining or
11 renewing a business license.

12 **7.43.030:** Each owner or operator required to complete the training course pursuant to LVMC Section
13 7.43.020 shall renew such training every two years. The Animal Regulation Officer is authorized to prescribe
14 the manner by which each owner or operator must renew the training.

15 **7.43.040:** The provisions of LVMC Section 7.43.020 do not apply to:

16 (A) A veterinarian;

17 (B) The staff of a veterinarian who are operating in the office of and under the
18 supervision of the veterinarian;

19 (C) An animal shelter; or

20 (D) A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to shelter the pets of victims of
21 domestic violence.

22 SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
23 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by
24 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the
25 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby
26 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase

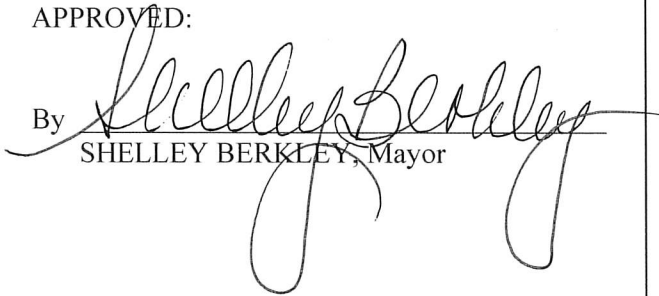
1 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,
2 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

3 SECTION 3: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to
4 be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is required
5 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the doing of
6 such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon
7 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of
8 not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation
9 of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

10 SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
11 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983
12 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

13 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 19th day of November, 2025.


14 APPROVED:

15 By 
16 SHELLEY BERKLEY, Mayor

17 ATTEST:

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19 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

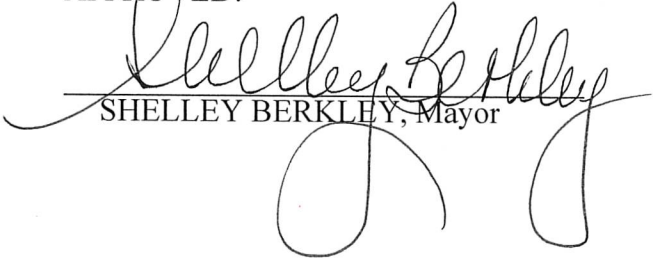
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The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the 15th day of October, 2025, and referred to a committee for recommendation; hereafter the committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 19th day of November, 2025, which as a regular meeting of said Council; that at said regular meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council and adopted by the following vote:

VOTING "AYE": Mayor Berkley, and Councilmembers, Knudsen, Diaz, Allen-Palenske, Brune, Summers-Armstrong and Kelley
VOTING "NAY": None
EXCUSED: None
ABSTAINED: None

APPROVED:


SHELLEY BERKLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:


DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC City Clerk

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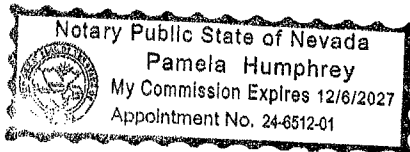
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this November 6, 2025

Notary

Pamela Humphrey



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At the City Council meeting of October 15, 2025

BILL NO. 2025-37 WAS READ BY TITLE AND REFERRED TO A RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE

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VOTING "AYE": Mayor Berkley and Councilmembers Knudsen, Diaz, Allen-Palenske, Brune, Summers-Armstrong and Kelley

VOTING "NAY": NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

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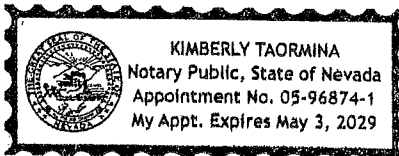
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this November 22, 2025

Notary

Kimberly Taormina



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