

INFORMATION PAPER



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 Planning, Building and Development
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SUBJ: PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITIONS IN UNINCORPORATED LAKE COUNTY

Summary:

Previously, Planning, Building and Development Department staff engaged in a series of discussions with the Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee regarding entertainment-oriented animal exhibition practices in unincorporated Lake County. At the February 5, 2020 committee meeting, following presentation and discussion of a draft set of proposed amendments regulating entertainment-oriented animal exhibitions, staff received direction to refine the draft amendments. Although delayed due to the County’s emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff revisions to the proposed amendments that incorporate Committee feedback, stakeholder input, and additional staff research have now been completed.

Amendment Highlights:

- The proposed amendments create a new “*animal exhibition*” use that incorporate all animal shows, racetracks, and animal exhibitions into a single use category.
- Use standards for the *Animal Exhibitions* Use category include the following:
 - Allowed only in Recreational Commercial zoning district with non-delegated Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
 - May only be sited on properties containing a minimum 20 acres.
 - All facilities for housing and maintaining exhibition animals will be required to meet any/all conditions specified in the CUP.
 - All animals used in exhibitions for entertainment purposes would be required to be permanently housed on the venue site.
- Agriculture Exempt/Agriculture education uses and science-based animal education/rehabilitation uses would be exempted from the *Animal Exhibitions* Use category.

Next Steps:

Following the July 8, 2020 PWPT Committee presentation of the revised amendments, PB&D staff will prepare a resolution for the County Board to initiate the Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing process to consider the proposed text amendments to the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances.

Attachment: EXHIBIT A: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 151

COORDINATION & ALIGNMENT	Staff Coordination	Strategic Initiatives			2019 Strategic Goals				2019 Strategic Themes										
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	Regional Leadership	Fiscal Responsibility	Exceptional Service and Operational Excellence	Public Safety & Justice	Econ. Opportunities	Infrastructure	Sustainable Enviro.	Build Healthy Communities	Inter-Org. Coop.	Quality of Life	Econ. Development	Infrastructure	Enviro. Sustain.	Sustainability	County Branding	Mental Health	Specialty Funding	Diversity & Inclusion	