



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Resolution directing the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct a public hearing on proposed text amendments to Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances relating to wildlife rehabilitation, ecotherapy, and animal exhibition uses in unincorporated Lake County.

- Throughout summer 2021, staff presented a discussion series on various proposed zoning amendments to the Lake County Code of Ordinances focused on wildlife rehabilitation, ecotherapy, and animal exhibition uses.
- The amendments would establish a new 'ecotherapy' use within the Community Services use category, include revisions to the Wildlife Rehabilitation use category, and establish a new 'Entertainment-oriented Animal Exhibition Facility' use within the Outdoor Recreation and Entertainment use category. The final draft, attached as "Exhibit A", reflects committee feedback and input from subject matter experts.
- A resolution has been prepared for County Board action directing the Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board adopted the Unified Development Ordinance of Lake County, Illinois on April 11, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board incorporated the Lake County Unified Development Ordinance into the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances as Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances on February 10, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Code requires periodic review to maintain relevancy and address changing conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning, Building and Development Department has prepared draft ordinance text amendments which would permit wildlife rehabilitation, ecotherapy, and entertainment-oriented animal exhibition facilities as conditional uses in certain unincorporated zoning districts subject to restrictions, and recommends that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) conduct a public hearing to obtain public input and evaluate the proposed amendments for potential adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate such public engagement and policy evaluation, the Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee is of the opinion that necessary steps should be taken by the Lake County Board to initiate the public hearing process; and

**WHEREAS**, the state law requires a public hearing to amend the text of the Lake County Code of Ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lake County Board that the ZBA is hereby directed to conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments identified in Exhibit A and such other amendments that are directly related thereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the ZBA is hereby directed to notify the ZBA of this action and keep a record of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the County Board shall keep a record of this action.

**DATED AT WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.