

WCC 55.750- 55.790	Current Language	Amendment Focus
WCC 55.750: Definition of Dangerous Dog	<p>One Category= Dangerous</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behaved menacingly two times in 18 months (without provocation + off owner’s premises) 2. Killed or inflicted substantial bodily harm upon human (on or off owner’s premises) 3. Killed or injured domestic animal (without provocation + off owner’s premises) 4. Law enforcement agency can declare dangerous if dog used to commit crime 	<p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More closely comply with state law • Ease compliance requirements for dog v. dog interactions that result in mild/moderate injury. <p><u>Proposal:</u> Two Categories</p> <p><u>Dangerous:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behaved menacingly two times in 18 months (without provocation + off owner’s premises) 2. Injured domestic animal (without provocation + off owner’s premises) 3. Law enforcement agency can declare dangerous if dog used to commit crime <p><u>Vicious:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Killed domestic animal (without provocation + off owner’s premises) 2. Killed or inflicted substantial bodily harm upon human (on or off owner’s premises) 3. After declared dangerous, dog engaged in further DD behavior
New Section:	N/A	<p>After 3 years, owner may petition to have dangerous dog designation removed. Would not apply to vicious dogs.</p>
WCC 55.750: Definition of Dangerous Dog	<p>Dog can only be declared dangerous for attacking “domestic animal” (pet) versus livestock.</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include livestock (goats, sheep, etc.) • Exclude birds, rodents, rabbits
WCC 55.750: Exceptions	<p>Cannot declare dog dangerous “because of a defensive act</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p>

	against a person who was committing or attempting to commit a crime.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add trespassers= person committing willful trespass upon the premises occupied by dog’s owner
WCC 55.750: Exceptions	<p>Dangerous dog provisions do not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animal shelters 2. Commercial animal facilities 3. Rescue/sanctuary animal facilities which have qualified as commercial animal facilities 4. Licensed vet clinics 	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review these exceptions • Change verbiage to “commercial animal establishments” (pet store, kennel, boarding facility)—should these be exempted? • Rescue/sanctuary by definition are not “commercial animal establishments”
55.750: Relocating a dangerous dog within Washoe County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 days written notice • Approval from WCRAS 	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify requirements: • 30 days written notice • Register for the new address (pay fee, inspection, comply with all requirements of current status) • Cannot move dog until compliant • Impound at WCRAS pending compliance (pay associated fees)
55.750: Introducing dog declared dangerous in another jurisdiction into Washoe County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 days written notice • Approval from WCRAS 	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify requirements • 30 days notice • Send copy of order from other jurisdiction • If dog classified as dangerous, vicious, etc. in another jurisdiction due to behaviors which would constitute a classification in Washoe County, previously ordered restrictions may apply in Washoe County.

<p>55.750: Transferring dangerous dog outside of Washoe County</p>	<p>30 days notice</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify requirements • 30 days notice • WCRAS provides courtesy notice to incoming jurisdiction • Verification that dog moved
<p>55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: signage</p>	<p>Clearly visible warning sign (letters 2 inches high) that dangerous dog on property + sign with warning symbol for children</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department-issued sign to provide proper warning for public & law enforcement
<p>55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: enclosure</p>	<p>Kennel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 gauge chain link • Posts: concrete footings at least 24 inches deep • Perimeter walls: concrete at least 12 inches deep • Securely fixed roof • Fencing/gates at least 6 feet tall • Sheltered areas inside enclosure • Gate secured by padlock • Size/dimensions determined by weight of dog(s) 	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate requirements for dangerous v. vicious dog • Review dangerous dog enclosure requirements: Dwelling as enclosure? If outside, what are requirements? • Vicious dog enclosure requirements will be the same as current dangerous dog enclosure requirements
<p>55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: surety bond/liability insurance</p>	<p>\$250,000 surety bond or liability insurance per dangerous dog with WCRAS listed as an additional interest</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate requirements for dangerous v vicious dog • Dangerous: \$100,000 • Vicious: current law
<p>55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: signed statement</p>	<p>Owner must provide signed statement promising that owner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will not cancel surety bond/liability insurance during dog's life • Shall immediately notify WCRAS if dog escapes, attacks another animal or person, or dies 	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify • Remove signed statement & simply make these requirements mandatory • Specify penalty

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall not transfer/give away a dangerous dog 	
55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: deadline for compliance	30 days of determination	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give WCRAS some discretion to extend deadline if owner working toward compliance & needs more time • Additional 30 days • If cannot come into compliance w/in 60 days- misdemeanor
55.770: Unlawful Acts	Specifies leash/muzzle requirements for owner to take dangerous dog outside enclosure	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to “owner or other responsible adult” so that owner is not only person who can handle dangerous dog • Add that at no time may a dangerous/vicious dog be left unattended while off owner/custodian’s premises
55.780: Impoundment of dangerous dog	<p>Dangerous dog immediately impounded when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog not validly registered • Owner does not secure and maintain surety bond/ insurance policy • Dog outside owner’s dwelling or enclosure & not under required leash/muzzle • Dog attacks animal or person • Dog in violation of this “chapter” <p>Dog may be impounded pending dangerous dog hearing in interests of public safety</p>	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify impoundment rules during different stages • Pending hearing: May be impounded for injury to animal; shall be impounded for injury to human • Post-hearing: Same • Failure to turn over dog for impoundment= misdemeanor • Impound fees: If dog not declared dangerous/vicious, no impound fee
New section: Euthanasia of vicious dog	N/A	If AHO declares dog vicious, has authority to determine if dog

		should be euthanized. Appeal process, etc.
55.800: Process	Process for adjudicating violations of WCC Chapter 55 and assessing penalties	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to reflect current practice & use of Administrative Hearing Office • Add any exceptions to WCC Chapter 125