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Title 6 Revision - Justification Talking Points

- Endangerment and Neglect Prohibited were added to replace and correct penalties and intent associated with Cruelty Prohibited. Endangerment and Neglect are serious, although Cruelty should have a more serious set of penalties. Ie. Cruelty speaks to Anger Management and/or Mandatory forfeiture of animal – neglect or endangerment may require less severe penalties to correct the behavior
A need to correct this was discovered during a lengthy trial where the Judge was concerned about the penalties associated with Cruelty.

Specifics

- **Definitions** – Abandonment – Not previously defined
- **Fee Schedule** – Updated to deter repetitive violations
- **6.08.025** – Endangerment Prohibited – New section required to correct penalties and intent associated with section 6.08.030 Cruelty Prohibited. Also added to prevent endangering animals while under the influence.
- **6.08.030** – Cruelty Prohibited
A. 1. Define timeframe of abandonment to allow for long weekends but not extend too far where an animal should not be at extreme health risk.
- **6.08.035** – Neglect Prohibited – New section to account for different penalties and intent from Cruelty Prohibited.
- **6.08.090** – Continuous Noise by animal – wording changed so enforcement is practical.
- **6.08.150** – Destruction of Suffering Animals – Allows for Animal Control or Police to humanely dispose of an animal that is suffering beyond recovery without a previously required 5-10 day period of time should a veterinarian not be reachable.



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