

AGENDA

HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:00 PM

~~Mt. Elbert Room, 5th Floor~~

Aurora Room, 1st Floor - Aurora Municipal Center

Council Member Crystal Murillo, Chair

Council Member Allison Hiltz, Vice Chair

Council Member Johnny Watson

Roberto Venegas, Interim Deputy City Manager

George Adams, Director, Planning & Development Services

Andrea Amonick, Manager, Planning & Development Services

Malcolm Hankins, Director, Neighborhood Services Department

The Housing, Neighborhood Services, & Redevelopment Committee's Goal is to:

- Maintain high quality neighborhoods with a balanced housing stock by enforcing standards, in relation to new residential development, and considering new tools to promote sustainable infill development
- Plan for redevelopment of strategic areas, including working with developers and landowners to leverage external resources and create public-private partnerships

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review/Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2019

3. Announcements

4. New Items

- Artspace Phase II Market Study Report Findings (20/20)
Philip Nachbar, Development Project Manager, Planning Department
Shannon Joern, Artspace
- Animal Services Chapter 14 Ordinance Revisions (15/15)
Claudine McDonald, Manager, Community Relations
Anthony Youngblood, Acting Manager, Animal Services
Susan Barkman, Neighborhood Liaison, Community Relations
- Motel Redevelopment vs. Tenant Relocation Cost Benefit Analysis (15/15)
Sandra Youngman, Manager, Code Enforcement
Shelley McKittrick, Homelessness Program Director, Neighborhood Services
- 2020 Ongoing Internal Homelessness Funding Requests (15/15)
Shelley McKittrick, Homelessness Program Director, Neighborhood Services
- Code Enforcement, Community Outreach, & Summons Outcomes (10/5)
Sandra Youngman, Manager, Code Enforcement

5. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Total projected meeting time: 2.5 hours

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HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
August 28, 2019

Members Present: Council Member, Chair Crystal Murillo
Council Member, Vice Chair Allison Hiltz

Members Absent: Council Member Johnny Watson

Others Present: Andrea Amonick, Michelle Wolfe, Dan Money, George Adams, Sandra Youngman, Margee Cannon, Michael Bryant, Tim Joyce, Michael Lawson, Shelley McKittrick, Sydney Hawkins, Roberto Venegas, Jeff Hancock, Gayle Jetchick, Chance Horiuchi, Claudine McDonald, Nancy Freed, Melinda Townsend, Phil Nachbar, Joan Maranville, Sunny Banka, Aaron Ravdin, Signy Mikita, Karen Hancock, Aaron Vegas, and Deana Foxen.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council Member Murillo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

The July 17, 2019 minutes were approved by Council Members Murillo and Hiltz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

NEW ITEMS

RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Daniel Money, City Attorney, spoke on behalf of Council Member Charlie Richardson, whom requested a proposed amendment to the current definition of Public Nuisance in Aurora Municipal Code, by adding a Proscribed Act that would prohibit residents from using the lighting on their property in a manner to harass and annoy their neighbors.

Questions/Comments – Does the Committee support moving this item to Study Session?

Outcome – Pending further discussion with Council Member Richardson.

THE PEOPLE’S BUILDING PRESENTATION

Summary of Issue and Discussion –

Aaron Vega, Curator, The People’s Building, described the center as a 3,300 square foot event space in the heart of Aurora’s Cultural Arts District. The facility has hosted over 160 events and roughly 4,000 guests during the past 18 months, collaborating with local community groups, artists and organizations from as far away as Italy to Durango. As a result of providing an affordable mix of amenities and a culturally diverse art venue, The People’s Building boasts having been named the best Cultural Arts Venue of 2019 by Westword.

Questions/Comments –
Informational only.

Outcome –
The Committee thanked Mr. Vega for his presentation.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion –

Jeff Hancock, Financial Analyst, Community Development Division, provided an update on Affordable Housing Projects utilizing Community Development Funds. These projects include:

- Paris Family Apartments, 1702 Paris St., completed in July 2019 providing 39 units for families.
- Peoria Crossing, 12101 E. 30th Ave., 82 units for families & estimated for completion by the end of October.
- Alameda View, 15501 E. Alameda Ave., 116 units for families & estimated for completion December, 2019.
- Nine Mile Station Senior Living, 12251 E. Cornell Ave., 50 units for seniors 62+ estimated for completion March of 2020.
- Residences at Hoffman, 1348 Xanadu St., 85 units for seniors 55+ with a veteran preference estimated for completion June, 2020.
- Range View Apartments, 14475 E. Montview Blvd., 223 units for families, estimated for completion July of 2021.
- Connections at 6th Avenue, 601 Potomac, 68 units for families currently under rehabilitation & estimated for completion December, 2020.

There are a little over 3,600 completed affordable housing units available in the city today. Of that number, Community Development has been involved with funding 660 of those units over the past 5 years.

Questions/Comments – There were none.

Outcome – Council Member Murillo thanked Mr. Hancock for the updated information.

TRASH, RECYCLING, & COMPOSTING SERVICES

Summary of Issue and Discussion –

Michael Lawson, Manager of Special Projects, presented details on several alternative waste hauling models utilized by cities across the Front Range, offering each jurisdiction's model and approach to recycling, composting, and waste hauling. The presentation is provided in response to Council Member Murillo's inquiry on the city's current state of hauling, recycling, and composting in Aurora, and possible options for the city providing these services to residents.

Mr. Lawson explained the open subscription model currently used by the city, which includes 15 different waste haulers with different price points, offering a variety of service needs, and nearly completely free of city regulation. A major disadvantage to this model is the city's lack of control over impacts of pricing and service provisions. Proposed models for consideration include:

1. Voluntary Coordination, requesting haulers reduce neighborhood traffic by operating on the same day in a specific neighborhood or section of the city.
2. Enhanced Licensing, requiring an annual license from all haulers operating in the city, and giving the city statutory authority to standardize practices and service levels. (*Boulder, Fort Collins*).
3. Preferred Hauler, whereas the city would franchise preferred haulers to achieve economies of scale on behalf of customers. (*Highlands Ranch*).
4. Contracted System, contracting and assigning haulers to customers based on where they live. (*Commerce City, Frederick, Greenwood Village, Golden, Lafayette, Lone Tree, Louisville*).
5. Municipalized System, having the city become the sole provider of solid waste services as an enterprise, with collection fees paid by customers directly to the city. (*Denver, Longmont, Loveland, Northglenn, Thornton*).

Questions/Comments –
Information only.

Outcome –

Council Member Murillo thanked Mr. Lawson for the detailed information.

SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION BANSummary of Issue and Discussion –

The City has an anti-discrimination in housing ordinance that includes many forms of discrimination such as: religion, national origin, sex, race, creed, or color. However, the current ordinance does not include source of income as a possible source of discrimination. Shelley McKittrick, Homeless Program Director, presented a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 82 to include *source of income* as a discriminatory and prohibited housing practice.

Questions/Comments –

Does The Committee support moving the proposed ordinance forward to be presented at Study Session?

Outcome –

Chair Murillo and Vice-Chair Hiltz recommended approval.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The next meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Committee Chair, Crystal Murillo

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Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment Policy Committee

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: Artspace Phase II Market Study Report Findings
Item Initiator: Housing, Neighborhood Services, & Redevelopment Policy Committee
Staff Source: Philip Nachbar, Development Project Manager, x7269
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker: Shannon Joern, Artspace
Council Goal: 5.2: Plan for the development and redevelopment of strategic areas, station areas and urban centers--2012: 5.2--Plan for the development and redevelopment of strategic areas, station areas and urban center

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

In late 2016 the City contracted with Artspace, a leading nonprofit development consultant for the arts, to conduct a preliminary feasibility study for the possible development of a live/work artist project in the Aurora Cultural Arts District. The study was completed in May of 2017 and presented to the Housing, Neighborhood Services, & Redevelopment Policy Committee at its July 25th meeting.

The results of the preliminary feasibility study showed a high level of interest among local artists and determined that a mixed-use, affordable, arts-centric concept could help strengthen the Aurora Cultural Arts District. Focus groups and meetings with the creative sector revealed residential space as a priority, but also a clear desire for “quality working studios”, “display” and “shared creative space” in Aurora.

Artspace recommended that a Phase II Arts Market Study be conducted to understand the depth of the regional creative community, and to quantify the demand for artist live – work, private studio or other types of shared, cooperative space for artists. However, based on the Council Committee members’ assessment at the July 2017 presentation, no further action was taken by staff to pursue a second phase market survey.

In 2018, the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD) organization applied for a Gates Foundation grant to fund the Phase II Arts Market Study to continue the assessment process and, in September of 2018, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,000. Upon a request for funding from ACAD to fully fund the \$30,000 project, the City agreed to provide a grant in the amount \$15,000 to support the Phase II Arts Market Survey. As a condition of the City’s participation, Artspace expanded its scope to include not only a live-work artist facility, but a broad range of artists’ facility and space needs.

ITEM SUMMARY (Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)

The Arts Market Study tests the preliminary findings in the Phase I Preliminary Feasibility Study and determines if there is indeed enough demand and interest by the creative sector to warrant investment in new space and if so what types of space(s) to prioritize. The data can also be used to encourage developers, building owners and operators to offer this new space and it can help inform the feasibility and initial planning phases of development.

The Arts Market Study achieved broad demographic responses both from within Aurora and the Denver metro area, with nearly half (49%) being current residents of Aurora and 12% having lived in Aurora in the past. There was a wide representation of arts, cultural, and creative industries, as well as a mix of races and ethnicities as self-reported by respondents.

The market study identified Shared Creative Space as having the highest demand, followed closely by live-work space, private studio, and performing arts spaces. Listed below is a summary of the potential projects supported by the survey findings; it provides a starting point for further exploration (see the attached Report of Findings for further detail) :

1. For shared creative spaces:
 - Shared gallery / exhibition space;
 - Shared studio space;
 - Classroom space;
 - Designer/ computer lab space.

2. 40-60 affordable artist live-work housing for households qualifying at or below the 60% of Area Median Income (AMI).

3. For private studio spaces, in addition to live-work:
 - Affordability: spaces not to exceed \$350 per month;
 - Size: 500 square feet or less;
 - Uses: strong demand for fine/ visual arts, in addition to other uses, such as industrial fabrication, rehearsal/movement and other.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee have any questions or comments for the consultant or staff about the Arts Market Report and Findings? Does the Committee support a continued policy discussion with staff as to the findings and potential opportunities to address the identified demand for artist’s space in the Aurora Cultural Arts District?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Aurora AMS Report of Findings FINAL 10.7.pdf
Aurora Technical Report-10.9.19.pdf

ARTS MARKET STUDY REPORT OF FINDINGS



REPORT OF FINDINGS ON THE SURVEY OF ARTISTS AND CREATIVE
INDIVIDUALS' SPACE NEEDS AND PREFERENCES IN AURORA, COLORADO

Prepared For:



Aurora, CO // August 2019

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Artspace would like to thank the City of Aurora and the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD), specifically Philip Nachbar and Satya Wimbish for the opportunity to inform possible new affordable creative space initiative(s) in Aurora. Artspace would also like to thank the team of leaders that helped with outreach, planning and coordination during this study: Kerri Drumm, Julie Patterson, and Aaron Vega. The Arts Market Study process and resulting data would not be possible without the participation of funders and Aurora stakeholders and partners. A big thank you is extended to the following public and private entities who played a critical role in funding, outreach, and implementation of this study.

FUNDING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

Artspace was contracted by the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD) with assistance from the City of Aurora to conduct an Arts Market Study to quantify and describe the space needs of artists so that the community can evaluate how best to address those needs. The **Survey of Creative Space Needs and Preferences** was intentionally designed to assess a broad range of spatial needs including creative live/work, private studio, and shared creative and performing arts spaces. The Arts Market Study (AMS) is Phase II of a two-part assessment that began in May 2017 with a Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS). The PFS determined a mixed-use, affordable, arts-centric concept could help strengthen the Aurora Cultural Arts District and address the issue of rising rents in the Denver Metro region. Focus groups and meetings with the creative sector at that time revealed residential space as a priority, but also a clear desire for “quality working studios”, “display” and “shared creative space” in Aurora. The AMS tests these preliminary qualitative findings and determines if there is indeed enough demand and interest by the creative sector to warrant investment in new space and if so what types of space(s) to prioritize. The data can also be used to encourage developers, building owners and operators to offer this new space and it can help inform feasibility and planning phases including for example: concept design, location, and the financial feasibility of the proposed new space.

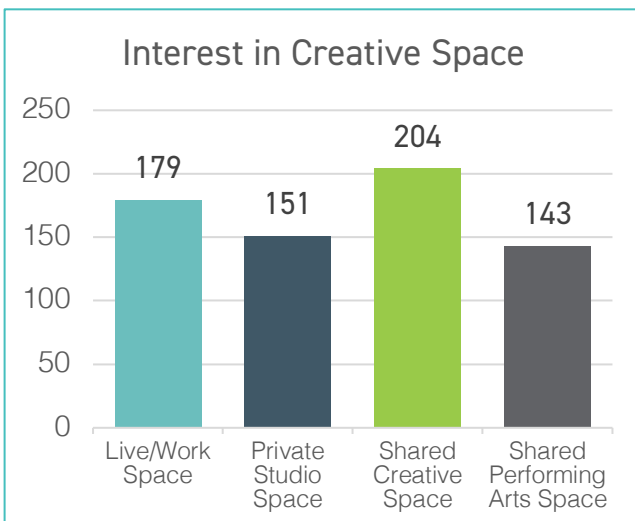
RESPONDENT OVERVIEW

There were **457 total survey respondents** of which **392 (86%)** indicated an interest in at least one type of space in Aurora, CO. The Arts Market Study achieved broad demographic responses both from within Aurora and the Denver metro area, with nearly half (49%) being current residents of Aurora and 12% having lived in Aurora in the past. See page 12 for a map of respondents’ zip codes. There was a wide representation of arts, cultural, and creative industries, as well as a mix of races and ethnicities as self-

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6. Mixed Media – 15%

Note: Respondents could select up to 4 options



Respondent Race and Ethnicity		
White/Caucasian	311	68%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	45	10%
Multiracial/Multiethnic	36	8%
Black/African American	32	7%
Not Listed	15	3%
Asian	10	2%
Indigenous American	4	1%
Pacific Islander	4	1%
Total	457	100%

reported by respondents. Shared Creative Space was revealed as the top space need type, followed closely by live/work. A strong need for private studio space is also evident. The most preferred type of use for private studio space was fine arts, but other preferred uses included: industrial fabrication, rehearsal/movement, performance, and exhibition/presentation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Arts Market Study data demonstrates demand for variety of creative spaces in Aurora and therefore a variety of project models and space solutions can be explored by local stakeholders. For example, private studios and shared creative spaces can be offered in underutilized buildings; existing programs can be expanded to offer new space types; developers can introduce private studio and/or live/workspaces into existing project concepts; or entirely new arts facility models can be developed. In all cases the recommendations below are a starting place for planning. Steps that follow must include rigorous feasibility testing of any new space concepts. For example, financial modeling and/or appropriate business planning are essential to any new venture. With that, it is appropriate to consider new spaces and spatial programs in Aurora that address the following:



- **40-60 affordable artist live/work housing for households qualifying at or below 60% of AMI**
- See page 14 for more information.



- **Up to 21 new private studio spaces** in addition to live/work. Fewer if shared and short-term private studio spaces are offered, more (up to 38) if live/work housing is not.
- **Affordability:** At least one-third \$150 or less a month; Larger spaces up to \$350.
- Create mostly small and moderately sized studios; 200-500 square feet
- Spaces should support **Fine/Visual art** as a priority but, consider other needs as well. Other top studio uses include Industrial fabrication, rehearsal/movement, performance, exhibition/presentation.
- See page 20 for more information.



For **shared creative spaces**, data supports a first phase of concept planning and financial testing of:

- Shared gallery/exhibition space
- Computer lab/access to design software
- Up to 3 shared general purpose, occasional-use private studios for visual arts
- 1 general purpose multi-user visual arts studio with space for teaching/classroom
- 1 flexible space, with a piano for small performances, rehearsals and teaching
- See page 24 for more information.



Recommendations for initial concept planning is based on the demand and preference data findings found in the full report beginning on page 6. Feasibility of new space must consider factors beyond market demand, but market demand helps inform the space product and the process of development. These recommendations are conservative to consider the possible impact of overlapping space interests. Artspace's recommendations are based on the survey findings as well as 30+ years of experience in the field of affordable art facility development.

INTRODUCTION

Artspace was contracted by the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD) with assistance from the City of Aurora to determine the community’s needs for affordable creative live/workspace, private studio space, and shared creative space. The Arts Market Study (AMS) follows the Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) conducted in May 2017. The PFS involved a general feasibility assessment of the potential to develop new affordable, self-sustaining space for the creative sector, and the AMS study focuses specifically on quantifying the need for affordable live/work artist housing and other types of creative workspace. The PFS included a two-day visit by Artspace staff from the Consulting and Strategic Partnerships Department, Wendy Holmes, Senior Vice President, and Shannon Joern, Vice President. Artspace conducted a series of focus groups and community meetings in Aurora, toured area arts assets and potential sites, and wrote an in-depth report of preliminary findings. The PFS is a feasibility assessment of the six key areas Artspace considers essential to successful community-led development. Those include: **project concept** for a potential new arts facility; the **arts market** and its need for new space; **local leadership** support; **funding and financing** opportunities; assessment of **potential sites**; and, how an arts-centric project could **align with broader community goals**.

The Arts Market Study (AMS) goes a step further. It tests assumptions formed during the Preliminary Feasibility Study, including the priority Project Concept for Aurora, a mixed-use facility for artists and creatives. Beyond determining the demand for a mixed-use live/work facility for artists, the focus of the study was expanded to include other types of space including private studios, shared creative space and shared performing arts space. The purpose of the AMS study is first to determine if there is enough demand and interest by the creative sector to warrant new space, second, to inform the conceptualization and design of that space, and third energize the community around advancing the creation of the project. The full AMS study includes an in-depth data collection survey deployed online, this Report of Findings, the Technical Report Addendum that contains the data and analytics, and supplemental materials with write-in responses and contact information of those interested in space that has been provided to the local contacts.

THE SURVEY

Artspace was re-engaged in 2019 by the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD) in partnership with the City of Aurora to develop the **Survey of Creative Space Needs and Preferences** to assess the local creative sector’s interest in new, affordable creative space in Aurora. The online survey was open for eight weeks April 30th - June 30th, 2019 and available at AuroraCreativeSpaceSurvey.org. There were **457 total respondents**. Artists, creatives, makers were asked a series of questions about their art/creative/cultural work, current studio or creative workspace, current living situation, interest in space in a future project, preferences and needs for live/work and private studio space, as well as demographic information.



The Arts Market Study for Aurora quantified the demand for a variety of spaces for artists and creatives, specifically about respondents' interest in:



1. Relocating to an affordable artists' live/work community specifically designed for artists, creative individuals, and their families, referred to as “**live/work housing**” in this report;



2. Renting private studio or creative workspace on an ongoing basis, referred to a “**private studio**” in this report;



3. Shared creative space that can be accessed on a short-term or occasional basis through a paid membership or alternative rental arrangement. Referred to as “**shared creative space**” in this report.



4. Shared performing arts spaces geared to performing artists. Access can be on a short-term or occasional basis through a paid membership or alternative rental arrangement. Referred to as “**shared performing arts space**” in this report.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The results of these surveys will help the **City of Aurora elected leaders and staff, Artspace, Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD), other real estate developers and property owners** interested in creative space and artist housing, determine if Aurora is the right market for new space investment. Further, these findings, the design guidelines (page 25), and Technical Report Addendum can be used to advance space planning, financial modeling, and early concept design work.

Advocates for the local arts community and creative economy can use this information to communicate the space needs, cultural asset gaps, and related space-based challenges of Aurora's creative sector. The data can be translated into a compelling narrative about the who, what, and why behind any future, new space effort. This in turn can help the **City** and its **Planners** identify priority areas for investment.

The design guidelines starting on page 25, are included to benefit **all developers** looking to make space available for artists and creatives. The Technical Report should be reviewed by those embarking on new space initiatives as it contains data critical to fully understanding the artist market's need and preferences for new space.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Artspace relies on the expertise of local partners to help promote and spread awareness about the study and reach the greatest number of artists. Aurora's survey launched on April 30th at The People's Building, a flexible event space and gallery newly opened by the City of Aurora in the Aurora Cultural Arts District with nearly 80 people in attendance.

Artspace provided weekly survey assistance to the City of Aurora and the Arts Market Study Core Team to help with outreach efforts, particularly with an eye to encouraging diversity and inclusiveness of all community members and art forms. The survey was open for eight weeks via the Survey Gizmo online platform and closed on June 30th, 2019. During that timeframe, there were **457 respondents** to the survey. The team in Aurora disseminated surveys notifications through the following means:

- **Press Outreach:**

- Two press releases were distributed that announced the launch party and the survey process, along with the survey deadline extension.
- Seventeen media outlets received this, including all local print and television outlets and key radio stations
- Several media outlets published stories, including Sentinel Colorado, YourHub (The Denver Post), Westword, La Voz, Aurora Creates (the city's arts and culture newsletter) and This is Aurora (the city's electronic newsletter).
- Additionally, the survey was discussed on a local Spanish radio station and on Aurora Now on Aurora TV.

- **Printed Outreach:**

- One thousand business card-sized flyers were distributed at local nonprofit arts organizations and theatres, during the survey launch party, at one community event, at the statewide Colorado Creative Industries conference, in local businesses like coffee shops and art store community boards, and at community presentations such as relevant City of Aurora citizen boards.
- Additionally, the survey was mentioned in News Aurora, the city's water bill newsletter, which is distributed to 90,000 households.

- **Survey link:**

- Efforts were made to share the survey link with as many relevant groups as possible. In some cases, phone calls and presentations were also made to encourage sharing. While not all groups shared the survey, information/ links were shared with these groups and others not noted here.
 - Aurora Cultural Arts District
 - Kim Roberts Dance
 - Downtown Aurora Visual Arts
 - People's Building
 - Nueva Escuela de Musica
 - Aurora Symphony Orchestra
 - Vintage Theatre
 - Aurora Fox Theatre
 - 5280 Arts
 - Roshni Denver



- Inside the Orchestra
 - Kim Harrell Silversmith
 - RiNO Art District
 - Santa Fe Art District
 - The Urban Arts Council
 - Denver School of the Arts
 - Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design
 - University of Denver (School of Art and Art History)
 - University of Colorado at Denver (Arts Department)
 - Metropolitan State University of Denver (Department of Art)
 - Community College of Aurora
 - Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
 - Johnson and Wales University
 - Gates Family Foundation
 - Art Students League of Denver
 - Havana Business Improvement District
 - Aurora Economic Development Council
 - Stanley Marketplace
 - Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- **Email Outreach:**
 - Nonprofit members of the art district sent out emails to their subscribers, and an email with the survey link was sent multiple times to the 169 Launch Party event registrants.
- **Social Media Outreach:**
 - Facebook was the primary social media outlet used.
 - Four weeks of paid targeted Facebook ads, which ran via the Aurora Cultural Arts District Facebook page, the city of Aurora’s Facebook and Instagram pages and the People’s Building Facebook page.
 - Unpaid posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Next Door.
 - Emails, tagging or calls that asked the above groups and individual artists to share.
 - Links posted on artist-specific and other Facebook groups included: Denver Artist for Rent Control, Colorado Theatre People, ArtDrop Denver, Meow Wolf Denver, #CoArts, Colorado Photographers and Models, Colorado Musicians, Colorado Music Lovers, Colorado Artists Making a Living Selling Art, Colorado Theatre Guild, Colorado Community Theatre Coalition, Denver Artists Community, Stanley Marketplace and more.
- **In Person Event Outreach:**
 - The Artspace Arts Market Survey Launch Party/76 attendees.
 - Presentations were made to the Aurora Cultural Affairs Commission, Aurora Arts in Public Places Commission, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business for the Arts Committee, Empowering Artists to Galvanize the Creative Economy - Aurora
- **Unique Methods:**
 - Mentions in Spanish-language media
 - Outreach to local college and university art programs to target art students

Survey respondents indicated that they heard about the survey through the following means:

- Social media outlet – 218 (43%)
- Friend/colleague/acquaintance – 99 (20%)
- Email Invitation – 83 (16%)
- Another web-based source – 30 (6%)
- Other – 27 (5%),
- At a public meeting – 22 (4%)
- Traditional media source, not web-based- 12 (2%)
- Flyer, poster, postcard – 12 (2%)
- Postcard in the mail – 2 (0%)

Note: Respondents may have selected multiple options



SURVEY DISCLAIMER

The survey respondents are a “sample of convenience,” a non-probability sampling method. While believed to be grossly representative of the target population (artists and other creatives living in/around Aurora) generalization of the findings to these broader populations cannot be conducted. Because of the non-random nature of the sample, the data reported includes only descriptive statistics. The responses included in this report are all completed survey entries, barring any apparent erroneous responses, which were removed, and surveys that were mostly completed. Due to the nature of data collection, the analysts at Artspace are not able to eliminate the entire possibility of duplicate responses to the artist survey, given the bounds of confidentiality.

Data that is not statistically relevant due to low response numbers are omitted from this report. Small group differences or percentages should be interpreted carefully. Statistical analysis of the Survey Gizmo collected data was conducted via SPSS Statistics software and Microsoft Excel. Artspace has conducted over 90 Arts Market Surveys across the country reaching more than 40,000 artists. The experience and lessons learned from surveying artists and creatives around the country plays heavily into the market considerations, assumptions, and recommendations in this report.

ONGOING OUTREACH

Responses to the artist survey are representative of a need for space. Interested respondents may not be the same people who eventually rent space in a future project. Ongoing outreach is recommended to keep a diversity of artists engaged in any evolving conversation and future project(s). For this purpose, Artspace has provided the City of Aurora and ACAD with confidential contact information for the **327 (72%)** who requested further information and/or updates on this project in a separate attachment.



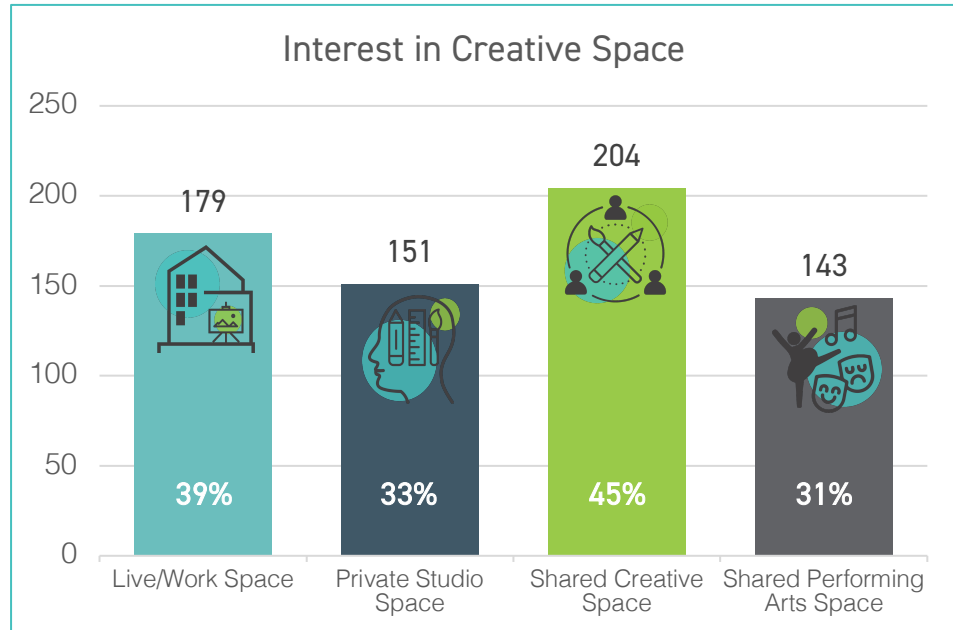
KEY FINDINGS ON THE CREATIVE SECTOR

The primary focus of this report is the **392 (86%)** who indicated an interest in at least one type of space in Aurora, CO out of the total **457 survey respondents**. Referred to as “creatives” in this report.

457 TOTAL RESPONDENTS



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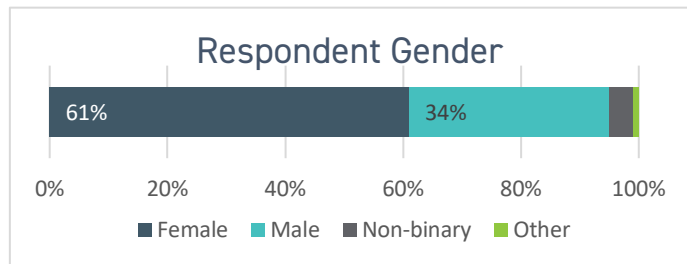


RESPONDENT OVERVIEW

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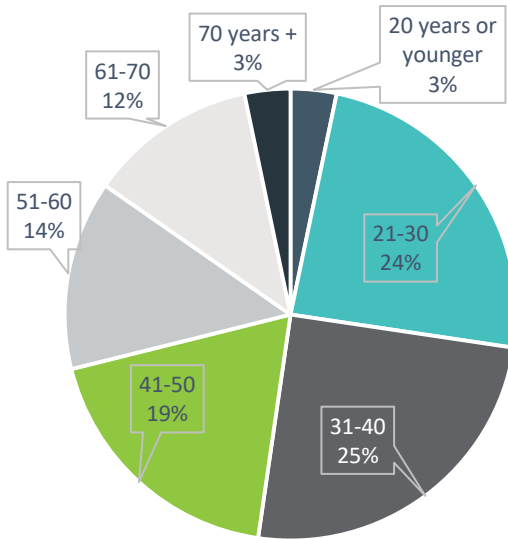
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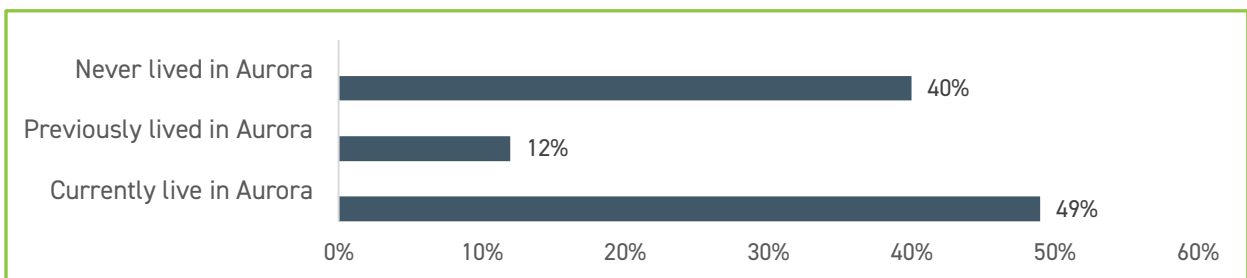
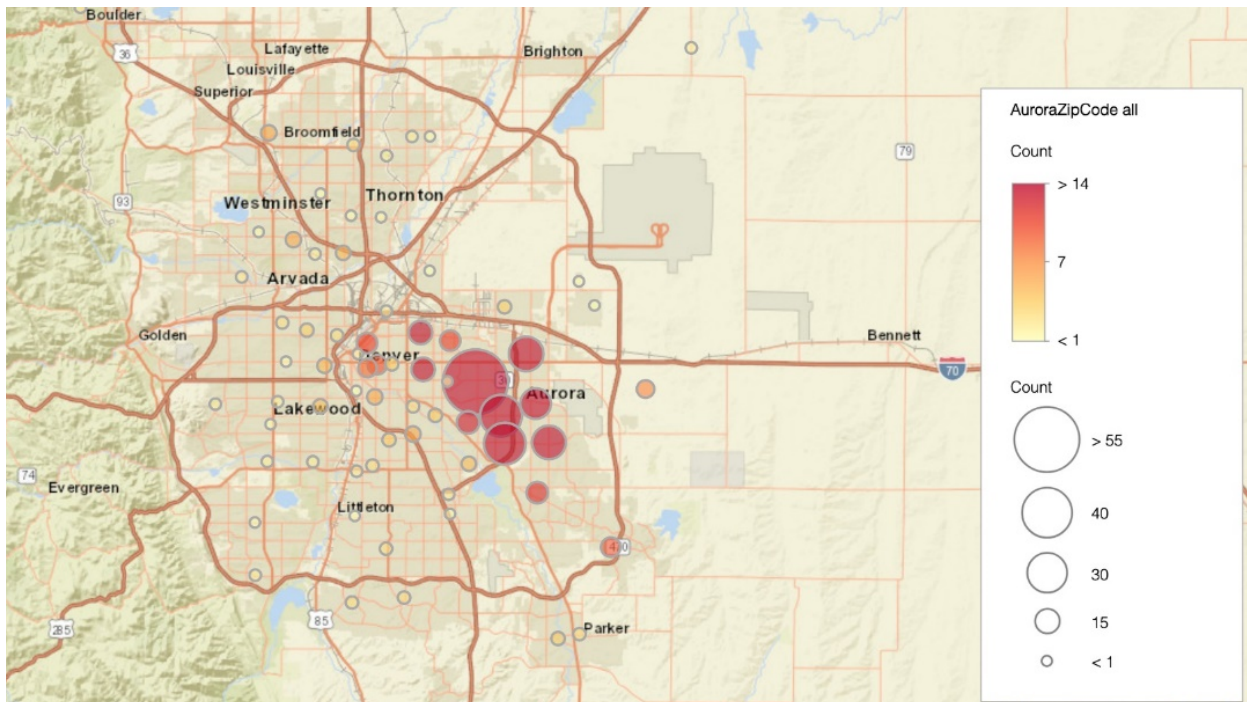
Respondent Age



CURRENT SPACE STATS

- 50% Own their living space
- 29% do not have the space they need for creative work
- 45% have space within their home for creative work
- 75% earn less than 25% of their income from their art/creative work, including 36% who earn no income.

RESPONDENT LOCATION (ALL RESPONDENTS)



RECOMMENDATIONS

The Arts Market Study data demonstrates demand for variety of creative spaces in Aurora. Based on the findings a mixed-use project concept would be appropriate to consider, as would a small studio/work-only project or a shared creative makerspace. Recommendations for initial concept planning that is based on the demand and preference data findings are summarized below:



- **40-60 affordable artist live/work housing for households qualifying at or below 60% of AMI**, could be explored in a predevelopment phase of work.



- **Up to 21 new private studio spaces** in addition to live/work. Fewer if shared and short-term private studio spaces are offered, more (up to 38) if live/work housing is not.
- **Affordability:** At least one-third \$150 or less a month; Larger spaces up to \$350.
- Create mostly small and moderately sized studios; 200-500 square feet
- Spaces should support **Fine/Visual art** as a priority but, consider other needs as well.



For **shared creative space**, data supports a first phase of concept planning and financial testing of:

- Shared gallery/exhibition space
- Computer lab/access to design software
- Up to 3 shared general purpose, occasional-use private studios for visual arts
- 1 general purpose multi-user visual arts studio with space for teaching/classroom

Creating space and programming space are not the same. It is important to determine who will build the affordable space, how it will be operated sustainably, and who will program any shared or specialized spaces. For example, Artspace does not operate shared creative spaces (makerspace, shared studios, etc.), it rents affordable commercial space to an organization or other operator with a sound business plan. In an Artspace mixed-use project the commercial space is typically less than 20% of an overall building's square footage. Local entrepreneurs, non-profits, municipalities and/or creative businesses that currently address or want to operate shared spaces, should review Section IV of the Technical Report for more information about space needs.

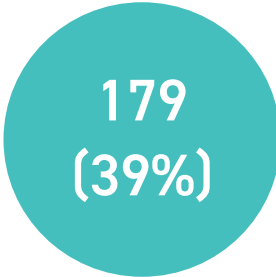
Artspace's recommendations are based on 30+ years of experience in the field of affordable art facility development. There are factors besides market demand that will influence a future project concept and feasibility of new space including: funding opportunities and funder priorities; civic leader priorities; projected growth of the area; availability and cost of potential sites; and complementary or competitive development. Survey respondents could select multiple types of spaces that they would be interested in renting or relocating to and duplication of interest is possible. For example, an artist may want both live/work housing and private studio space, however it is reasonable to assume an artist expressing interest in both spaces, does not intend to rent both at the same time. Artspace's overall recommendations are conservative to consider the possible impact of overlapping space interests.



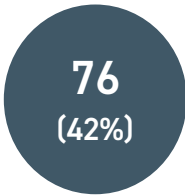
ARTIST SURVEY INTEREST IN:

LIVE/WORK HOUSING

The information on the following pages is solely about the **179 creatives** interested in live/work housing in Aurora.



OF THE 457 RESPONDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN LIVE/WORK HOUSING



ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN LIVE/WORK HOUSING AND NO OTHER SPACE

TOP ARTS, CULTURAL, CREATIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT (L/W)

1. Music - 30%
2. Painting/Drawing - 28%
3. Photography - 21%
4. Arts Education - 21%
5. Graphic Arts/Design - 18%
6. Mixed Media - 18%

Note: Respondents could select up to 4 options



HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

- One-person - 47 (26%)
- Two-person - 79 (44%)
- Three-person - 28 (16%)
- Four or more - 25 (14%)
- Children (under 18) - 37 (20%)

63%

OF INTERESTED ARTISTS ARE 21-40 YEARS OLD

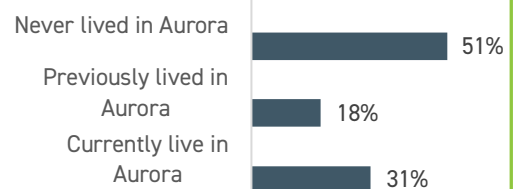
CURRENT SITUATION

- 113 - 63% Do NOT have work space they use only for art/creative work
- 123 - 69% Currently rent/lease their living space, a much higher percentage than overall survey respondents

Definition: Live/Work Housing

Space that meets standard residential codes and is somewhat larger than a typical dwelling unit. For example, 600-800 sq. ft. for an efficiency, and up to 1,400 sq. ft. or larger for a 3-bedroom unit in a typical Artspace project. The space is designed flexibly, incorporating both wide open areas and private rooms, to allow artists and creatives to arrange their living and working environment in a way that best suits their artistic/creative and family needs. The aesthetics favor durable surfaces, allowing residents to create in a variety of mediums anywhere in the space and artist-friendly design features, amenities and management policies are incorporated.

RESPONDENT LOCATION (L/W HOUSING)





FINANCING FOR AFFORDABILITY

To keep live/work housing attainable, the Artspace financing model combines public and private funding to ensure long-term, self-sustaining, affordable housing. A primary funding tool is the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program which drives private equity investment to capitalize projects. Two types of allocations a 4% credit and 9% credit differ in that the 4% credit drives less private equity and results in a larger funding gap. The 4% program imposes fewer constraints on the project concept and while project threshold criteria must be met, it is a non-competitive funding source.

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) imposes annual household income limits and sets maximum rents in projects awarded tax credits from either program. These rent limits are accompanied by a HUD-determined “utility allowance” that further lowers base rents to keep overall housing costs affordable for low-income households. These limits change annually. The 2019 HUD published maximum household income for those earning 80%, 60%, and 30% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) and corresponding rents for Adams County, Colorado (Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metropolitan Statistical Area) are in the following table. The rents and income limits set by HUD reflect the trends in the whole County, rents are expressed by month and incomes are annual.

2019 HUD Income and Rent Limits for LIHTC Projects in Adams County

Household Size	Income Max (30% - 60% AMI)	Income Max (80% AMI)	Bedrooms	Max Rent (30% - 60% AMI)	Max Rent (80% AMI)
1	\$19,500-\$39,000	\$52,000	Efficiency	\$487-\$975	\$1,300
2	\$22,290-\$44,580	\$59,440	1-bedroom	\$522-\$1,044	\$1,393
3	\$25,080-\$50,160	\$66,880	2-bedroom	\$627-\$1,254	\$1,672
4	\$27,840-\$55,680	\$74,240	3-bedroom	\$724-\$1,448	\$1,931

Source: Novogradac & Co. Rent and Income Calculator; Novoco.com, 2019

133 (74%) of creatives interested in live/work housing in Aurora self-identified as income qualifying at 80% or below AMI per HUD guidelines. 107 (60%) income qualify at 60% of AMI and 44 (25%) report incomes that fall at 30% or below AMI and would qualify for the more deeply subsidized units made possible using the 9% LIHTC model. The median income range from the self-reported data of creatives interested in live/work housing is \$35,001 - \$40,000. **This indicates that the interested respondent group is clearly in need of affordable housing for those at or below 60% of AMI.**

\$92,800 - 4-PERSON MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO (SOURCE: NOVOCO/HUD 2019)

78 (44%) earn less than 25% of their income from their art/creative work and **48 (27%)** earn no income from their art

RENTAL AFFORDABILITY

In addition to questions about household income, Artspace asked creatives what is the maximum amount they would consider paying monthly for live/work space (shown in the following table (\$487 - \$1448/mo). This is to understand how to model the live/work rent structure; the number of households who would consider the 2019 HUD maximum rental guidelines to be affordable; and, how many would qualify for that rent based on their current reported household size.

If using affordable housing resources like LIHTC, there are restrictions on household size relative to the number of bedrooms in a unit. For example, a one-person household may not be allowed by HUD to rent a three-bedroom unit. The rental rates set by HUD vary according to bedroom count and household income.

Income by Household Size for Respondents Interested in Affordable Artist Housing								
Annual Household Income	1	2	3	4 or more	Total	Income Qualify - 30% AMI	Income Qualify - 60% AMI	Income Qualify - 80% AMI
Prefer Not to Answer	3	3	4	1	11			
Under \$10,000	4	5	1	1	11	11	11	11
\$10,000 - \$15,000	3	2	1	1	7	7	7	7
\$15,001 - \$20,000	2	5	2	1	10	10	10	10
\$20,001 - \$25,000	3	4	2	2	11	8	11	11
\$25,001 - \$30,000	7	11	2	3	23	5	23	23
\$30,001 - \$35,000	3	6	2	3	14	3	14	14
\$35,001 - \$40,000	2	10	2	3	17		17	17
\$40,001 - \$45,000	0	2	4	1	7		7	7
\$45,001 - \$50,000	1	3	0	1	5		1	5
\$50,001 - \$55,000	5	7	1	1	14		2	14
\$55,001 - \$60,000	3	4	1	1	9		1	6
\$60,001 - \$65,000	1	3	1	3	8		3	4
\$65,001 - \$75,000	3	3	1	0	7		0	1
\$75,001 - \$85,000	0	4	4	2	10			2
\$85,001 - \$100,000	4	1	0	1	6			1
\$100,001 - \$125,000	0	1	0	4	5			
\$125,001 - \$150,000	0	1	0	0	1			
\$150,001 - \$200,000	0	0	0	1	1			
\$200,001 - \$300,000	0	0	1	0	1			
\$300,001 - \$400,000	0	0	0	1	1			
Total	44	75	29	31	179	44	107	133
% of respondents who income qualify for 30%						25%		
% of respondents who income qualify for 60%						60%		
% of respondents who income qualify for 80%						74%		

Affordability to Aurora Survey Respondents						
Max Monthly Rent	Household Size				Total	
	One	Two	Three	Four or more	#	%
\$400	1	6	2	3	12	7%
\$500 - \$600	4	8	4	3	19	11%
\$700 - \$800	13	12	4	4	33	18%
\$900-\$1,000	11	24	3	4	42	23%
\$1,100 - \$1,200	10	8	8	4	30	17%
\$1,300 - \$1,500	5	12	4	4	25	14%
Over \$1,500	3	9	3	3	18	10%
Total	47	79	28	25	179	100%

**Shaded area represents maximum respondents would consider paying relative to household size and to 2019 rent guidelines for 60% AMI in Adams County. Rent table on Page 13.*

96 (54%) or about half of respondents indicated that the maximum they would consider paying for live/work housing aligns with the rent limits that can be charged per HUD guidelines (relative to household size) for 60% of AMI affordable housing in Adams County. This indicates that units in the 30%-60% range (\$487 - \$1448/mo) could be of interest to the other half of respondents for affordability reasons. Note that utility allowances that further reduce base rents for residents, may help alleviate some of the rent burden to residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIVE/WORK HOUSING

Based on the AMS findings, Artspace recommends considering a project concept of between **40 and 60 live/work housing units in Aurora**. If funding sources support it, units between 30%-60% of AMI should be prioritized. This is a conservatively estimated range which accounts for the following factors that can influence demand for live/work space:

- **Income Qualification:** The number of interested artists who self-identified as income qualifying households at or below 60% of AMI is 60%. Interested households will need to qualify per HUD’s published income limits, which change annually. Those with incomes above would not qualify.
- **Rental Affordability:** Residents would have to be able to pay rents based on LIHTC regulations, only 54% indicated maximum rents at 60% AMI were affordable for their household.
- **Duplication:** Interested households in which more than one creative responded to the survey. 13% indicated someone else in their household was also taking this survey, and 25% were unsure.
- **Student Interest:** Interested creatives who are currently full-time students are 9% of respondents, and their household incomes/compositions are likely to change post-graduation.
- **Relocation:** 31% of respondents currently live in the City of Aurora. Other interested respondents may have overstated their interest in relocating. However, this also represents an opportunity to encourage regional creatives to move or return to Aurora.
- **Home ownership:** 21% of respondents who are interested in live/work housing currently own their residences. These interested creatives may be less likely to relocate to a rental situation.
- **Overstatement of Interest:** While not quantifiable, enthusiasm for new space and the project concept may not in every case equate to a household choosing to relocate.

- **Expected Drop off:** An affordable artist live/work development can take years to develop, the identified market demand is generally reliable for up to five years, barring any significant changes to the local creative population or influx/outflux trends.

3:1 REDUNDANCY

Given the variety of factors that impact the respondents' stated need for space, Artspace uses a redundancy method and a range approach to account for the factors that influence demand. The threshold for market support for a live/work housing project requires a minimum 3:1 redundancy, meaning at least 3 interested artists/creatives should be identified for every 1 affordable (30%-60% AMI) live/work housing space created. This results in the maximum number within the range (60). The low end of the range (40) is arrived at using a 3:1 redundancy for those interested households that income qualify at or below 60% AMI.

$$179 \div 3 = 60$$

The development and design decisions for new space may impact marketability and the effect of any adverse decisions are not considered in this calculation. New space should be leased affordably with preferred features and shared spaces (as identified on the following page) accommodated to the extent feasible. Market need is only one consideration when developing a project concept. A development team may choose to increase or decrease a final unit count after a review of all project feasibility factors, including financing method and the related LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), if applicable.

UNIT MIX

In Aurora, the unit mix trends toward one- and two-bedroom units. Using the 3:1 redundancy method and calculating for the 60 units. Artspace suggests the following unit breakdown to begin concept planning.

Aurora - Suggested Unit Mix			
Number of Bedrooms	Requested #	Percentage	Recommended # of Units
Efficiency/Studio Units	13	7%	4
One-Bedrooms	65	38%	23
Two-Bedrooms	73	40%	24
Three-Bedrooms	28	15%	9
Totals	179	100%	60

When determining the unit mix, the market study findings are important, but there are other factors to consider including: what the site/building can accommodate; LIHTC priorities; what results in a sustainable operating budget

UNIT SIZES AND FEATURES

Artspace's live/work units are generally about 150-200 square feet larger than traditional affordable housing and have flexible floor plans to accommodate for workspace. Average Artspace unit sizes are:

- **Average efficiency/studio:** 700 sq. ft. – 800 sq. ft.
- **Average 1BR:** 800 sq. ft. – 1,000 sq. ft.
- **Average 2BR:** 1100 sq. ft. – 1,200 sq. ft.
- **Average 3BR:** 1400 sq. ft. – 1,600 sq. ft.

The following live/work space and building amenities and features were preferred by at least 30% of the creatives interested in live/work housing. These and other design considerations are further explained on page 25. Addressing these preferences through design, is important to the marketability of any future development.

MOST PREFERRED SHARED BUILDING AMENITIES	MOST PREFERRED LIVE/WORK UNIT FEATURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Area Wi-Fi (59%)• Gallery/Exhibition Space (44%)• Community Garden (ground or rooftop) (35%)• General-Use Studio/Flex Space (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abundant Natural Light (63%)• Internet Access (high-speed) (53%)• Soundproofing (32%)• High Ceilings Over 10 ft (30%)• Washer/Dryer Hook-Ups (30%)

Note: Respondents could choose up to five shared amenities and up to four live/work features

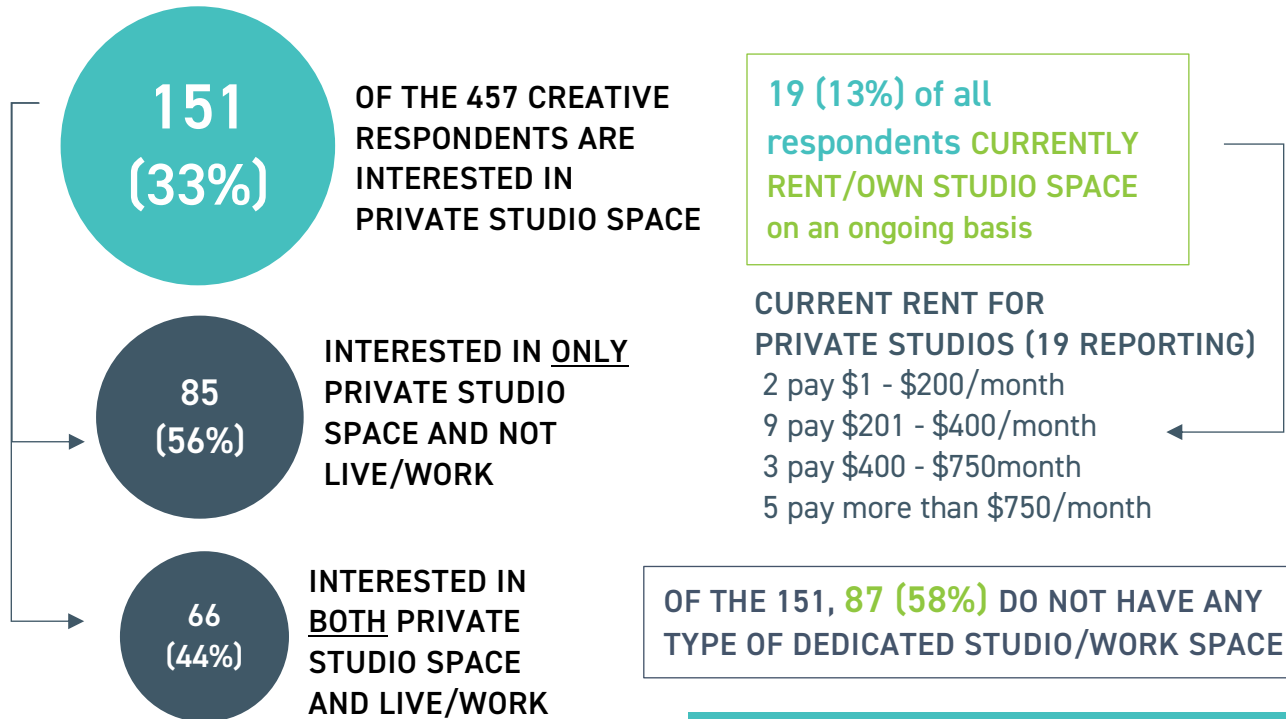
RETAINING AND ATTRACTING THE CREATIVE SECTOR

Of the 179 respondents who indicated that they would relocate to a live/work housing community, 55 currently live in Aurora. **45 (82%) of the 55 local Aurora creatives responded that they have considered leaving, and 41 of those would be encouraged to stay for this opportunity.** Data collected through the survey supports the creation of new housing and importantly demonstrates that affordable live/work housing would both attract regional artists to relocate to Aurora and encourage Aurora creatives to stay. Interestingly, a higher percentage of respondents identify as Hispanic that are interested in live/work housing than took the overall survey, meaning a product type such as live/work housing is needed by creatives from many backgrounds.



ARTIST SURVEY INTEREST IN: PRIVATE STUDIO SPACE

The following statistics are about the **151** creatives interested in renting private studio space on an ongoing basis.



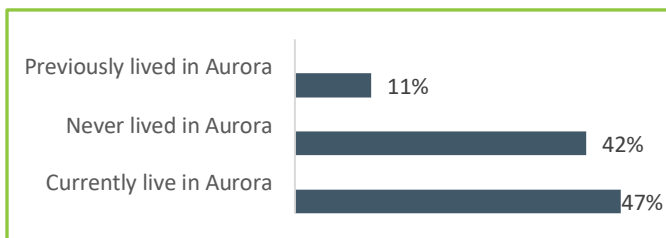
Definition: Private Studio Space

Space designed for the creation or practice of art (e.g., for visual arts, performing arts, or other creative work space needs). This space is not code compliant for residential use but may be in a building that includes residential space. Space is rented on a long-term (annual lease) basis.

57 (38%) HAVE STUDIO/WORK SPACE WITHIN THE HOME

60 (40%) DON'T HAVE THE SPACE THEY NEED FOR THEIR ART/CREATIVE WORK

RESPONDENT LOCATION (PRIVATE STUDIO)



TOP ARTS, CULTURAL, CREATIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

1. Painting and Drawing - 40%
2. Music - 23%
3. Arts Education/Instruction - 21%
4. Mixed Media - 19%

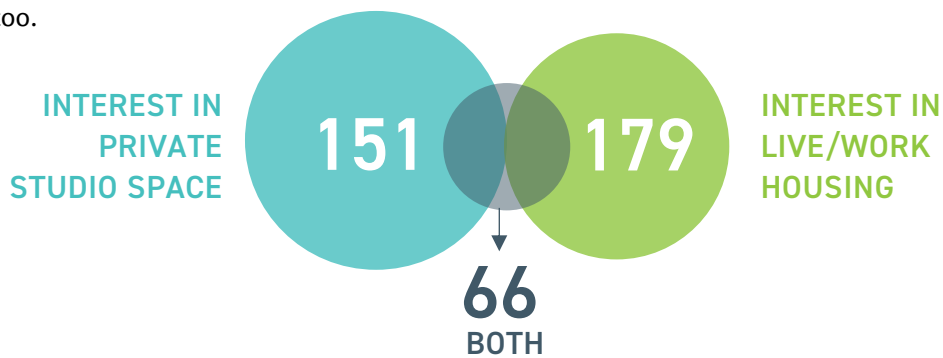
Note: Respondents could select up to 4 options



DETERMINING THE NEED FOR PRIVATE STUDIO SPACE

Private studio space is rented long-term under an annual lease agreement by a single renter who may or may not choose to share space with other artists. From a lessor’s perspective, it is commercial or industrial space that is adaptable to the needs of the artist/creative. This space can be rented for example, by a small creative business for the creation or sharing of their work, or by an individual for similar artistic or creative purposes.

When calculating the demand for private studio space, Artspace uses the number of respondents only interested in private studio space and not live/work housing too (**85 respondents**). Top priority shared amenity and how a renter might use their space findings are based on the responses of all those interested in private studio space (**151 respondents**). The assumption is an artist is unlikely to rent both live/work and private studio space. In Aurora, 85 (56%) of the 151 respondents only want private studio space and not live/work too.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIVATE STUDIO SPACE

Artspace recommends creating **up to 21 private studio spaces, if live/work housing is also built, or up to 38 spaces if it is not**. This range assumes that short-term or shared general-purpose studios, which is also of interest to some of these respondents, are not also developed. This conservative estimate is based on a 4:1 redundancy model. There are more variables to consider when assessing market need for private studio spaces versus live/work housing units, most importantly necessity, therefore Artspace relies on the 4:1 model for initial concept planning of this type of space. Factors that influence this recommendation and conservative assessment of private studio demand include:

- Artists may choose a more cost-effective option than renting an individual private studio on an ongoing-basis such as:
 - Sharing a studio space with other interested artists
 - Using less space than they initially indicated
- Amenity specific needs that they require, may not be feasible to include
- Location of project/new space may not be preferred
- Income fluctuation, leading to shorter studio renting tenure



The value of this recommendation relies on a diverse selection of private studio space options that reflect the sizes, rental costs and amenities preferred by interested artists/creatives and spaces that support the planned uses. If a concept plan envisions short-term and/or shared general-purpose studios as well, fewer ongoing private studios should be considered. More information about this follows later in this report.

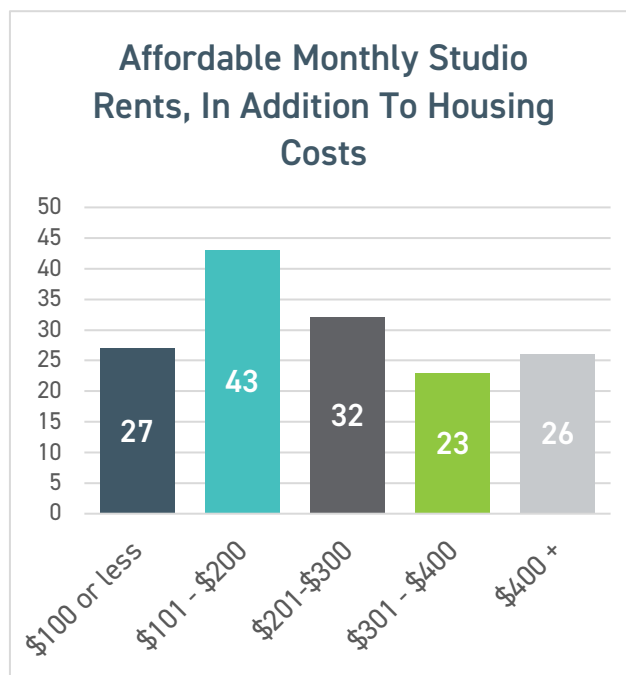
Private studio space rentals, like commercial space, are subject to greater market fluctuations than housing. Thus, Artspace recommends introducing studio space in phases, if possible.

STUDIO SIZES & RENTAL RATES

Understanding what creatives in Aurora can afford and how much space they need is critical to the marketability and self-sustainability of new space.

The following two charts provide a summary of this information.

Desired Square Footage		
Minimum Square Footage	Count	%
Under 200 sq. feet	19	13%
200 - 350 sq. feet	50	33%
351 - 500 sq. feet	35	23%
501 - 650 sq. feet	11	7%
651 - 800 sq. feet	16	11%
801 - 1,000 sq. feet	5	3%
1,001 - 2,000 sq. feet	8	5%
More than 2,000 sq. feet	3	2%
Don't Know/Unsure	4	3%



Based on the data and the summary statistics, a draft program plan for **38 private studio spaces** should

consider units of varying sizes and price points. For example:

- **18 studios at least 350 square feet**
- **12 studios between 351-650 square feet**
- **8 over 650 square feet**
- Rental agreements that **do not exceed \$350 gross rent per month**, regardless of studio size.
- At least one-third of the studio spaces should rent **at or below \$150/month**

MOST REQUESTED PRIVATE STUDIO SIZE*

69% (104) would be served by
500 square feet or less

**A variety of sizes are needed*

If planning for studios larger than 650 square feet or more than \$350/month, Artspace recommends pre-leasing, collecting letters of interest, and/or developing a waiting list before construction.

All respondents interested in private studio space prefer the following amenities and would use it for the art forms listed below in blue. Developers interested in building private studios are encouraged to incorporate these and the other design considerations further explained on page 25 and in Section III of the Technical Report.

MOST PREFERRED BUILDING - WIDE AMENITIES	MOST PREFERRED STUDIO SPACE USES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common area Wi-Fi (67%)• Gallery/Exhibition Space (54%)• Utility sink with Trap (39%)• Additional Storage (38%)• Classroom(s)/Teaching Space (36%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fine/Visual Art (44%)• Industrial fabrication (21%)• Rehearsal/Movement (19%)• Performance (19%)• Exhibition/Presentation (17%)• Audio (16%)• Desktop arts (15%)

Note: Respondents could choose up to five shared amenities and up to four studio space uses

Of the 151 respondents who indicated an interest in private (ongoing) studio space, some also indicated interest in **shared** short-term studio spaces (covered in the next section). 57 of these respondents expressed overlapping interest in studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use) and 63 expressed overlapping interest in studio space (general-purpose, multiple user). Respondents may have selected just one or both shared space types. **If short-term space is created to meet this occasional and shared-use community need, then the number of spaces created for ongoing/long-term private studio space should be reduced accordingly (and vice versa) as the interest may be overlapping.**



ARTIST SURVEY INTEREST IN:
SHARED CREATIVE SPACE AND
SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE



204
(45%)

OF THE 457
 RESPONDENTS ARE
 INTERESTED IN
 ACCESS TO SHARED
CREATIVE SPACE

**TOP ARTS, CULTURAL, CREATIVE
 INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT**

1. Painting/Drawing - 34%
2. Arts Education/Instruction - 21%
3. Music (vocal/instrumental/Recording/
 Composition) - 20%

**Respondents could choose up to 4*

**Definition: Shared Creative Space and
 Specialized Equipment**

Space that may be available through a paid membership (e.g. makerspace or co-working space model) or rented for a fee on an hourly, daily, weekly or another short-term basis. Space may be available for a single renter's exclusive use during the rental period (e.g. film-screening room or classroom) or shared with others at the same time (e.g. ceramics studio, dark room, business center). Some spaces may include equipment (e.g. woodworking tools, 3D printers, computers with design software, kilns, torches for metalworking etc.) Classes or training may also be incorporated into the overall space program.

143
(31%)

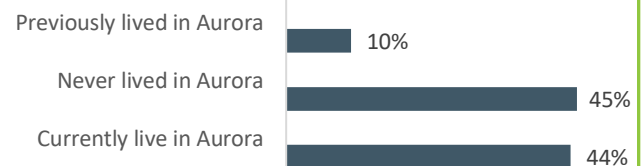
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PERFORMING ARTS
SPACE

**TOP ARTS, CULTURAL, CREATIVE
 INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT**

1. Music - 42%
2. Theater Arts - 34%
3. Arts Education/Instruction - 27%
4. Performance Art - 23%

**Respondents could choose up to 4*

RESPONDENT LOCATION (SHARED PERFORMING SPACE)



Definition: Shared Performing Arts Space

Space that accommodates the needs of those in the performing arts or other complementary industries. Like shared creative space, the space and specialized equipment may be available for short-term, private rentals (e.g. hourly, daily, weekly, monthly) or accessible to multiple users at the same time through a membership or other rental arrangement.

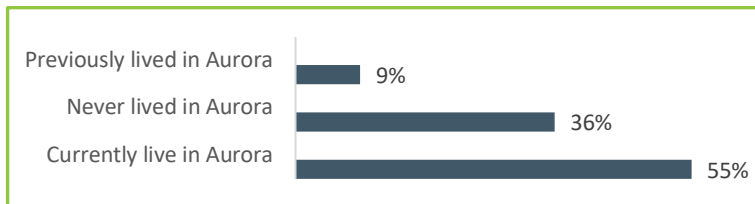


INTEREST IN SHARED CREATIVE SPACE

These spaces and associated programming are typically offered to artists through an organization/operator that owns or has leased long-term space from a property owner for that purpose. *Collaborative* shared spaces may include for example: co-working or makerspaces designed for specific uses such as ceramics, 3D printing, culinary arts, or woodworking. *Private short-term rentals* examples include: storage, conference rooms, general use studios, and screening rooms. The intent is to offer artists access to space and/or equipment that is too expensive or impractical for individual artists to lease or own outright. Shared creative space can exist in the context of a multi-use facility, or as a stand-alone venture.

115 (55%) of the creatives whom are interested in shared creative space currently live in Aurora. **Developing new shared creative space would address the need of Aurora’s current residents.**

RESPONDENT LOCATION (SHARED CREATIVE SPACE)



With 204 total respondents expressing interest, shared creative space is the most needed space type revealed by this study. The types of industries these respondents are involved in vary as much as the types of spaces they are most interested in. While 63 of these respondents also expressed an interest in live/work housing, it is anticipated that the need for most shared spaces will remain constant even if new complementary spaces, such as live/work housing, or private studios are created. The exception is the overlapping interest in shared, general-purpose studio spaces both for multiple users (63 interested) and for occasional private use (57 interested).

General-purpose shared studios should be flexible and accommodate a variety of art forms. The general guidelines for designing private studio space found on page 27 also applies to designing shared studio spaces. At least 20% of respondents interested in shared studio space for occasional private use, practice in: Painting/Drawing, mixed media, Graphic arts and Music. Design and amenities should consider these types of uses in particular, but not be limited to them. Similarly, at least 20% of those interested in shared studio space for multiple users, practice in: Painting/Drawing, Music, arts education/instruction and theater arts. Flexibility of the multi-user space is critical. It would be reasonable to consider including the desired classroom/teaching space in this shared studio environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHARED CREATIVE SPACE

Artspace recommends working with shared space operators to include shared creative space in any new mixed or multi-use arts facility or other non-residential creative space developments resulting from this study. As a priority, the most

MOST PREFERRED TYPE OF SHARED SPACES

- Gallery/Exhibition Space – 72 (35%)
- Studio Space (gen. purpose, multi-user) – 63 (31%)
- Studio Space (gen. purpose, occasional private use) – 57 (28%)
- Classroom(s)/Teaching Space – 56 (27%)
- Computers w/ Design Software – 51 (25%)

*Respondents could choose up to five options.

preferred types of shared spaces highlighted in the green box, should be considered in Aurora. Any organization/business or individual who would like to create and operate these sorts of specialized spaces should create a concept plan using the demand data and develop a business plan based on additional research appropriate to the project model being explored. Providing limited types of appropriate spaces/equipment is more valuable than a variety of mediocre ones. A full list of types of spaces/specialized equipment preferred by respondents can be found in the Technical Report Section IV.

INTEREST IN SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

These spaces operate similarly to shared creative space but are focused on the performing arts. The spaces and associated programming are typically offered by an organization or business that leases commercial



space from the property owner. *Collaborative* shared spaces may include for example: costume, prop and set design shops, or storage. Examples of *Private short-term rentals* include: rehearsal or performance space; or sound proof practice or recording studio space. Performing arts space is expensive for artists due in part to the volume of space and the technical equipment required (e.g. sprung dance floors, and soundboards). Shared performing arts space can exist in the context of a new multi-use facility, or as a stand-alone venture.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

The interest in shared performing arts space (143 respondents) is somewhat less than the interest for shared creative space (204 respondents), but strong compared to many similar surveys nationally. The interest relative to the number of the respondents identifying as practicing in music (42%) and Theater Arts (34%) is significant. For this reason, it is useful to consider the most preferred shared performing arts space and the shared creative space needs separately.

The nature of many types of performing arts spaces is that they are often costly to build and operate while generated income is seldom enough to offset the expense. Users also tend to require the spaces at similar times (e.g. evenings and weekends) making scheduling difficult and in return creating an inefficient economic model. The more flexible the space and suitable to multiple users and complementary programs the more self-sustaining the spaces become. For example, based on the survey data, consider testing a new space concept that includes a piano and can double as rehearsal and classroom space, and that can support small performances.

Any program operator interested in offering performing arts space in Aurora should review the full data from Section IV of the Technical Report as part of the planning process.

MOST PREFERRED TYPE OF SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

- Rehearsal Space – 76 (53%)
- Theater/Performance (Black box/flexible) – 62 (43%)
- Music Recording Studio – 39 (27%)
- Theater/Performance (formal seating/permanent stage) – 37 (26%)
- Classroom/Teaching space – 34 (24%)
- Piano – 34 (24%)

**Respondents could choose up to four options. These are accessible on a short-term lease basis or paid membership*

DESIGNING ARTIST SPACES

Planning for new space requires more than just quantifying interest in live/work housing, private studio, and shared creative spaces. Location, rental costs, shared amenities, size and design features all impact marketability of new spaces. Regional market conditions, funding strategy, available operators of shared spaces and project budget also influence what spaces are created and the amenities and features that are included. Thus, Artspace offers the following design best practices to assist developers of new creative space, informed both by the Aurora Arts Market Survey data as well as Artspace's 30+ years designing artist projects.

DESIGN FEATURES AND AMENITIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

If buildings are designed to incorporate features and amenities that artists prefer, then the artists are better served, and spaces are more leasable. In the design phase, developers should be mindful of the environment preferences of specific types of art, (e.g., lighting, flooring, heating/cooling, ventilation noise, ceiling height, etc.) All artist spaces need safe and secure storage, the ability to easily load and unload projects, materials, and equipment. This means wide hallways (6-foot width minimum), oversized doorways and elevators with 3,500 pounds capacity. It can also include loading zones and space for package pick-ups. Certain art materials can be toxic, that adds a level of consideration for trash disposal and utility sink drains. The surfaces should be highly durable and low maintenance (e.g., stained/polished concrete, sealed/epoxy coated concrete, ceramic or porcelain tile, or linoleum or wood products, and no carpet.)

LIVE/WORK HOUSING

Live/work housing units should be designed to maximize flexible space. Kitchens should be open, galley, straight, or "L" shaped layouts with no "islands." The sink should be a single, extra deep basin, stainless steel preferred, with no garbage disposal. Ceilings should be a 10-foot minimum to ensure open space. Windows should be large and operable for natural light and fresh air. Communal laundry rooms are a cost-effective approach if funding does not allow for in-unit washer/dryers. Hallways should be wide and well-lit and Artists should be allowed to hang, paint, and display their art in the hallways.

COMMUNITY GALLERY

A space with adequate lighting can provide an opportunity for both the public to enjoy art and artists to present and sell/perform their work.

Gallery spaces should have floor outlets approximately every 12 feet. Walls should include a ¼ inch layer of plywood behind the gypsum board to aid in hanging artwork; there should be a minimum of 3 feet height of plywood installed, at 40 inches from the floor, up to 76 inches (and if cost and time allowed, add a foot on each side to accommodate large artwork). Walls should be neutral colored and suitable for displaying artwork. Include two types of lighting when possible: general overhead lighting and directional track lighting for the art work. Install track lights to light the area where art is traditionally hung at a 45-degree angle. Also include separate light switches for both sets of lights and a hanging system.

PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

When designing for the needs of performing artists, the four considerations are unencumbered space (i.e. no posts or pillars); high ceilings; lighting; and sound quality. Specific uses have different requirements such as sprung floors for dancers.

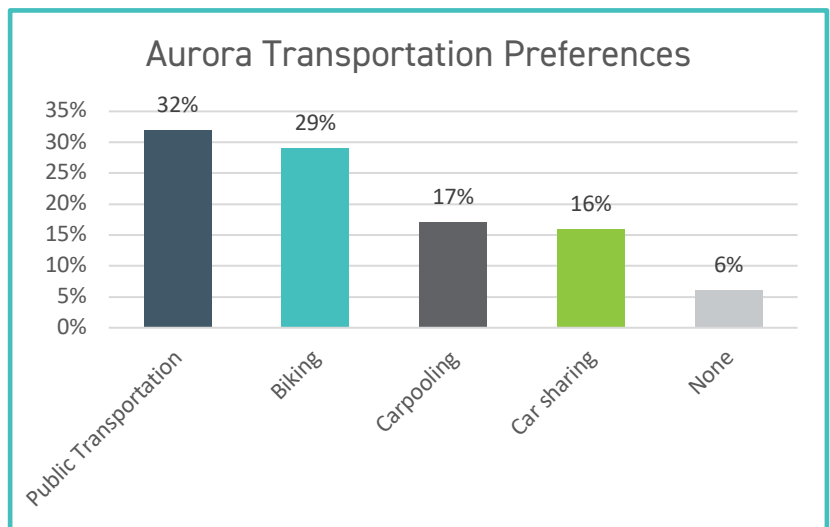
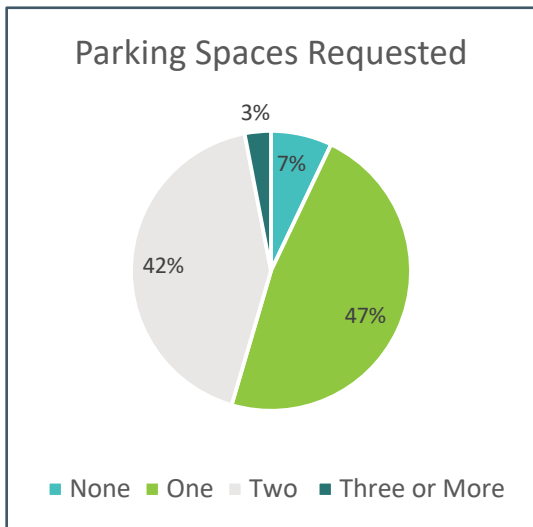
OTHER FEATURES

A property management office should be located on the first floor near the main entrance. The exterior of the building should have low maintenance finishes. Consider providing artist designed bike racks for visitors and bike storage for residents. Commercial and communal space public restrooms should be inclusively designed as at least two gender neutral restrooms and include a diaper changing station in at least one unit. Artspace has a plethora of resources on designing artist spaces and is also available to consult with developers looking to create space for artists.

AURORA SPECIFIC DESIGN FEATURES AND AMENITIES

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Respondents interested in live/work housing (179) were asked what shared transportation options they would use on a frequent or regular basis if available. Public Transportation (32%) and Biking (29%) were the most popular responses. Including bicycle parking and developing the project in a walkable environment are recommended. A project should be located within walking distance of public transportation and/or a bicycle path/lane, if possible.



*Note: Only asked of respondents interested in live/work housing.
Respondents could choose more than one option*

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

BUILDING-WIDE AMENITIES

In addition to Artspace’s general design guidelines, survey data informs the program and concept development. When funding is limited it is important to make thoughtful decisions about how to best use resources to benefit the most.

The table below shows the overlapping interest in amenities and short-term spaces among several subgroups of survey respondents. Artspace recommends prioritizing spaces that are of interest to multiple subgroups; can serve multiple uses; and/or, are the least expensive and complicated to create and operate. Full lists of preferred spaces and amenities are in the Technical Report. Amenities preferred by at least 25% of interested respondents are identified below. Careful consideration should be given to the upfront and operational costs and complexity of incorporating the types of spaces listed in under “costly amenities.” Creatives in Aurora could choose up to 4 or 5 preferred amenities, for each type of space in which they expressed an interest.

Building Amenity	Space Subgroup			
	Live/Work Housing	Private Studio	Shared Creative Space	Shared Performing Arts Space
<i>Easy to Incorporate</i>				
Common Area Wi-Fi	X	X		
Sustainable/Renewable Energy-based Design				
Gallery/Exhibition Space	X	X	X	
Classroom(s)/ Teaching Space	X	X	X	X
General-use studio/ flex-space (private and/or shared)	X		X	
Additional Storage		X		
Rehearsal Space	X			X
Community Garden (ground or rooftop)	X			
Utility Sink with Trap		X		
Outdoor work area				
Networking/Meeting Lounge				
<i>Costly Amenities</i>				
Woodworking shop				
Ceramics Studio			X	
Music Recording studio				X
Theater Space (black box or formal)				X

Note: Not all space types and amenities were an option for each subgroup to select.

The building amenities that are preferred by at least three interested subgroups are **gallery/exhibition space, and classroom/teaching space**. At a minimum, these two “easy to incorporate” amenities should be designed into a mixed-use project. These two spaces also allow for synergy with programming in which non-creatives can participate. The other space types that at least two subgroups expressed interest in should also be given priority consideration.

IN-UNIT FEATURES (LIVE/WORK AND PRIVATE STUDIO)

The top in-unit/in-studio features of survey respondents indicated a need for the following. Respondents could select up to four options.

Abundant natural light – Abundant natural light within the workspace was the most preferred feature among those interested in live/work housing (85%) and in private studios (83%). Any new development should optimize natural light sources to aid the creative work of its future residents and tenants.

Common area wi-fi/wiring for high speed internet – high speed, high bandwidth internet was the second most preferred feature after natural light for artists interested in live/work housing (54%) and those interested in private studio space (58%). New space should aim to provide the necessary technological infrastructure to support tenants' creative work.

High ceilings: Ceilings that are at least 10 feet are desirable to those interested in live/work (37%) and those interested in private studios (41%). High ceilings provide space for tenants to create large scale artwork, set up necessary equipment, and move, jump, and lift without obstruction.

Unit soundproofing/ Soundproof spaces: Soundproofing is a preferred space feature of those interested in live/work housing (29%), private studio space (24%), and a sound booth is preferred by 22% of those interested in shared performing arts space. While it may be cost prohibitive to soundproof all the live/work units and private studio spaces, consideration could be given to sound attenuating design that limits noise between units. Alternatively, offer soundproof spaces for residents and private studio tenants to share, and that could be rented by non-residents on an occasional or short-term basis, thus also addressing the need for this type of shared performing arts space.

Special ventilation: 24% of respondents interested in private studio space and 22% of those interested in live/workspace, indicated a need for special ventilation within their living/studio space. While again, it may be cost prohibitive to install special ventilation in every studio unit, design and engineering should take into consideration the toxic nature of many art materials. Consider allocating a shared private studio(s) with enhanced ventilation for varnishing, spraying, and where use of other toxic substances is permitted.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

FURTHER SURVEY PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

Respondents indicated an interest in receiving updates about the project and in volunteering to advance the concept. Contact information for those who requested more information on several different topics is provided separately from this report to the City of Aurora staff. It can take several years to realize new space and keeping interested parties engaged is important. Periodic and important project updates to those **327 (72%) respondents** who requested further information is highly recommended. 210 (46%) noted that they were interested in volunteering for the project.

This interest/volunteer group could also be contacted to test project concept and business plan assumptions as they evolve, including more information about fees or membership rates that can be charged for access to a variety of new shared creative spaces under consideration. Planning the program early including identifying funding and operating partner(s) is critical to implementing this mixed-use concept.

It is assumed that survey respondents, while broadly representative of the market, may not be the same individuals that ultimately rent new space. For this reason, Artspace recommends that an outreach strategy be developed locally in Aurora to engage new artists who may not have participated in this survey. This will help ensure the longer-term relevance of these findings and support a successful project lease-up. Aurora had a great turnout for the survey, keeping this arts community aware will help with advocacy for a project as well.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

One measure of success of a future project is how inclusive it is and to what extent its residents and tenants reflect the diversity quotient of Aurora and the surrounding area. Despite best efforts, surveys of this nature are limited in their ability to engage everyone and in return may not truly reflect the diversity of a region regarding age, gender, race, income, ethnicity, and even art form.

The survey diversity somewhat reflected Aurora's demographics. Survey respondents identified as Hispanic/Latino (10%). According to demographic software Esri Community Analyst, in 2019 Aurora's population is estimated as 29% Hispanic/Latino and 16% African American. 61% of total survey respondents were women, when in 2019, women made up 51% of Aurora's population.

Total Respondent Race and Ethnicity			*Town of Aurora 2019 Est.
White/Caucasian	311	68%	59%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	45	10%	29%
Multiracial/Multiethnic	36	4%	6%
Black/African American	32	7%	16%
Not Listed/Some other race	15	3%	12%
Asian	10	2%	6%
Indigenous American	4	1%	1%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	4	1%	0.3%
Total Respondents	457	100%	N/A

While direct comparisons cannot be accurately made from the broader community to the creative sector due to the convenience sampling method of this survey, attention should still be paid to engaging diverse

populations during future outreach. In the experience of Artspace, the community's creative sector is typically as diverse, if not more than the broader population. Extra attention should be made to engaging the Hispanic/Latino and African American population in Aurora as a project progresses forward.

For a future project to be demographically relevant and reflective of the community, Artspace highly recommends that ongoing outreach and the make-up of leadership teams be directed toward achieving that goal. It should be noted that a slightly higher percentage of respondents who identified as male and as Hispanic/Latino were interested in live/work housing compared to the overall survey responses. Any outreach on housing should target diverse citizens.

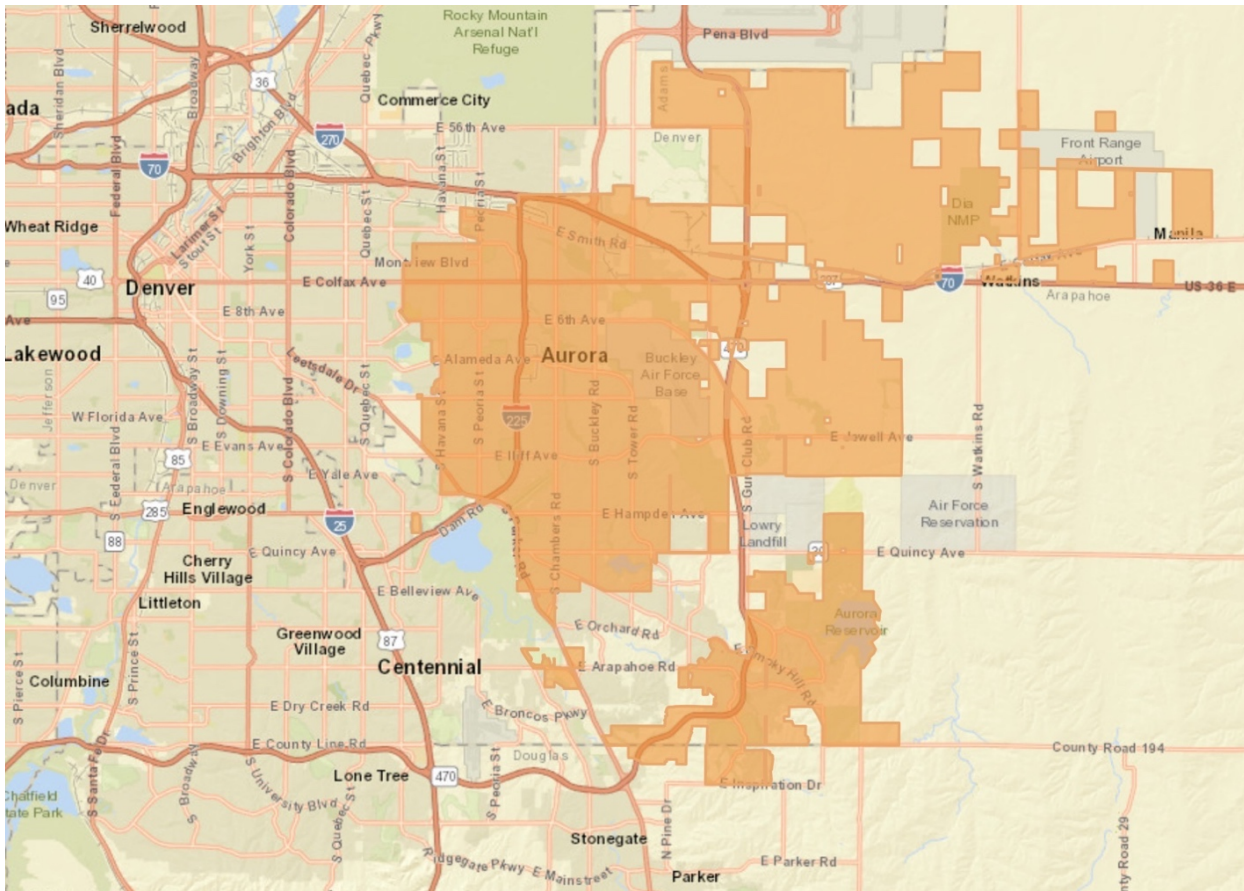
NEXT STEPS

The Arts Market Study data demonstrates demand for variety of creative spaces in Aurora and therefore a variety of project models and space solutions can be explored by local stakeholders. For example, private studios and shared creative spaces can be offered in underutilized buildings; existing programs can be expanded to offer new space types; developers can introduce private studio and/or live/workspaces into existing project concepts; or entirely new arts facility models can be developed. Regardless of the project concept or the real estate model for delivery (e.g. mixed-use or non-residential), it would be appropriate to introduce the following affordable creative space types into the local market: live/work, private studio, shared creative and performing arts spaces.

The information provided in this Report of Findings and the Technical Report Addendum can be shared with civic leaders and private developers and creative businesses/nonprofits in an effort to demonstrate demand for new creative space in Aurora and to serve as a foundation for concept planning and financial modeling of new initiatives. It is both an advocacy tool and a practical guide. It illustrates the great need for creative space in Aurora and the impact new space can have on the local creative sector and creative low-income community, including retaining and attracting artists.

Artspace appreciates the opportunity to complete this Arts Market Study in Aurora and commends the local stakeholders for a stellar response rate and its commitment to supporting the creative sector.

ARTS MARKET STUDY TECHNICAL REPORT



AN ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF FINDINGS

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TECHNICAL REPORT

SURVEY OF INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND CREATIVES

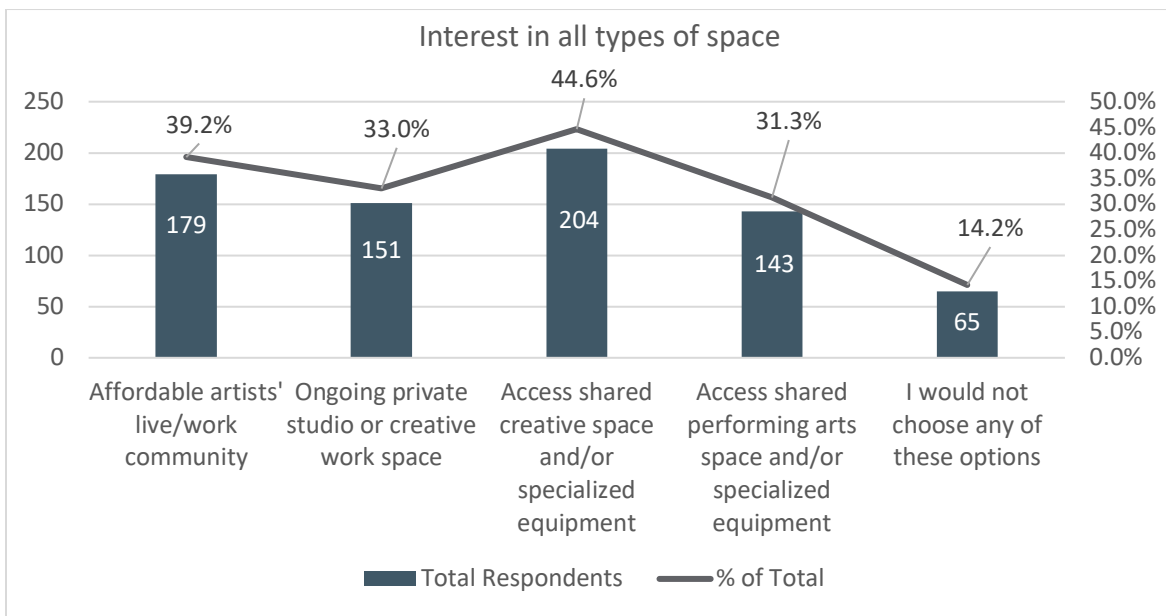
The focus of this report is primarily on the **392 respondents who indicated an interest in at least one type of space in Aurora, CO** out of a total of 457 respondents.

I. ALL INDIVIDUAL SURVEY RESPONDENT DATA

A. INTEREST IN SPACE



1) Which of the following options would you choose if available in Aurora, CO?



Which of the following options would you choose if available	Total Respondents	% of Total
Affordable artists' live/work community	179	39.2%
Ongoing private studio or creative work space	151	33.0%
Access shared creative space and/or specialized equipment	204	44.6%
Access shared performing arts space and/or specialized equipment	143	31.3%
I would not choose any of these options	65	14.2%
Total Respondents	457	100%

**Respondents could select more than one option*



2) Respondents who selected they would relocate to an affordable artist live/work housing AND another space option.

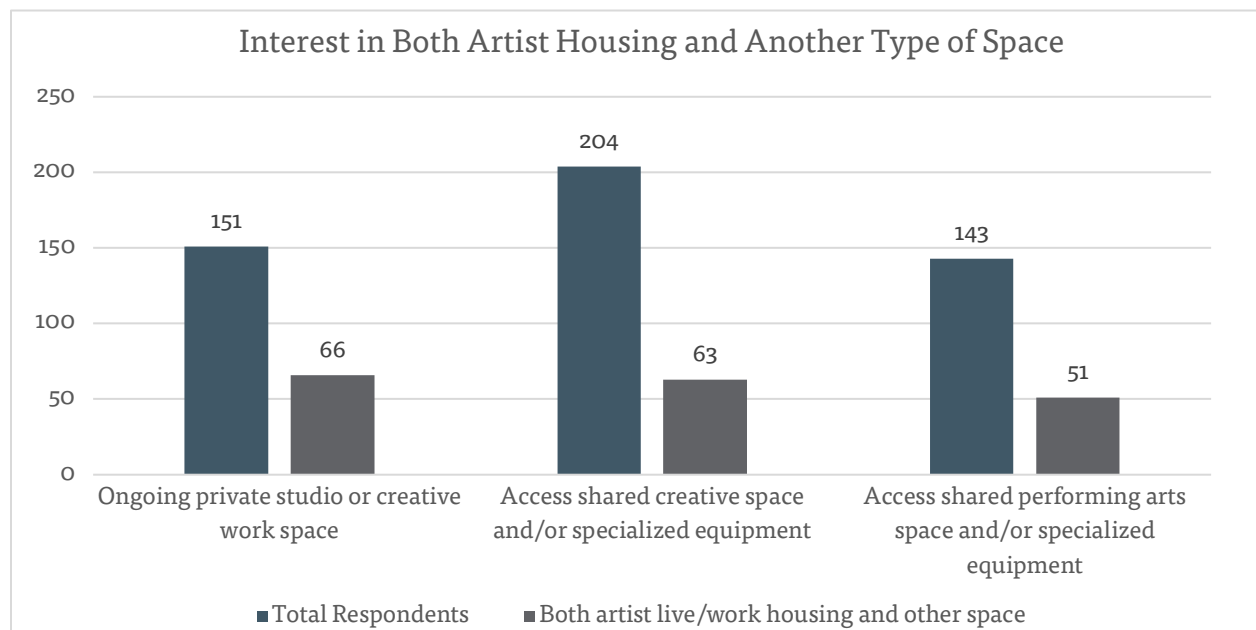
*There are **457 total respondents who took the survey**. Of those respondents **179** are interested in affordable artist live/work housing, and **151** are interested in private studio space.*

*Under the column of "both artist live/work housing and other space", the **179 respondents** interested in artist live/work housing there are **66** who are also interested in private studio space, **63** are also interested in accessing shared creative space, and **51** are interested in accessing shared performing arts space.*

Which of the following options would you choose if available	Total Respondents	% of Total	Both artist live/work housing and other space
Affordable artists' live/work community	179	39.2%	0
Ongoing private studio or creative work space	151	33.0%	66
Access shared creative space and/or specialized equipment	204	44.6%	63
Access shared performing arts space and/or specialized equipment	143	31.3%	51
I would not choose any of these options	65	14.2%	0
Total Respondents	457	100%	179

**Respondents could select more than one option*

Figure 2





3) Respondents who selected only ONE type of the following options if available in Aurora, CO.

*Of the **179** respondents who are interested in affordable artist live/work housing there are **76** who selected ONLY housing and no other type of space.*

*Of the **151** respondents who selected private studio space there are **29** who selected ONLY private studio space and no other type of space.*

Respondents who selected only ONE type of space	# of respondents
Affordable artist housing - ONLY	76
Ongoing private studio or creative work space - ONLY	29
Access shared creative space and/or specialized equipment - ONLY	64
Access shared performing arts space and/or specialized equipment - ONLY	32
I would not choose any of these options	65

Respondents who selected only NO to L/W housing	# of respondents
Affordable artist housing - ONLY	0
Ongoing private studio or creative work space - ONLY	85
Access shared creative space and/or specialized equipment - ONLY	141
Access shared performing arts space and/or specialized equipment - ONLY	92
I would not choose any of these options	65



B. CURRENT AREAS OF ARTS, CULTURAL, CREATIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

1) In what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved? Most respondents selected the following:

The top 5 arts, cultural or creative industries of the 457 respondents are: music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition), painting/drawing, arts education/instruction, photography, and theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.).

Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries	#	Total Responses	
		% of responses	% of respondents
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	126	9.2%	27.6%
Painting/Drawing	124	9.0%	27.1%
Arts education/instruction	95	6.9%	20.8%
Photography	81	5.9%	17.7%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	77	5.6%	16.8%
Mixed media	69	5.0%	15.1%
Graphic arts/design	66	4.8%	14.4%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	62	4.5%	13.6%
Crafts/Fine crafts	60	4.4%	13.1%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	59	4.3%	12.9%
Writing/Literary arts	51	3.7%	11.2%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	49	3.6%	10.7%
Performance art	45	3.3%	9.8%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	41	3.0%	9.0%
Dance/Choreography	40	2.9%	8.8%
Culinary arts	33	2.4%	7.2%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	29	2.1%	6.3%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	28	2.0%	6.1%
Jewelry design/fabrication	28	2.0%	6.1%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	27	2.0%	5.9%
Other, please specify	26	1.9%	5.7%
Installation art	24	1.7%	5.3%
Sculpture	22	1.6%	4.8%
Murals/Street art	21	1.5%	4.6%
Book arts/Illustration	20	1.5%	4.4%
Printmaking	20	1.5%	4.4%
Woodworking	20	1.5%	4.4%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	14	1.0%	3.1%
Interior design	11	0.8%	2.4%
Martial Arts	7	0.5%	1.5%
Total Respondents	457		
Total Responses	1375		



C. CURRENT SITUATION

1) Do you currently own or rent/lease your living space?

40% of respondents currently rent/lease their living space.

Currently own or rent/lease your living space	Total Responses	
	#	% of respondents
Rent/Lease	184	40.3%
Own	228	49.9%
Do not rent/lease or own	45	9.8%
Total	457	100%

2) Which best describes your current art or creative work situation?

45% of respondents have space within their home they use for creative work.

Current art or creative work situation	#	% of respondents
I have space within my home that I use for my art or creative work	205	44.9%
I don't have the space I need for my art or creative work (e.g., current space is not adequate, I cannot afford available space, etc.)	134	29.3%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an ongoing basis	47	10.3%
My work does not require designated space	33	7.2%
My work space is provided free of charge (e.g., member of dance troupe, university student, etc.)	24	5.3%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an occasional or as needed basis	14	3.1%
Total	457	100%



3) What do you currently pay monthly, on average (NOT including utilities), for the studio/creative work space you rent or own outside your home on an ongoing basis?

*52% of total respondents currently pay \$350 or less per month, not including those who selected \$0.
35% of total respondents pay \$501 or more per month.*

Monthly rent for studio/creative work space	#	% of respondents
\$0	1	2.1%
\$1 - \$50	1	2.1%
\$51 - \$100	5	10.6%
\$101 - \$150	5	10.6%
\$151 - \$200	3	6.4%
\$201 - \$250	4	8.5%
\$251 - \$300	2	4.3%
\$301 - \$350	4	8.5%
\$351 - \$400	2	4.3%
\$401 - \$500	4	8.5%
\$501 - \$750	4	8.5%
More than \$750	12	25.5%
Total	47	100%

*This question is only for those who answered "I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an ongoing basis"

4) What percentage of your income comes from your art or creative work?

62% of total respondents either earn no income from their art/creative work or less than 10% of their income from their creative work.

Percentage of income from art or creative work	"yes" to affordable artist housing		"yes" to private studio responses		Total	
	#	% of respondents	#	% of respondents	#	% of respondents
Up to 10%	48	26.8%	46	30.5%	119	26.0%
11% - 25%	30	16.8%	21	13.9%	61	13.3%
26% - 50%	11	6.1%	11	7.3%	25	5.5%
51% - 75%	16	8.9%	5	3.3%	27	5.9%
76% - 100%	25	14.0%	23	15.2%	60	13.1%
I earn no income from my art/creative work	49	27.4%	45	29.8%	165	36.1%
Total	179	100%	151	100%	457	100%



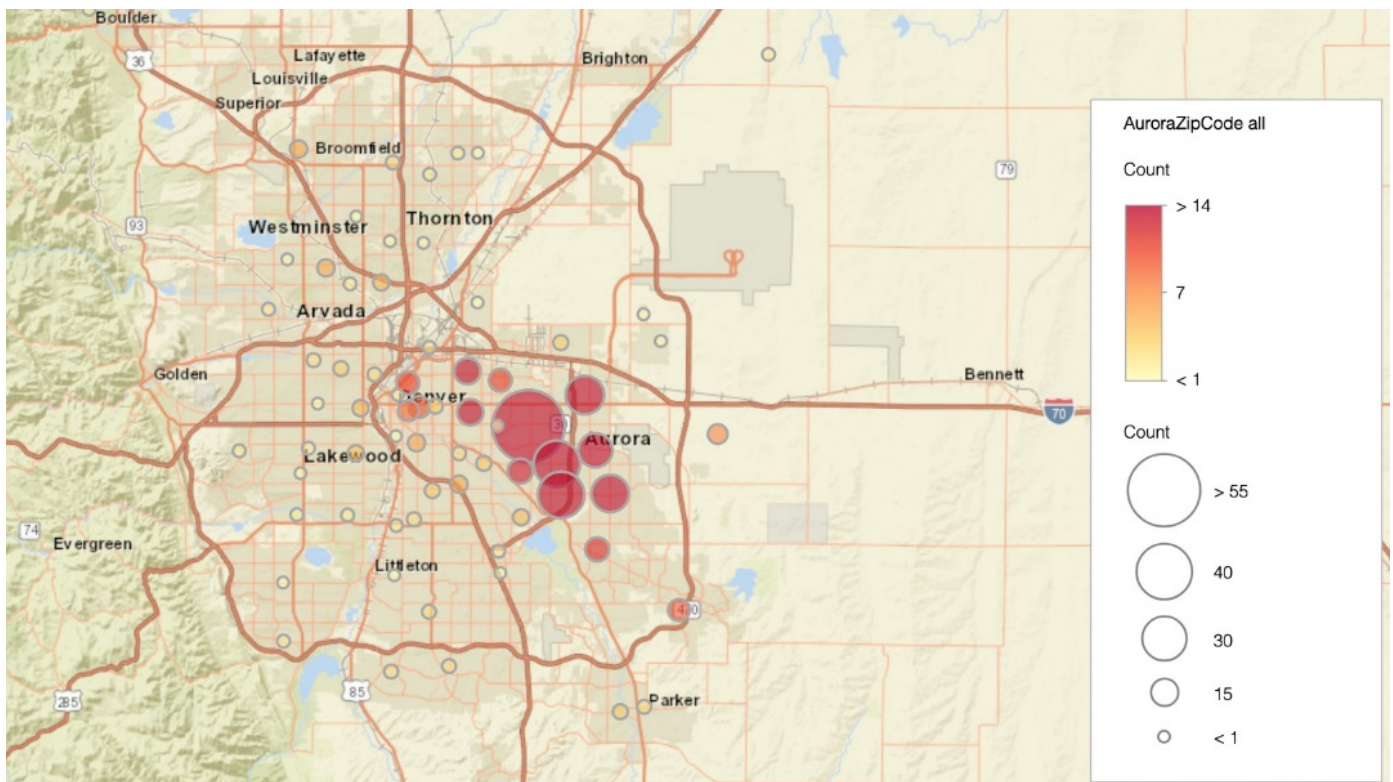
5) Have you ever lived in Aurora, CO?

49% of respondents currently live in the city of Aurora.

Have you ever lived in Aurora, CO?	#	% of respondents
I currently live in Aurora	223	48.8%
Yes, but not currently	53	11.6%
No	181	39.6%
Total	457	100%

6) What is the five-digit zip code where you live?

The following heat map shows in red the highest density of population by zip code where respondents currently live.





D. DEMOGRAPHICS

1) To which gender do you most identify?

61% of respondents are female.

Gender	Total Responses	
	#	% of respondents
Female	280	61.3%
Male	156	34.1%
Transgender Female	1	0.2%
Transgender Male	1	0.2%
Non-Binary	18	3.9%
Not listed, please specify	1	0.2%
Total	457	100%

2) What is your ethnicity?

74% of respondents identify as Not Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx

Ethnicity	Total Responses	
	#	% of respondents
Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx	60	13.1%
Not Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx	340	74.4%
Prefer not to answer	57	12.5%
Total	457	100%

3) Which of the following best describes you?

68% of respondents describe themselves as White/Caucasian.

Which of the following best describes you?	Total Responses	
	#	% of respondents
White/Caucasian	311	68.1%
Hispanic/Latino	45	9.8%
Multiracial/Multiethnic	36	7.9%
Black/African American	32	7.0%
Not listed (please specify)	15	3.3%
Asian	10	2.2%
Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native	4	0.9%
Pacific islander/Native Hawaiian	4	0.9%
Total	457	100%

II. INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN AFFORDABLE ARTIST LIVE/WORK HOUSING

The “**yes**” responses in the following tables are those individuals interested in housing. The “**total**” responses are everyone who completed the survey.



There is a total of 179 respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing, of those respondents 76 are interested in affordable artist live/work housing only.

A. DEMOGRAPHICS OF INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED RESPONDENTS

1) What is your gender?

55% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing are female.

Gender	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
Female	98	54.7%	280	61.3%
Male	65	36.3%	156	34.1%
Transgender Female	1	0.6%	1	0.2%
Transgender Male	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Non-Binary	14	7.8%	18	3.9%
Not listed, please specify	1	0.6%	1	0.2%
Total	179	100%	457	100%

2) What is your age?

69% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing are 40 years or younger.

Age	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
20 years or younger	10	5.6%	15	3.3%
21 - 30 years	67	37.4%	110	24.1%
31 - 40 years	46	25.7%	114	24.9%
41 - 50 years	24	13.4%	86	18.8%
51 - 60 years	14	7.8%	62	13.6%
61 - 70 years	16	8.9%	55	12.0%
Over 70 years	2	1.1%	15	3.3%
Total	179	100%	457	100%



3) What is your ethnicity?

65% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing identify as Not Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx.

Ethnicity	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx	40	22.3%	60	13.1%
Not Hispanic/Latino(a)/Latinx	117	65.4%	340	74.4%
Prefer not to answer	22	12.3%	57	12.5%
Total	179	100%	457	100%

4) Which of the following best describes you?

59% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing describe themselves as White/Caucasian.

Which of the following best describes you?	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
White/Caucasian	105	58.7%	311	68.1%
Hispanic/Latino	30	16.8%	45	9.8%
Multiracial/Multiethnic	17	9.5%	36	7.9%
Black/African American	15	8.4%	32	7.0%
Not listed (please specify)	6	3.4%	15	3.3%
Asian	2	1.1%	10	2.2%
Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	1.1%	4	0.9%
Pacific islander/Native Hawaiian	2	1.1%	4	0.9%
Total	179	100%	457	100%



5) Which range is closest to your gross annual income?

Figure 3 below shows the Max Rents based on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2019 Rent and Income limits for 30%, 60%, and 80% Area Median Income (AMI). Source: Novoco.com

Figure 3

City: Aurora, CO		City: Aurora, CO		City: Aurora, CO	
County: Adams County		County: Adams County		County: Adams County	
MAX RENTS		MAX RENTS		MAX RENTS	
AMI	30%	AMI	60%	AMI	80%
0 BDRM	\$ 487	0 BDRM	\$ 975	0 BDRM	\$ 1,300
1 BDRM	\$ 522	1 BDRM	\$ 1,044	1 BDRM	\$ 1,393
2 BDRM	\$ 627	2 BDRM	\$ 1,254	2 BDRM	\$ 1,672
3 BDRM	\$ 724	3 BDRM	\$ 1,448	3 BDRM	\$ 1,931
4 BDRM	\$ 807	4 BDRM	\$ 1,615	4 BDRM	\$ 2,154
5 BDRM	\$ 891	5 BDRM	\$ 1,782	5 BDRM	\$ 2,376
INCOME LIMITS		INCOME LIMITS		INCOME LIMITS	
1 PERSON	\$ 19,500	1 PERSON	\$ 39,000	1 PERSON	\$ 52,000
2 PERSON	\$ 22,290	2 PERSON	\$ 44,580	2 PERSON	\$ 59,440
3 PERSON	\$ 25,080	3 PERSON	\$ 50,160	3 PERSON	\$ 66,880
4 PERSON	\$ 27,840	4 PERSON	\$ 55,680	4 PERSON	\$ 74,240
5 PERSON	\$ 30,090	5 PERSON	\$ 60,180	5 PERSON	\$ 80,240
6 PERSON	\$ 32,310	6 PERSON	\$ 64,620	6 PERSON	\$ 86,160
7 PERSON	\$ 34,530	7 PERSON	\$ 69,060	7 PERSON	\$ 92,080
8 PERSON	\$ 36,750	8 PERSON	\$ 73,500	8 PERSON	\$ 98,000



60% of the respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing income qualify based on their selected household income in this survey and on the 2019 60% HUD rent and income limits.

Income by Household Size for Respondents Interested in Affordable Artist Housing								
Annual Household Income	1	2	3	4 or more	Total	Income Qualify - 30% AMI	Income Qualify - 60% AMI	Income Qualify - 80% AMI
Prefer Not to Answer	3	3	4	1	11			
Under \$10,000	4	5	1	1	11	11	11	11
\$10,000 - \$15,000	3	2	1	1	7	7	7	7
\$15,001 - \$20,000	2	5	2	1	10	10	10	10
\$20,001 - \$25,000	3	4	2	2	11	8	11	11
\$25,001 - \$30,000	7	11	2	3	23	5	23	23
\$30,001 - \$35,000	3	6	2	3	14	3	14	14
\$35,001 - \$40,000	2	10	2	3	17		17	17
\$40,001 - \$45,000	0	2	4	1	7		7	7
\$45,001 - \$50,000	1	3	0	1	5		1	5
\$50,001 - \$55,000	5	7	1	1	14		2	14
\$55,001 - \$60,000	3	4	1	1	9		1	6
\$60,001 - \$65,000	1	3	1	3	8		3	4
\$65,001 - \$75,000	3	3	1	0	7		0	1
\$75,001 - \$85,000	0	4	4	2	10			2
\$85,001 - \$100,000	4	1	0	1	6			1
\$100,001 - \$125,000	0	1	0	4	5			
\$125,001 - \$150,000	0	1	0	0	1			
\$150,001 - \$200,000	0	0	0	1	1			
\$200,001 - \$300,000	0	0	1	0	1			
\$300,001 - \$400,000	0	0	0	1	1			
Total	44	75	29	31	179	44	107	133
% of respondents who income qualify for 30%						25%		
% of respondents who income qualify for 60%						60%		
% of respondents who income qualify for 80%						74%		

6) What is the highest level of education you have completed?

63% of interested respondents received a bachelor's degree or higher.

Education	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
Some high school course work	1	0.6%	2	0.4%
High school/GED	12	6.7%	22	4.8%
Some college course work or 2-year degree	54	30.2%	109	23.9%
Bachelors degree	63	35.2%	157	34.4%
Some post-graduate work	15	8.4%	50	10.9%
Post-graduate degree	34	19.0%	117	25.6%
Total	179	100%	457	100%



B. CURRENT SITUATION OF INTERESTED RESPONDENTS

1) Have you ever lived in Aurora, CO?

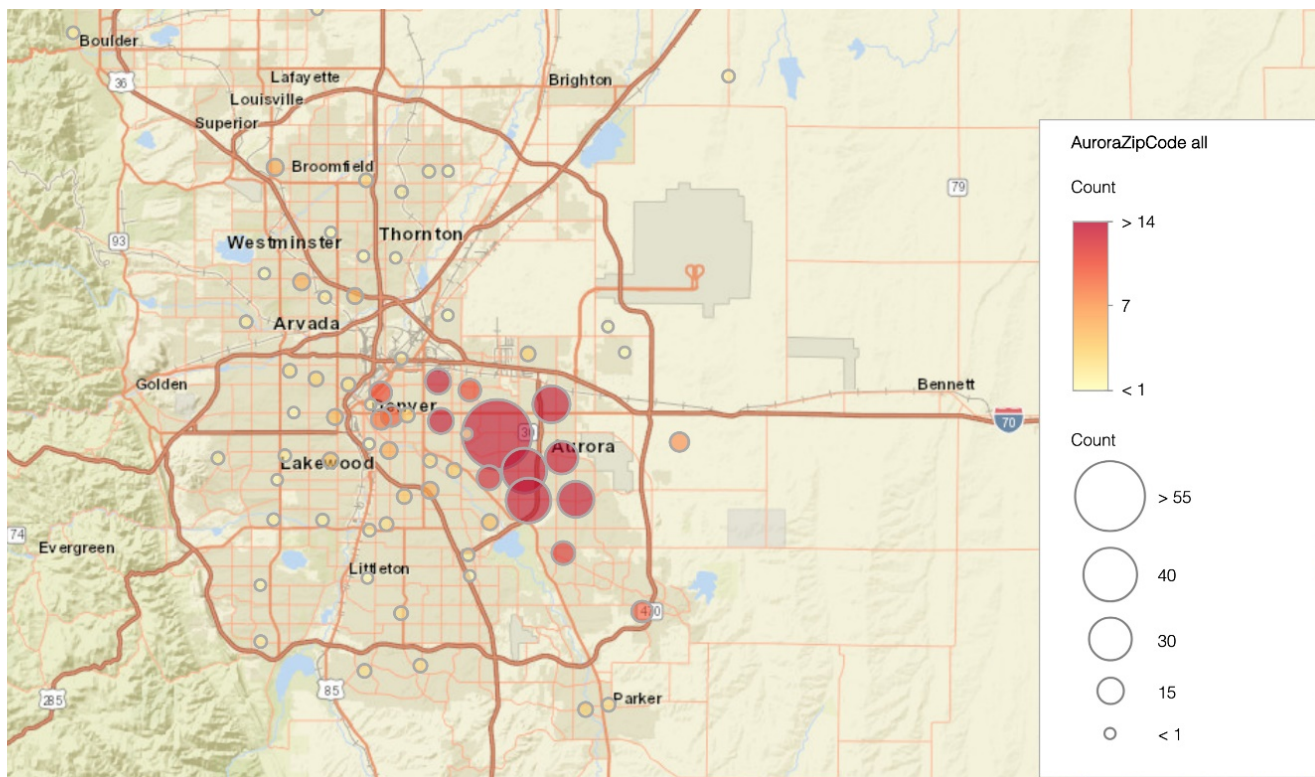
31% of respondents interested in artist live/work housing currently live in Aurora, CO.

Have you ever lived in Aurora, CO?	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
I currently live in Aurora	55	30.7%	223	48.8%
Yes, but not currently	32	17.9%	53	11.6%
No	92	51.4%	181	39.6%
Total	179	100%	457	100%

**respondents may have selected multiple responses*

2) What is the five-digit zip code where you live?

The following heat map shows in yellow the highest density of population by zip code where respondents currently live.





3) Do you currently have work space you use only for your art or creative work?

63% of interested respondents do NOT currently have work space they use only for art or creative work.

Work space for art or creative work?	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
Yes	66	36.9%	194	42.5%
No	113	63.1%	263	57.5%
Total	179	100%	457	100%

4) Which best describes your current art or creative work situation?

37% of interested respondents don't have the space they need for their art or creative work.

Current creative situation	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
I don't have the space I need for my art or creative work (e.g., current space is not adequate, I cannot afford available space, etc.)	67	37.4%	134	29.3%
I have space within my home that I use for my art or creative work	65	36.3%	205	44.9%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an ongoing basis	25	14.0%	47	10.3%
My work space is provided free of charge (e.g., member of dance troupe, university student, etc.)	9	5.0%	24	5.3%
My work does not require designated space	7	3.9%	33	7.2%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an occasional or as needed basis	6	3.4%	14	3.1%
Total	179	100%	457	100%

5) Do you currently own or rent/lease your living space?

69% of respondents who are interested in affordable artist live/work housing currently rent or lease their living space.

Own/Rent/Lease	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total Respondents	
	#	% Respondents	#	% Respondents
Rent/Lease	123	68.7%	184	40.3%
Own	38	21.2%	228	49.9%
Do not rent/lease or own	18	10.1%	45	9.8%
Total	179	100%	457	100%



6) What do you currently pay monthly, on average, for your housing, NOT including utilities?

The chart below reflects the current housing costs of respondents who are interested in artist live/work housing.

34% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing pay \$1,000 or less a month in housing costs, not including those who selected "\$0 - I currently don't pay for housing".

55% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing pay between \$901 and \$1,500.

Monthly Housing Costs (excluding utilities)	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total Respondents	
	#	% Respondents	#	% Respondents
\$0 - I currently don't pay for housing	4	2.5%	21	5.1%
\$1 - \$400	2	1.2%	10	2.4%
\$401 - \$500	4	2.5%	10	2.4%
\$501 - \$600	6	3.7%	12	2.9%
\$601 - \$700	4	2.5%	7	1.7%
\$701 - \$800	14	8.7%	23	5.6%
\$801 - \$900	8	5.0%	21	5.1%
\$901 - \$1,000	17	10.6%	36	8.7%
\$1,001 - \$1,100	17	10.6%	35	8.5%
\$1,101 - \$1,200	13	8.1%	25	6.1%
\$1,201 - \$1,300	13	8.1%	26	6.3%
\$1,301 - \$1,400	10	6.2%	29	7.0%
\$1,401 - \$1,500	17	10.6%	31	7.5%
\$1,501 - \$1,600	3	1.9%	24	5.8%
\$1,601 - \$1,700	6	3.7%	10	2.4%
\$1,701 - \$1,800	8	5.0%	16	3.9%
\$1,801 - \$1,900	7	4.3%	20	4.9%
\$1,901 - \$2,000	4	2.5%	12	2.9%
\$2,001 - \$2,100	1	0.6%	9	2.2%
\$2,101 - \$2,200	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
\$2,201 - \$2,300	1	0.6%	6	1.5%
\$2,301 - \$2,400	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
\$2,401 - \$2,500	1	0.6%	10	2.4%
More than \$2,500	1	0.6%	15	3.6%
Total	161	100%	412	100%

**161 of the 179 respondents interested in affordable artists' live/work space selected they rent/lease or own their living space.*

This question was asked of those who rent and those who own. 161 represents everyone who rents/owns and not those who selected "do not rent/own"



7) Including yourself, how many people currently make up your household?

78% of respondents interested in affordable artist live/work housing reside in a household without children. 70% of respondents have a household size of one to two people, including themselves.

Total Household Size	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
One - I am the only adult	47	26.3%
Two	79	44.1%
Three	28	15.6%
Four or more	25	14.0%
Total	179	100%

Number of Children (under 18)	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
None	139	77.7%
One	19	10.6%
Two	15	8.4%
Three	3	1.7%
Total	179	100%

8) Is another member of your household also taking this survey and expressing interest in affordable artist live/work housing?

13% of respondents have another household member taking the survey AND expressing interest in housing.

Other Household members taking this survey and expressing interest in affordable artist housing?	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
Yes	24	13.4%
No	111	62.0%
Unsure	44	24.6%
Total	179	100%

9) Are you a full-time student at a college or university?

91% of interested respondents are NOT full-time students.

Full-time student	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total Responses	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	16	8.9%	31	6.8%
No	163	91.1%	426	93.2%
Total	179	100%	457	100%



C. CURRENT AREAS OF ART, CULTURAL, OR CREATIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

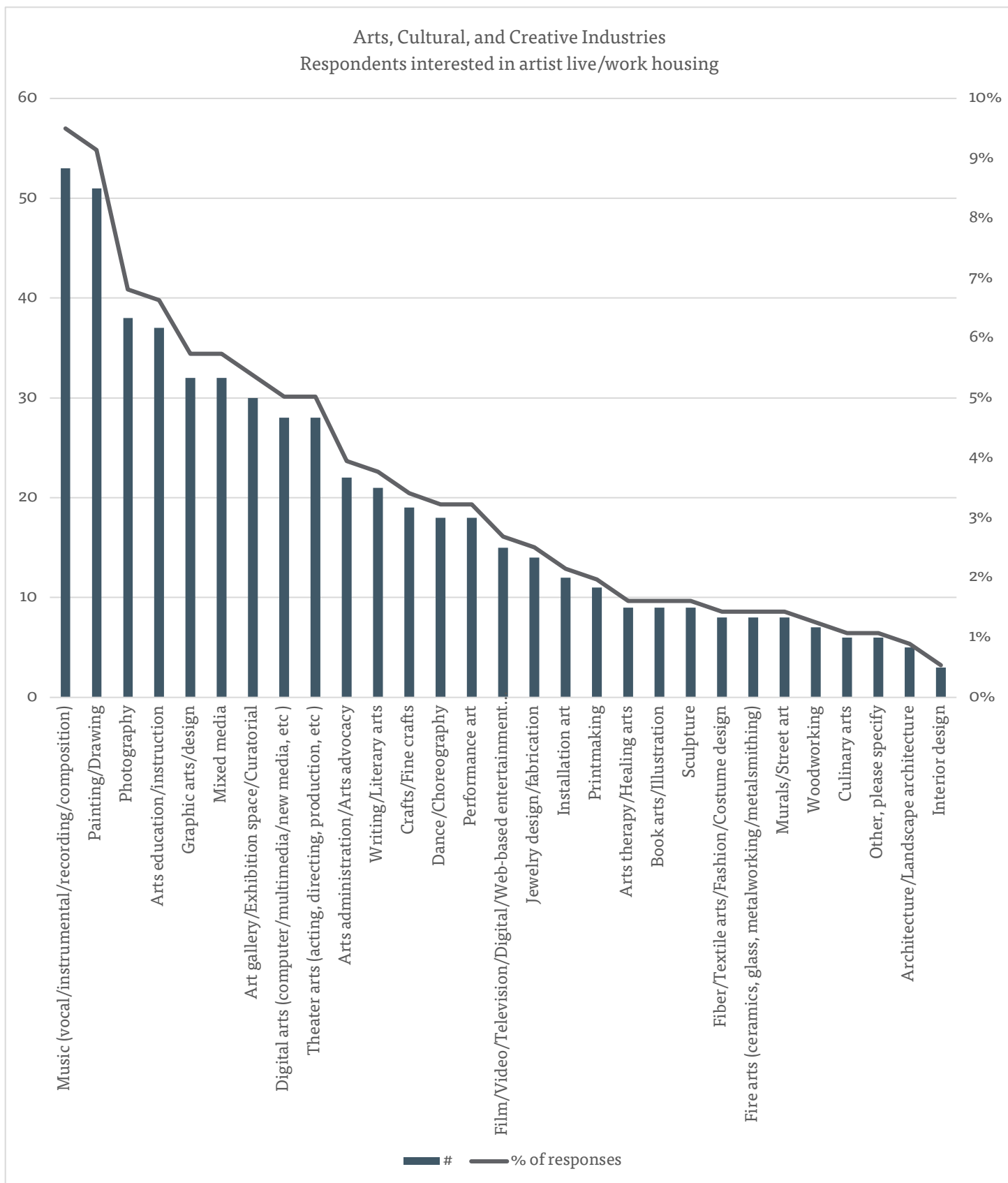
1) In what areas of art, cultural, or creative industries are you most involved?

The top 6 areas of art, cultural, or creative industries selected by respondents are: music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition), painting/drawing, photography, arts education/instruction, graphic arts/design, and mixed media.

Arts, Cultural and Creative industries	"yes" to affordable artist housing		Total Responses			
	#	% of responses	% of respondents	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	53	9.5%	29.6%	126	9.2%	27.6%
Painting/Drawing	51	9.1%	28.5%	124	9.0%	27.1%
Photography	38	6.8%	21.2%	81	5.9%	17.7%
Arts education/instruction	37	6.6%	20.7%	95	6.9%	20.8%
Graphic arts/design	32	5.7%	17.9%	66	4.8%	14.4%
Mixed media	32	5.7%	17.9%	69	5.0%	15.1%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	30	5.4%	16.8%	62	4.5%	13.6%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	28	5.0%	15.6%	59	4.3%	12.9%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	28	5.0%	15.6%	77	5.6%	16.8%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	22	3.9%	12.3%	49	3.6%	10.7%
Writing/Literary arts	21	3.8%	11.7%	51	3.7%	11.2%
Crafts/Fine crafts	19	3.4%	10.6%	60	4.4%	13.1%
Dance/Choreography	18	3.2%	10.1%	40	2.9%	8.8%
Performance art	18	3.2%	10.1%	45	3.3%	9.8%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	15	2.7%	8.4%	41	3.0%	9.0%
Jewelry design/fabrication	14	2.5%	7.8%	28	2.0%	6.1%
Installation art	12	2.2%	6.7%	24	1.7%	5.3%
Printmaking	11	2.0%	6.1%	20	1.5%	4.4%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	9	1.6%	5.0%	27	2.0%	5.9%
Book arts/Illustration	9	1.6%	5.0%	20	1.5%	4.4%
Sculpture	9	1.6%	5.0%	22	1.6%	4.8%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	8	1.4%	4.5%	28	2.0%	6.1%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	8	1.4%	4.5%	29	2.1%	6.3%
Murals/Street art	8	1.4%	4.5%	21	1.5%	4.6%
Woodworking	7	1.3%	3.9%	20	1.5%	4.4%
Culinary arts	6	1.1%	3.4%	33	2.4%	7.2%
Other, please specify	6	1.1%	3.4%	26	1.9%	5.7%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	5	0.9%	2.8%	14	1.0%	3.1%
Interior design	3	0.5%	1.7%	11	0.8%	2.4%
Total Respondents	179			457		
Total Responses				558		1375



Figure 4





2) What percentage of your income comes from your art or creative work?

54% of total respondents either earn no income from their art/creative work or less than 10% of their income from their creative work.

% of Income from art/creative work	"yes" to affordable artist housing		"yes" to private studio		Total respondents	
	#	% respondents	#	% respondents	#	% respondents
Less than 10%	48	26.8%	46	30.5%	119	26.0%
10% - 25%	30	16.8%	21	13.9%	61	13.3%
26% - 50%	11	6.1%	11	7.3%	25	5.5%
51% - 75%	16	8.9%	5	3.3%	27	5.9%
76% - 100%	25	14.0%	23	15.2%	60	13.1%
I make no income from my art/creative work	49	27.4%	45	29.8%	165	36.1%
Total	179	100%	151	100%	457	100%



D. AFFORDABLE ARTIST LIVE/WORK HOUSING PREFERENCES

- 1) What is the maximum amount you would consider paying monthly (NOT including utilities) for your artist live/work housing?

Figure 5

2019 Rent Guidelines from HUD for Adams County
Source: novoco.com

City:		Aurora, CO	
County:		Adams County	
MAX RENTS		INCOME LIMITS	
AMI	60%	1 PERSON	\$ 39,000
0 BDRM	\$ 975	2 PERSON	\$ 44,580
1 BDRM	\$ 1,044	3 PERSON	\$ 50,160
2 BDRM	\$ 1,254	4 PERSON	\$ 55,680
3 BDRM	\$ 1,448	5 PERSON	\$ 60,180
4 BDRM	\$ 1,615	6 PERSON	\$ 64,620
5 BDRM	\$ 1,782	7 PERSON	\$ 69,060
		8 PERSON	\$ 73,500

What interested artists can afford to pay is shown below in the context of their household size. If using affordable housing resources like Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), there may be restrictions on household size relative to the number of bedrooms in a unit. For example, a one-person household may not be allowed to rent a three-bedroom unit. Rents charged for income-restricted affordable housing vary according to bedroom count and household income.

Max amount you would consider paying monthly	Household Size				Total	
	One	Two	Three	Four or more	#	%
\$400	1	6	2	3	12	6.7%
\$500 - \$600	4	8	4	3	19	10.6%
\$700 - \$800	13	12	4	4	33	18.4%
\$900-\$1,000	11	24	3	4	42	23.5%
\$1,100 - \$1,200	10	8	8	4	30	16.8%
\$1,300 - \$1,500	5	12	4	4	25	14.0%
Over \$1,500	3	9	3	3	18	10.1%
Total	47	79	28	25	179	100%

*shaded area represents what respondents are willing to pay relative to the 2019 rent guidelines



2) How many bedrooms does your household need?

77% of interested respondents interested in artist live/work housing need one to two bedrooms.
70% of respondents have a household size between one to two people.

# Bedrooms Required	Household Size				#	%
	One	Two	Three	Four or more		
None (Studio/Efficiency)	8	3	1	1	13	7.3%
One	28	26	5	6	65	36.3%
Two	9	43	15	6	73	40.8%
Three	1	7	6	8	22	12.3%
Four or more	1	0	1	4	6	3.4%
Total	47	79	28	25	179	100%
% of HH Size	26%	44%	16%	14%	100%	

3) Of the following, please choose up to three that would be most important for your art or creative work in your live/work space?

The top 5 features that are most important to interested respondents are: abundant natural light, wired for high-speed internet (e.g., fiber-optic, cable, etc.), soundproofing, high ceiling (over 10 feet), and washer/dryer hook-ups in unit (in addition to shared laundry room).

Important Features	"yes" to affordable artist housing		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Abundant natural light	112	23.1%	62.6%
Wired for high-speed Internet (e.g., fiber-optic, cable, etc.)	95	19.6%	53.1%
Soundproofing	57	11.8%	31.8%
High ceiling (over 10 feet)	53	10.9%	29.6%
Washer/Dryer hook-ups in unit (in addition to shared laundry room)	53	10.9%	29.6%
Special ventilation	34	7.0%	19.0%
Storefront/Direct street access for retail sales	32	6.6%	17.9%
Special electrical wiring/subpanel	15	3.1%	8.4%
Sprung floor	11	2.3%	6.1%
Other, please specify	8	1.6%	4.5%
High-load bearing floor	7	1.4%	3.9%
Floor drain	5	1.0%	2.8%
None of these are important	3	0.6%	1.7%
Total Respondents	179		
Total Responses	485		



- 4) Of the following shared amenities and design features that may be available for residents in the building where you would relocate to live/work housing, please choose up to five that would be most important to you.

The top 5 amenities that are most important to interested respondents are: Wi-Fi (common areas), gallery/exhibition space, community garden (ground or rooftop), general-use studio/flex-space, and rehearsal space (dance, theater, performance art, etc.)

Type of Live/Work Amenities	"yes" to affordable artist housing		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Wi-Fi (common areas)	105	12.8%	58.7%
Gallery/Exhibition space	78	9.5%	43.6%
Community garden (ground or rooftop)	63	7.7%	35.2%
General-use studio/flex-space	59	7.2%	33.0%
Rehearsal space (dance, theater, performance art, etc.)	52	6.3%	29.1%
Classroom(s)/Teaching space	50	6.1%	27.9%
Sound proof practice room	50	6.1%	27.9%
Business center (copier, fax, scanner, postage meter, etc.)	48	5.8%	26.8%
Additional storage	46	5.6%	25.7%
Outdoor work area	43	5.2%	24.0%
Networking/Meeting/Lounge space	40	4.9%	22.3%
Sustainable design	39	4.7%	21.8%
Utility sink with trap	35	4.3%	19.6%
Movement studio (yoga, pilates, martial arts)	33	4.0%	18.4%
Fitness room	32	3.9%	17.9%
Bicycle parking (indoors/secure)	20	2.4%	11.2%
Loading dock	15	1.8%	8.4%
Other, please specify	11	1.3%	6.1%
Total Respondents	179		
Total Responses	823		

- 5) How many parking spaces does your household need?

89% of interested respondents need one or two parking spaces.

Number of Parking Spaces Needed	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
None	13	7.3%
One	85	47.5%
Two	76	42.5%
Three or more	5	2.8%
Total	179	100%



6) Which of the following alternative transportation options would you use on a frequent or regular basis to reduce your reliance on driving?

32% of respondents would use public transportation systems (e.g., bus, light rail, etc.) on a frequent or regular basis.

Transportation options	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	% Responses
Public transportation systems (e.g., bus, light rail, etc.)	118	32.0%
Biking	106	28.7%
Carpooling	64	17.3%
Car sharing	58	15.7%
None of the above	23	6.2%
Total Responses	369	
Total Respondents	179	

7) Have you considered leaving Aurora, and if so, would the opportunity to have affordable artist live/work space encourage you to stay?

82% of the 55 respondents who currently live in Aurora and are interested in affordable artist live/work housing have considered leaving Aurora.

Have you considered leaving Aurora?	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
Yes	45	81.8%
No	10	18.2%
Total	55	100%

**This question was only asked of the 55 respondents who selected "I currently live In Aurora".*

91% of respondents who considered leaving Aurora said they would be encouraged to remain for the opportunity to relocate to an affordable artist live/work community.

Would the opportunity to have affordable artist live/work space encourage you to remain?	"yes" to affordable artist housing	
	#	%
Yes	41	91.1%
No	4	8.9%
Total	45	100%

**This question was only asked of those respondents answered "yes" to "have you considered leaving Aurora?"*

III. ARTIST RESPONDENTS INTERESTED IN RENTING PRIVATE STUDIO/CREATIVE WORK SPACE ON AN ONGOING BASIS

“Private Studio/Creative Work Space” is referred to as “**Studio Space**” in the remainder of this report.



The following statistics are about the combined 151 individuals who indicated they are interested in private studio space. It includes those respondents interested in renting only private studio space, and those interested in both studio and artist live/work housing. 43 of the respondents are interested in private studio space rental only.

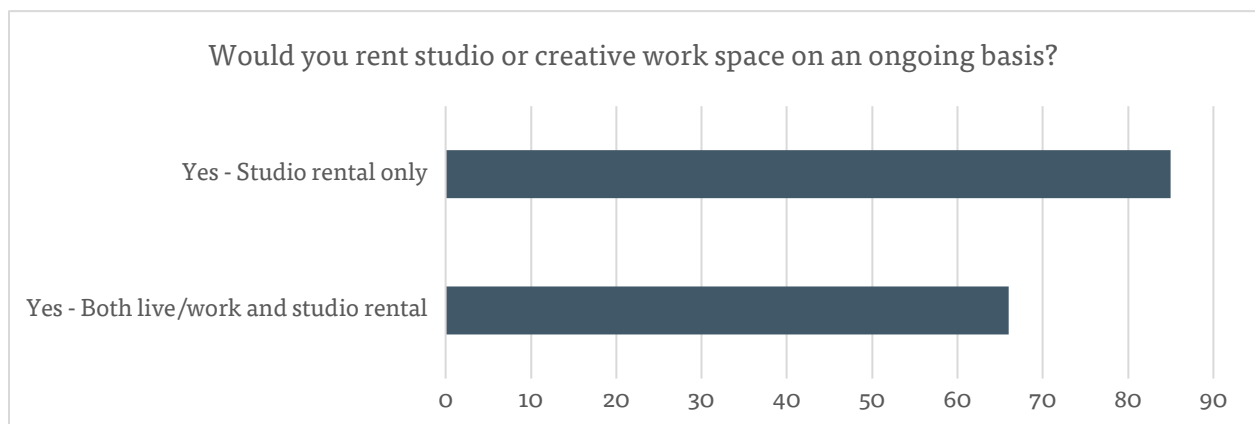
A. RENTING PRIVATE STUDIO/CREATIVE WORK SPACE ON AN ONGOING BASIS

1) Would you rent private studio space?

56% of respondents interested in private studio space are interested in studio rental only and not housing too.

Would you rent studio or creative work space on an ongoing basis ?	"yes" to private studio responses	
	#	%
Yes - Both live/work and studio rental	66	43.7%
Yes - Studio rental only	85	56.3%
Total	151	100%

Figure 6





2) Have you ever lived in the city of Aurora?

47% of respondents interested in private studio space currently live in Aurora, CO.

Have you ever lived in the city of Aurora?	"yes" to private studio responses		Total Respondents	
	#	%	#	%
I currently live in Aurora	71	47.0%	223	48.8%
Yes, but not currently	16	10.6%	53	11.6%
No	64	42.4%	181	39.6%
Total	151	100%	457	100%

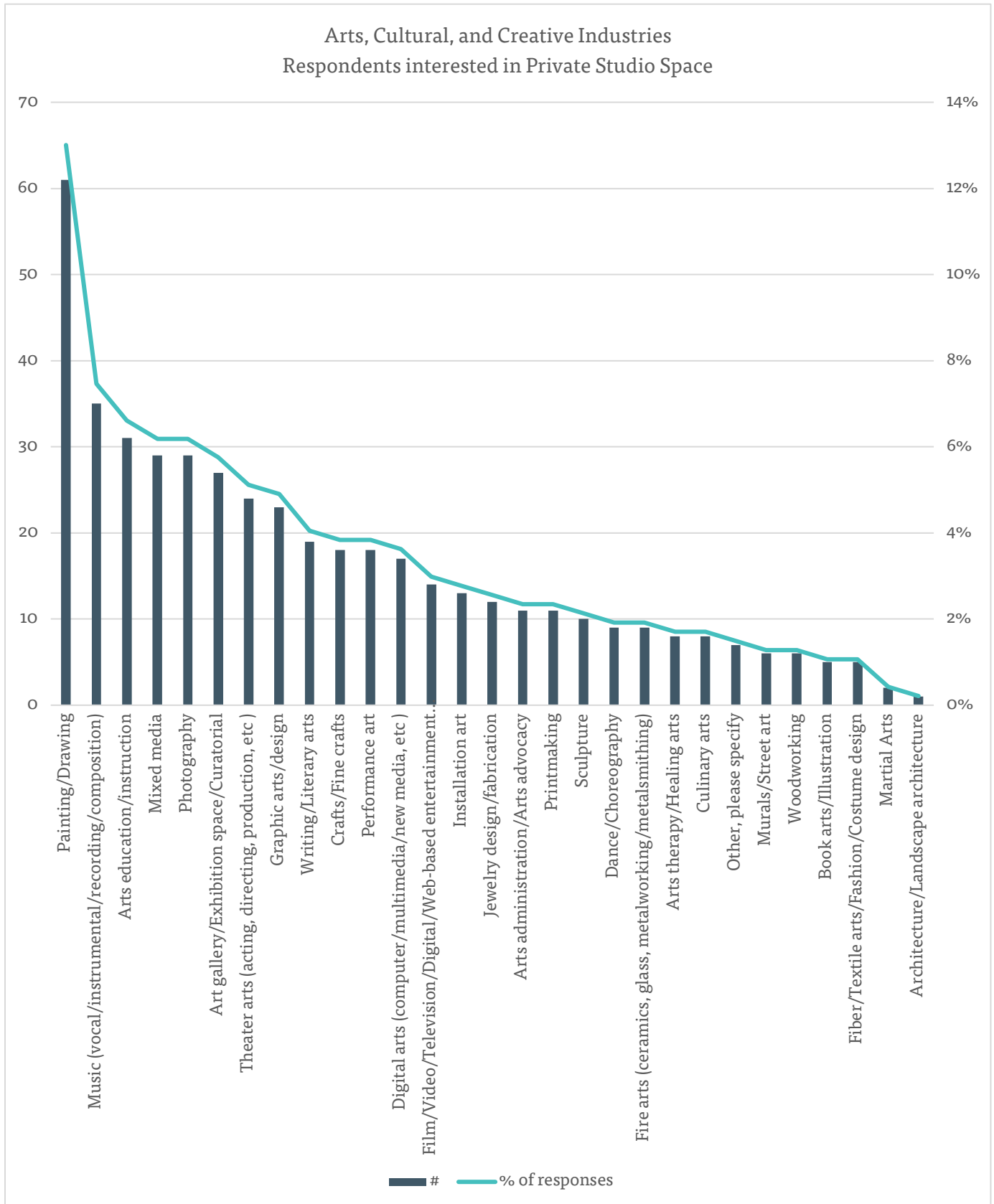
3) In what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved?

The top 5 arts, cultural or creative industries in which respondents are most involved are: painting/drawing, music, arts education/instruction, mixed media, and photography

Arts, Cultural and Creative industries	"yes" to Private Studio Responses		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Painting/Drawing	61	13.0%	40.4%
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	35	7.5%	23.2%
Arts education/instruction	31	6.6%	20.5%
Mixed media	29	6.2%	19.2%
Photography	29	6.2%	19.2%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	27	5.8%	17.9%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	24	5.1%	15.9%
Graphic arts/design	23	4.9%	15.2%
Writing/Literary arts	19	4.1%	12.6%
Crafts/Fine crafts	18	3.8%	11.9%
Performance art	18	3.8%	11.9%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	17	3.6%	11.3%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	14	3.0%	9.3%
Installation art	13	2.8%	8.6%
Jewelry design/fabrication	12	2.6%	7.9%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	11	2.3%	7.3%
Printmaking	11	2.3%	7.3%
Sculpture	10	2.1%	6.6%
Dance/Choreography	9	1.9%	6.0%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	9	1.9%	6.0%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	8	1.7%	5.3%
Culinary arts	8	1.7%	5.3%
Other, please specify	7	1.5%	4.6%
Murals/Street art	6	1.3%	4.0%
Woodworking	6	1.3%	4.0%
Book arts/Illustration	5	1.1%	3.3%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	5	1.1%	3.3%
Martial Arts	2	0.4%	1.3%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	1	0.2%	0.7%
Total Respondents	151		
Total Responses	469		



Figure 7





B. CURRENT STUDIO/WORK SPACE SITUATIONS

1) Do you currently have work space you use only for your art or creative work?

42% of respondents interested in private studio space have space they only use for their art/creative work.

Have space used only for art/creative work?	"yes" to private studio responses		Total Responses	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	64	42.4%	194	42.5%
No	87	57.6%	263	57.5%
Total	151	100%	457	100%

2) Which best describes your current art or creative work situation for those who selected "yes" to interest in private studio space.

38% of respondents interested in private studio space have space within their home they use for art or creative work.

40% of respondents interested in private studio space DON'T have the space they need for art or creative work.

Studio/Creative Work Space Arrangements	"yes" to private studio responses		Total Responses	
	#	%	#	%
I don't have the space I need for my art or creative work (e.g., current space is not adequate, I cannot afford available space, etc.)	60	39.7%	134	29.3%
I have space within my home that I use for my art or creative work	57	37.7%	205	44.9%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an ongoing basis	19	12.6%	47	10.3%
I rent or own studio or other creative work space outside my home on an occasional or as needed basis	6	4.0%	14	3.1%
My work space is provided free of charge (e.g., member of dance troupe, university student, etc.)	6	4.0%	24	5.3%
My work does not require designated space	3	2.0%	33	7.2%
Total	151	100%	457	100%



- 3) What do you currently pay monthly, on average (NOT including utilities), for the studio or creative work space you rent or own outside your home on an ongoing basis, for those who selected "I rent or own studio/creative work space separate from my housing on an ongoing basis."

32% of interested respondents pay more than \$500 a month.

I rent or own studio/creative work space separate from my housing on an ongoing basis	#	%
\$0	0	0.0%
\$1 - \$50	0	0.0%
\$51 - \$100	1	5.3%
\$101 - \$150	1	5.3%
\$151 - \$200	0	0.0%
\$201 - \$250	3	15.8%
\$251 - \$300	1	5.3%
\$301 - \$350	4	21.1%
\$351 - \$400	1	5.3%
\$401 - \$500	2	10.5%
\$501 - \$750	1	5.3%
More than \$750	5	26.3%
Total	19	100%

** This question was asked of respondents who are interested in private studio space who also rent or own studio/creative space separate from housing on an ongoing basis.*



C. PRIVATE STUDIO SPACE PREFERENCES

- 1) What is the maximum monthly amount you would consider paying (NOT including utilities) for private studio or creative work space, if paid separately from housing?

56% of respondents interested in private studio space would consider paying \$250 or less maximum monthly for space.

Max Monthly Amount	"yes" to private studio responses	
	#	%
\$1 - \$50	6	4.0%
\$51 - \$100	21	13.9%
\$101 - \$150	23	15.2%
\$151 - \$200	20	13.2%
\$201 - \$250	15	9.9%
\$251 - \$300	17	11.3%
\$301 - \$350	15	9.9%
\$351 - \$400	8	5.3%
\$401 - \$500	14	9.3%
\$501 - \$750	9	6.0%
More than \$750	3	2.0%
Total	151	100%

- 2) What is the minimum square footage necessary for your private studio or creative work space?

69% of respondents interested in private studio space need at least 500 square feet of space.

Minimum Square Footage	"yes" to private studio responses	
	#	%
Under 200 sq. feet	19	12.6%
200 - 350 sq. feet	50	33.1%
351 - 500 sq. feet	35	23.2%
501 - 650 sq. feet	11	7.3%
651 - 800 sq. feet	16	10.6%
801 - 1,000 sq. feet	5	3.3%
1,001 - 1,500 sq. feet	3	2.0%
1,501 - 2,000 sq. feet	5	3.3%
More than 2,000 sq. feet	3	2.0%
I do not know the square footage necessary for my private studio or creative work space	4	2.6%
Total	151	100%



3) Of the following shared amenities and design features that may be available in the building where you would have private studio/creative work space, please choose up to five that would be most important.

The top 4 shared amenities that are most preferred by interested respondents for their private studio or creative work space are: Wi-Fi (common areas), gallery/exhibition space, utility sink with trap, and additional storage.

Important Features*	"yes" to private studio responses		
	#	% Responses	% Respondents
Wi-Fi (common areas)	101	15.1%	66.9%
Gallery/Exhibition space	82	12.3%	54.3%
Utility sink with trap	59	8.8%	39.1%
Additional storage	57	8.5%	37.7%
Classroom(s)/Teaching space	55	8.2%	36.4%
Business center (copier, fax, scanner, postage meter, etc.)	49	7.3%	32.5%
Rehearsal space (dance, theater, performance art, etc.)	47	7.0%	31.1%
Networking/Meeting/Lounge space	43	6.4%	28.5%
Sound proof practice room	37	5.5%	24.5%
Community garden (ground or rooftop)	32	4.8%	21.2%
Outdoor work area	30	4.5%	19.9%
Sustainable design	27	4.0%	17.9%
Other, please specify	18	2.7%	11.9%
Bicycle parking (indoors/secure)	16	2.4%	10.6%
Loading dock	11	1.6%	7.3%
Electric car charging station	3	0.4%	2.0%
None of the above	2	0.3%	1.3%
Total	151		
Total	669		



4) Of the following, which type(s) of uses would your private studio/creative work space most need to support?

The top 4 uses most preferred by interested respondents for their private studio or creative work space are: fine/visual art (e.g., non-industrial painting, photography, beading), industrial fabrication (e.g., glass, metal, wood, clay/ceramics, spray paint), rehearsal/movement (e.g., dance, theater, music, martial arts), and performance (e.g., theater, music, dance).

Type of Space/Amenities*	"yes" to private studio responses		
	#	% Responses	% Respondents
Fine/Visual art (e.g., non-industrial painting, photography, beading)	67	23.4%	44.4%
Industrial fabrication (e.g., glass, metal, wood, clay/ceramics, spray paint)	31	10.8%	20.5%
Rehearsal/Movement (e.g., dance, theater, music, martial arts)	29	10.1%	19.2%
Performance (e.g., theater, music, dance)	28	9.8%	18.5%
Exhibition/Presentation (e.g., gallery, screenings, installations)	26	9.1%	17.2%
Audio (e.g., soundproof for recording, mixing, editing, broadcasting)	24	8.4%	15.9%
Desktop arts (e.g., graphic/other design work, literary, administration, animation)	22	7.7%	14.6%
Retail	19	6.6%	12.6%
Classes/Workshops (frequent/high-volume)	16	5.6%	10.6%
Textile (e.g., dyeing, sewing, clothing fabrication)	7	2.4%	4.6%
Other (please specify)	7	2.4%	4.6%
Digital fabrication (e.g., 3D printing, laser cutting)	4	1.4%	2.6%
Healing arts (e.g., treatment rooms, flex-studio)	4	1.4%	2.6%
Culinary (e.g., commercial kitchen, garden)	1	0.3%	0.7%
Shipping and receiving (high-volume)	1	0.3%	0.7%
Total Respondents	151		
Total Responses	286		

IV. INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SHARED CREATIVE SPACE AND SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

The following statistics are about the **204** individuals who said they are interested in accessing shared creative space and the **143** artists who said they are interested in accessing shared performing arts space through a paid membership or other short-term rental arrangement.



A. ACCESSING SHARED SPACE(S)

- 1) Would you access shared space/specialized equipment through a short-term rental or paid membership-based arrangement?

There is a total of 204 artists interested in accessing shared creative space and 143 artists interested in shared performing arts space.

	#	%
Access to Studio or Creative space	204	44.6%
Access to Shared Performing Arts Space	143	31.3%
Total Respondents	457	

B. SHARED CREATIVE SPACE

- 2) Have you ever lived in the city of Aurora?

55% of respondents who are interested in accessing shared creative space currently live in the city of Aurora.

Have you ever lived in Aurora, CO	Access to shared studio space		Total Responses	
	#	%	#	%
I currently live in Aurora	112	54.9%	223	48.8%
Yes, but not currently	19	9.3%	53	11.6%
No	73	35.8%	181	39.6%
Total	204	100%	457	100%



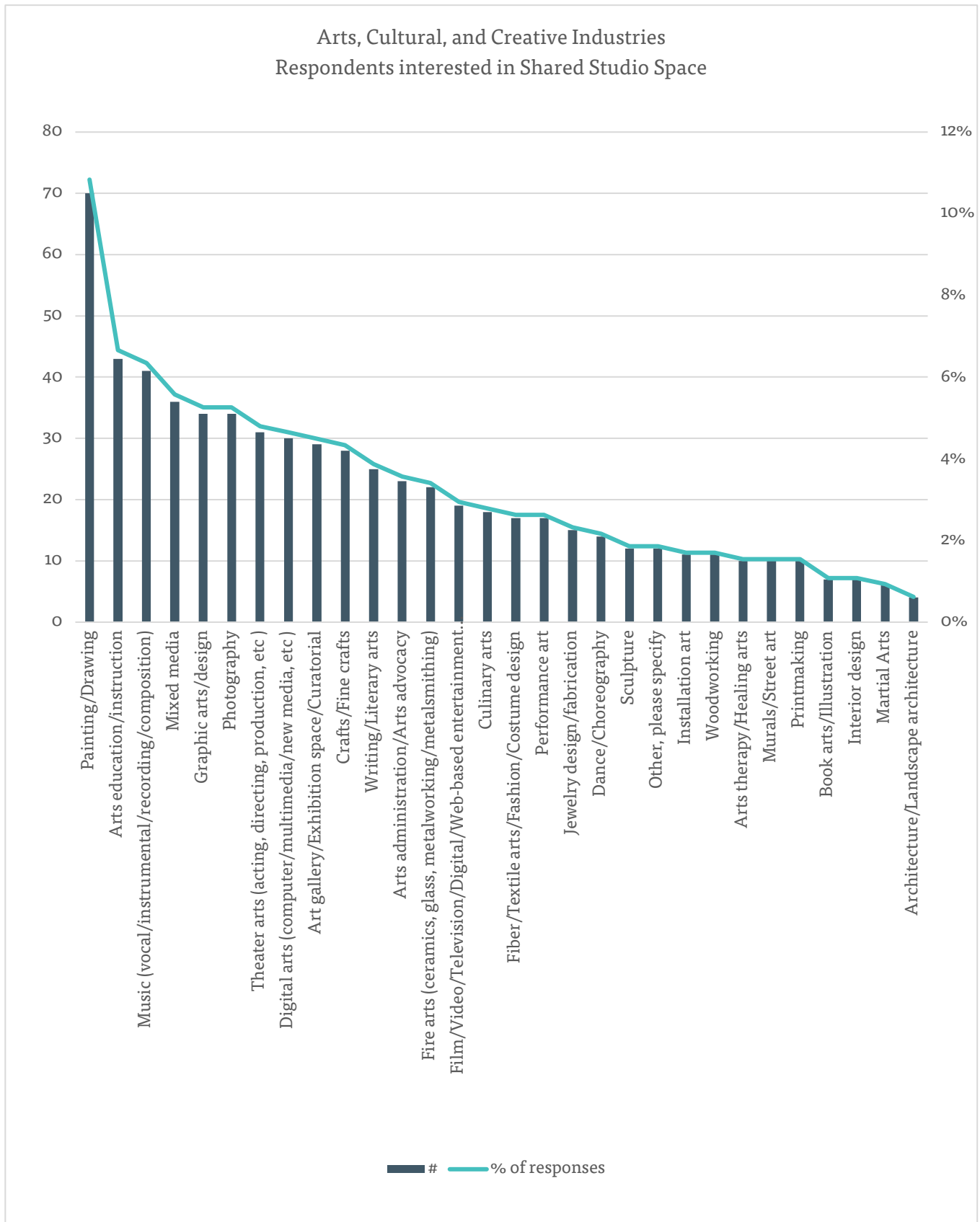
3) In what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved?

The top 3 arts, cultural and creative industries for those interested in shared creative space are: painting/drawing, arts education/instruction, music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition).

Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries	Access to shared studio space		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Painting/Drawing	70	10.8%	34.3%
Arts education/instruction	43	6.7%	21.1%
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	41	6.3%	20.1%
Mixed media	36	5.6%	17.6%
Graphic arts/design	34	5.3%	16.7%
Photography	34	5.3%	16.7%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	31	4.8%	15.2%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	30	4.6%	14.7%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	29	4.5%	14.2%
Crafts/Fine crafts	28	4.3%	13.7%
Writing/Literary arts	25	3.9%	12.3%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	23	3.6%	11.3%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	22	3.4%	10.8%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	19	2.9%	9.3%
Culinary arts	18	2.8%	8.8%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	17	2.6%	8.3%
Performance art	17	2.6%	8.3%
Jewelry design/fabrication	15	2.3%	7.4%
Dance/Choreography	14	2.2%	6.9%
Sculpture	12	1.9%	5.9%
Other, please specify	12	1.9%	5.9%
Installation art	11	1.7%	5.4%
Woodworking	11	1.7%	5.4%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	10	1.5%	4.9%
Murals/Street art	10	1.5%	4.9%
Printmaking	10	1.5%	4.9%
Book arts/Illustration	7	1.1%	3.4%
Interior design	7	1.1%	3.4%
Martial Arts	6	0.9%	2.9%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	4	0.6%	2.0%
Total Respondents	204		
Total Responses	646		



Figure 8





- 4) Of the following, please choose up to five shared spaces and/or types of specialized equipment that you would be most interested in accessing through a paid membership or other short-term rental arrangement.

The top 5 types of shared space and/or types of specialized equipment for those respondents interested in shared studio space are: gallery/exhibition space, studio space (general-purpose, multiple user), studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use), classroom(s)/teaching space, and computers with design software (e.g., CAD, Photoshop, InDesign, Final Cut Pro, etc.)

Shared spaces and/or types of specialized equipment	Access to shared studio space	
	#	%
Gallery/Exhibition space	72	35.3%
Studio space (general-purpose, multiple user)	63	30.9%
Studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use)	57	27.9%
Classroom(s)/Teaching space	56	27.5%
Computers with design software (e.g., CAD, Photoshop, InDesign, Final Cut Pro, etc.)	51	25.0%
Ceramics and/or Clay studio/Kiln	46	22.5%
Networking/Meeting/Lounge space	41	20.1%
Office equipment (color copier/printer, etc.)	39	19.1%
Printmaking studio (with equipment)	39	19.1%
Woodworking shop and equipment (e.g., routers, sanders, etc.)	39	19.1%
Photography studio/Traditional dark room	33	16.2%
Paint room (sprayers/ventilation)	32	15.7%
Storage (larger than 100 sq. feet)	32	15.7%
Digital fabrication and prototyping equipment (3D Printers/Laser cutters, Machine shop)	31	15.2%
Movement studio (e.g., Martial arts, yoga)	31	15.2%
Fine metals/Jewelry making studio	25	12.3%
Textile space (loom, spinning wheel, sewing machines, etc.)	25	12.3%
Community kitchen (for communal meals, demonstrations, etc.)	24	11.8%
Conference/Meeting room	20	9.8%
Metalworking/Metalsmithing studio	20	9.8%
Soundstage	20	9.8%
Film/Video screening room	19	9.3%
Outdoor work area	19	9.3%
Other, please specify	14	6.9%
Commercial kitchen (for retail food preparation/classes)	12	5.9%
Glass hot shop	6	2.9%
Powder coating equipment and space	6	2.9%
Total	204	100%



- 5) Of those interested in Studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use), and Studio space (general-purpose, multiple user) in the chart above and those who are also interested in renting private studio space or creative work space, specifically designed for artist and creative individuals, on an ongoing basis (1-year or longer)

59% of those interested in accessing shared space are also interested in renting private studio or creative work space.

	Rent private studio or creative work space, specifically designed for artists and creative individuals, on an ongoing basis (1-year lease or longer)	
Rent private studio and access shared studio space	#	%
Studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use)	57	47.5%
Studio space (general-purpose, multiple user)	63	52.5%
Total	120	100%
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Respondents interested in Private Studio	204	
% of those interested in accessing shared studio space and renting private studio or creative workspace.	59%	



6) Of those interested in studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use), in what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved?

The top 5 arts, cultural and creative industries for those interested in shared creative space and studio space (general-purpose, for occasional private use) are: painting/drawing, mixed media, graphic arts/design, music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition), and arts education/instruction.

Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries	Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Painting/Drawing	27	16.1%	47.4%
Mixed media	15	8.9%	26.3%
Graphic arts/design	14	8.3%	24.6%
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	14	8.3%	24.6%
Arts education/instruction	11	6.5%	19.3%
Crafts/Fine crafts	8	4.8%	14.0%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	7	4.2%	12.3%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	6	3.6%	10.5%
Jewelry design/fabrication	6	3.6%	10.5%
Photography	6	3.6%	10.5%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	5	3.0%	8.8%
Performance art	5	3.0%	8.8%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	5	3.0%	8.8%
Writing/Literary arts	5	3.0%	8.8%
Other, please specify	5	3.0%	8.8%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	4	2.4%	7.0%
Culinary arts	4	2.4%	7.0%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	4	2.4%	7.0%
Installation art	4	2.4%	7.0%
Dance/Choreography	3	1.8%	5.3%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	2	1.2%	3.5%
Printmaking	2	1.2%	3.5%
Woodworking	2	1.2%	3.5%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	1	0.6%	1.8%
Book arts/Illustration	1	0.6%	1.8%
Murals/Street art	1	0.6%	1.8%
Sculpture	1	0.6%	1.8%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	0	0.0%	0.0%
Interior design	0	0.0%	0.0%
Martial Arts	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	57		
Total Responses			



7) Of those interested in studio space (general-purpose, multiple user), in what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved?

The top 6 arts, cultural and creative industries for those interested in shared creative space and studio space (general-purpose, multiple user) are: painting/drawing, music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition), arts education/instruction, theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.), graphic arts/design, and mixed media.

Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries	Access to shared studio space		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Painting/Drawing	24	11.9%	38.1%
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	16	7.9%	25.4%
Arts education/instruction	14	6.9%	22.2%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	13	6.4%	20.6%
Graphic arts/design	12	5.9%	19.0%
Mixed media	11	5.4%	17.5%
Crafts/Fine crafts	9	4.5%	14.3%
Performance art	9	4.5%	14.3%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	8	4.0%	12.7%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	8	4.0%	12.7%
Dance/Choreography	7	3.5%	11.1%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	7	3.5%	11.1%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	7	3.5%	11.1%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	6	3.0%	9.5%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	6	3.0%	9.5%
Photography	6	3.0%	9.5%
Sculpture	6	3.0%	9.5%
Installation art	4	2.0%	6.3%
Murals/Street art	4	2.0%	6.3%
Writing/Literary arts	4	2.0%	6.3%
Other, please specify	4	2.0%	6.3%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	3	1.5%	4.8%
Culinary arts	3	1.5%	4.8%
Printmaking	3	1.5%	4.8%
Woodworking	3	1.5%	4.8%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	1	0.5%	1.6%
Book arts/Illustration	1	0.5%	1.6%
Interior design	1	0.5%	1.6%
Jewelry design/fabrication	1	0.5%	1.6%
Martial Arts	1	0.5%	1.6%
Total Respondents	63		
Total Responses	202		

C. SHARED PERFORMING ARTS SPACE



1) Have you ever lived in the city of Aurora, CO?

44% of respondents who are interested in accessing shared performing arts space currently live in Aurora, CO.

Ever Lived in the city of Aurora?	Access to shared Performing Space		Total Responses	
	#	%	#	%
I currently live in Aurora	63	44.1%	223	48.8%
Yes, but not currently	15	10.5%	53	11.6%
No	65	45.5%	181	39.6%
Total	143	100%	457	100%



2) In what areas of the arts, cultural or creative industries are you most involved?

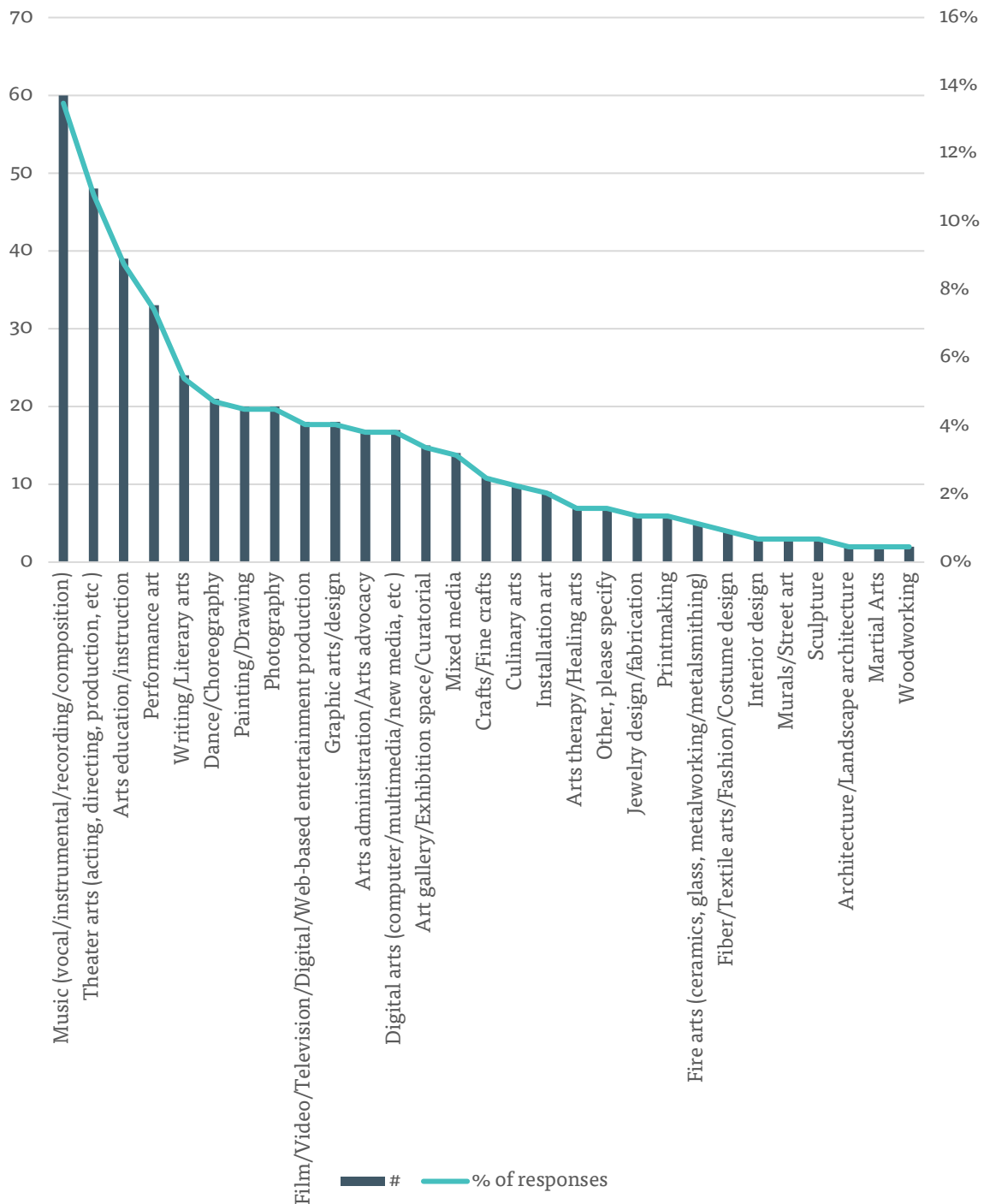
The top 4 arts, cultural or creative industries in which respondents are most involved are: music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition), theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.), arts education/instruction, and performance art.

Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries	Access to shared Performing Space		
	#	% of responses	% of respondents
Music (vocal/instrumental/recording/composition)	60	13.5%	42.0%
Theater arts (acting, directing, production, etc.)	48	10.8%	33.6%
Arts education/instruction	39	8.8%	27.3%
Performance art	33	7.4%	23.1%
Writing/Literary arts	24	5.4%	16.8%
Dance/Choreography	21	4.7%	14.7%
Painting/Drawing	20	4.5%	14.0%
Photography	20	4.5%	14.0%
Film/Video/Television/Digital/Web-based entertainment production	18	4.0%	12.6%
Graphic arts/design	18	4.0%	12.6%
Arts administration/Arts advocacy	17	3.8%	11.9%
Digital arts (computer/multimedia/new media, etc.)	17	3.8%	11.9%
Art gallery/Exhibition space/Curatorial	15	3.4%	10.5%
Mixed media	14	3.1%	9.8%
Crafts/Fine crafts	11	2.5%	7.7%
Culinary arts	10	2.2%	7.0%
Installation art	9	2.0%	6.3%
Arts therapy/Healing arts	7	1.6%	4.9%
Other, please specify	7	1.6%	4.9%
Jewelry design/fabrication	6	1.3%	4.2%
Printmaking	6	1.3%	4.2%
Fire arts (ceramics, glass, metalworking/metalsmithing)	5	1.1%	3.5%
Fiber/Textile arts/Fashion/Costume design	4	0.9%	2.8%
Interior design	3	0.7%	2.1%
Murals/Street art	3	0.7%	2.1%
Sculpture	3	0.7%	2.1%
Architecture/Landscape architecture	2	0.4%	1.4%
Martial Arts	2	0.4%	1.4%
Woodworking	2	0.4%	1.4%
Book arts/Illustration	1	0%	1%
Total Respondents	143		
Total Responses	445		



Figure 9

Arts, Cultural, and Creative Industries Respondents interested in Shared Performing Space





- 3) Of the following, please choose up to four shared performing arts spaces and/or types of specialized equipment/support spaces that you would be most interested in accessing through a paid membership or other short-term rental arrangement.

The top 6 types of Performing Arts Spaces that respondents are most interested in are: rehearsal space (theater, performance art, etc.), theater/performance space (black box/flexible), music recording studio, theater/performance space (formal seating/permanent stage), classroom(s)/teaching space, and piano.

Access to shared Performing Space		
Shared spaces and/or types of specialized equipment	#	% respondents
Rehearsal space (theater, performance art, etc.)	76	53.1%
Theater/Performance space (black box/flexible)	62	43.4%
Music recording studio	39	27.3%
Theater/Performance space (formal seating/permanent stage)	37	25.9%
Classroom(s)/Teaching space	34	23.8%
Piano	34	23.8%
Dance studio/rehearsal space (with sprung floor)	33	23.1%
Sound proof practice room	31	21.7%
Sound booth (voice over/music recording)	29	20.3%
Networking/Meeting/Lounge space	25	17.5%
Office equipment (color copier/printer, etc.)	24	16.8%
Storage space (larger than 100 sq. feet)	19	13.3%
Scene/Prop shop	14	9.8%
Conference/Meeting room	11	7.7%
Costume shop	11	7.7%
Other, please specify	9	6.3%
Total	143	

D. ALL RESPONDENTS

1) Interested in receiving further information?

Would you be interested in:	#	%
Receiving occasional and important updates on this project?	327	71.6%
Volunteering for this project?	210	46.0%
Being added to a general friends of Artspace email list?	282	61.7%
Being added to the Aurora Cultural Arts District email list?	283	61.9%
Total	457	

2) How did you learn about this survey?

43% of respondents learned about this survey from a social media outlet (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.).

How did you learn about this survey?	#	%
From a social media outlet (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)	218	43.2%
From a friend/colleague/acquaintance	99	19.6%
Received an email inviting my participation	83	16.4%
From any other web-based source (website, blog, online-only publication, etc.)	30	5.9%
Other, please specify	27	5.3%
At a public meeting	22	4.4%
From a traditional media source (newspaper, magazine, television, radio, etc.)	12	2.4%
From a flyer, poster, or postcard or other handout	12	2.4%
Received a postcard in the mail	2	0.4%
Total	505	

3) Did you complete a similar creative space needs survey in which you expressed interest in new space in any of the following Colorado communities?

Colorado Community	Yes	No	Unsure
Carbondale	2	441	14
Colorado Springs	6	441	10
Paonia	2	445	10
Ridgway	0	445	12
Trinidad	2	442	13

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Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment Policy Committee

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: Animal Services Chapter 14 Ordinance Revisions
Item Initiator: Malcolm Hankins
Staff Source: Claudine McDonald, Anthony Youngblood, Susan Barkman
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 4.0: Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work--

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED (*Check all appropriate actions*)

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

HISTORY (*Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.*)

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ITEM SUMMARY (*Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.*)

The goal of this revision is to update the language, codify existing practices, and implement best practices. In September of 2018 potential ordinance changes were brought to council and staff was given the direction to host a community meeting to gather public input on the proposed revisions. The following three phases of the public engagement process are outlined:

- Phase 1: October 2018 – Community Meeting
- Phase 2: December 2018 – February 2019 – Fancier’s Permit Working Group
- Phase 3: May – July 2019 – Enhanced Public Engagement

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee wish to move Chapter 14 - Animals forward to Study Session?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Chapter 14 Narrative.pdf

Chapter 14 Revisions.pdf

Appendix A - October 2018 Community Meeting Comments.pdf

Appendix B - Fancier's Permit Working Group Comments.pdf

Appendix C - Survey Comments.pdf

Appendix D - Chapter 14 Animals Code Revision Online Survey Quantitative Response Summary.pdf

Animal Services Chapter 14 Ordinance Revisions Slide Deck



TO: Mr. Jim Twombly, Aurora City Manager

THROUGH: Malcolm Hankins, Director, Neighborhood Services
Roberto Venegas, Interim Deputy City Manager

FROM: Claudine McDonald, Community Relations Manager
Anthony Youngblood, Acting Manager, Animal Services
Susan Barkman, Neighborhood Liaison

DATE: October 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Chapter 14 – Animal Code Revision Narrative

Chapter 14 – Animals is the section of code that guides Aurora’s Animal Services Division and the enforcement of laws that seek to maximize the quality of life for people and animals. Over the years there have been a variety of amendments to the code, most notably the breed restrictions. This is the first complete review of the code since the mid-1970s. The goal of this revision is to update the language, codify existing practices, and implement best practices.

In September of 2018 potential ordinance changes were brought to council and staff was given the direction to host a community meeting to gather public input on the proposed revisions. The following three phases of the public engagement process are outlined:

*Phase 1: October 2018 - Community Meeting – A complete list of comments received during this phase is in **Appendix A**.*

The goal of the October 2018 meeting was to educate the community about proposed changes and to receive feedback. The meeting was largely advertised through a media news release, city social media, along with staff and council members sharing the information with individuals and groups that had contacted them. An overview of the proposed ordinance changes along with breakout tables on different topics was planned. At the meeting, 39 attendees signed in and staff counted about 65 people. Comments were received, and additional comments were passed onto staff from council members.

Of the comments staff received 24 out of 47 explicitly address the Fancier’s permit which is an exemption to the Excessive Numbers Prohibited ordinance (Sections 14-71 and 14-101). A small number of additional responses reference increasing the number of pets you can have without a Fancier’s Permit. In the comments, the meeting participants proposed revisions that included, making the application fee non-refundable, not accepting applications from people with open complaints, and provide more information on the application. 18 comments asked to have a committee to discuss proposed revisions allowing for more public participation. Meeting participants also suggested revisions to the Fancier’s Permit conditions for approval to decrease situations where someone is using it to justify owning additional animals when they are unable to provide adequate care.



The concern about the proposed elimination of the Fancier's Permit led to further consideration by staff. After the meeting, the determination was made that it should be kept as an exemption. The desire to have a working group led to Phase 2 of the public engagement process.

*Phase 2: December 2018 – February 2019 - Fancier's Permit Working Group – A complete list of comments received by group members is in **Appendix B**.*

The Fancier's Permit Working Group was created to review existing conditions and worked to close identified gaps in order to have the best outcome for permit holders, their animals and the neighborhood. The group consisted of 10 attendees, plus staff from the October meeting who expressed an interest in participating further in the process. The members of this committee are Valerie Horney, Kathie Timko, Linda Hart, Louisa Leone, Cathy Day, Sally Maxwell, Michelle Evans, Shannon Schmit, John Wyszynski, Cindy Honebein. Five participants were residents of Aurora and live in Wards 1, 2, 4 and 5. Two participants had a Fancier's Permit, and another applied for a permit while on the working group. Members were also active in the Arapahoe Kennel Club or the CO Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners.

Between late December 2018 and February 2019, the group met seven times to discuss conditions under which someone could receive a Fancier's Permit and what would be grounds for denial. The group worked collaboratively in their review of the condition/language. Proposed condition/language changes were voted on by the group, and once condition/language was approved by 50% of those in attendance, it was moved forward in the process. Their proposed permit condition/language are listed under Section 14-71. After the seven meetings concluded and the organizations had an opportunity to review proposed revisions, an online voting process was used, and individuals were asked to score their support of each proposed condition/language revision on a scale of 1-4 with 1 being strongly disagree and 4 being strongly agree. The proposed revisions received support (3.625/4) from the participants.

An area that garnered considerable attention was the need for a renewal process instead of the life-long permit that it is currently in place. There was strong consensus that there should be a renewal process, but less support on what should be included (e.g., home reinspection) and the time interval between renewals. The participants' concern surrounding home reinspection, when the permit is renewed, included unnecessary invasion of privacy and that reinspection would only punish those who are following the rules. Other group members believed that this would be a deterrent to those who are using the permit as a loophole in hoarding situations. A home reinspection would give the ability to address situations that have gotten beyond the owner's capability to provide adequate care for multiple animals.

*Phase 3: May – July 2019- Enhanced Public Engagement – A complete list of comments for this phase is on **Appendix C**.*

Phase 3 of the public engagement process was created to bring additional comments from the community between May 23rd and July 15th, 2019. During this phase, an online survey was available for



public comment on each proposed revision. Additionally, three open houses were held throughout the city at various times and days of the week to reach a diverse population. One open house was held in each of these location: Aurora Municipal Center Lobby, Tallyn's Reach Library Community Room, and the Central Recreation Center. An interpreter was made available at the open house in the Aurora Municipal Center but not utilized by community members.

Staff worked together to reach out to residents through a press release, social media, Aurora TV, city newsletters, direct emails to residents who have expressed an interest in this issue previously, had some interaction with Animal Services in the last year, and through registered neighborhood groups. Social media posts included 5 Facebook posts reaching 8,328 people; 8 tweets leading to 17,060 impressions; 1 Nextdoor post with 11,499 impressions; and 8,629 pageviews of the designated site on AuroraGov.org. Additionally, many news channels and articles focused on the proposed ordinance revisions for restricted breed and bully breed language between July 10th and July 15th.

An email list was developed as the process has moved forward and today has over 600 people who have opted into receiving periodic updates on the proposed revisions and the progress as it moves through the council process. The emails have an open rate between 58% and 78% over the past few months. Additionally, neighborhood leaders have received periodic updates through the *Neighborhood News Update* which is sent out monthly from the Neighborhood Services Department.

Data was collected through two online surveys, at three open houses and through comments received by staff. Staff developed proposed revisions to the ordinance were posted for public comment on May 23rd. A second and separate survey with additional revisions, which included the Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal Language, developed by a council member, was also posted to the city website for public comment on May 31st.

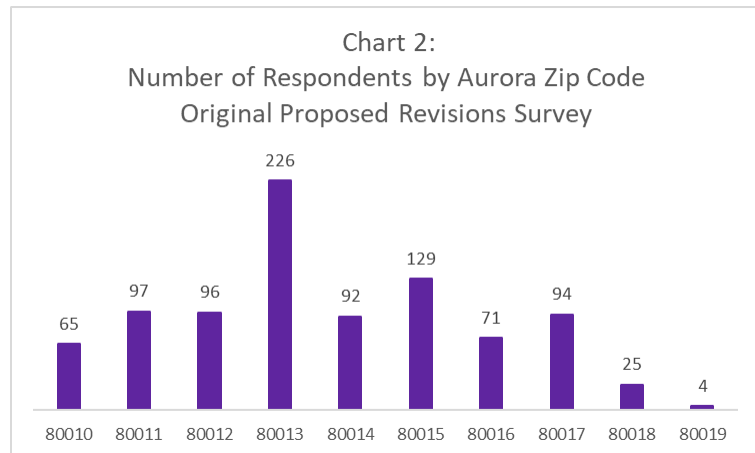
Chart 1			
	Data	No Data	Total
Original Proposed Revisions Survey	419	734	1153
Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal Revisions Survey	345	132	477
TOTAL	764	866	1630

As shown in **Chart 1**, there were many people who were interested in following the progress of the ordinance revision but were not interested in completing the survey. This is evident in the number of respondents who only answered the first few questions (e.g., Aurora residency, interest in issue) but did not respond to further questions regarding the proposed revisions (No Data column). The two surveys had a combined 1,630 respondents with 1,153 coming from the original proposed revisions survey and 477 coming from the survey on the proposed Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal Language.

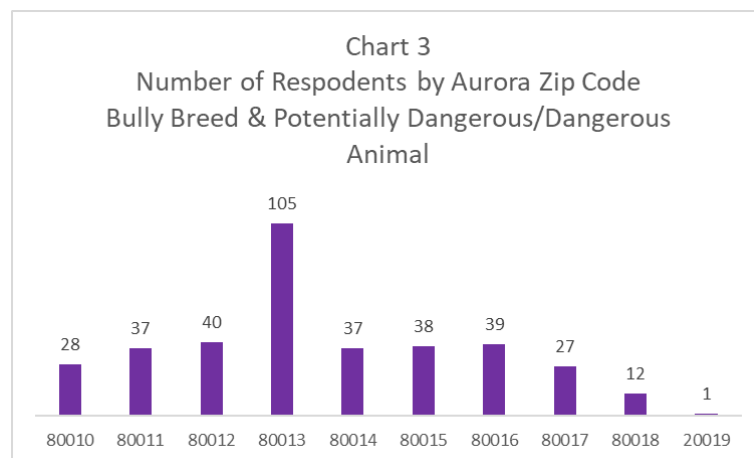


Aurora Residents

When the breed restrictions were previously considered a great number of responses to the issue were from people who lived outside of Aurora. Staff anticipated that this might be a question that was brought up during the review process so two questions were asked in both surveys. One asked whether the respondent was an Aurora resident and the second asked for their zip code. In the Original Proposed Revisions survey, a total of 77% of all respondents self-identified as Aurora residents, and a breakdown of zip codes is shown in **Chart 2**. A total of 254 responses from non-Aurora zip codes were mainly from the Denver metro area but a few came from outside of Colorado.



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The second survey responses, as seen in **Chart 3**, regarding the Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous /Dangerous Animal changes had a similar distribution of Aurora zip codes, with 76% of respondents self-identifying as Aurora residents.

The first survey asked respondents about their level of agreement on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being strongly disagree and 4 being strongly agree, as well as their

feedback on each of the proposed changes. The second survey focused on the additional language proposed to add the Bully Breed language and the second proposed amendment which would repeal the breed restrictions entirely and add in an ordinance regarding potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs.

The public engagement process allowed staff to learn many unintentional lessons. We learned the community is very interested in the topic of animals, but based on the data, it appears that many may have a narrowed view of interest to only relevant questions to them. For example, responding to the Encroachment ordinance with Restricted Breed comments and then exiting the survey. Also, it was determined that not one individual responded to every survey question. This can be due to perceived irrelevancy or survey fatigue. There also appeared to be potentially some confusion with the surveys. This is based on survey responses potentially telling one story while comments tell a different story. During the three phases of public engagement, the city of Aurora gained insight into many of the



thoughts, feelings and concerns of the community at large. These findings now allow us to move this process to the decision-making phase.

Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection

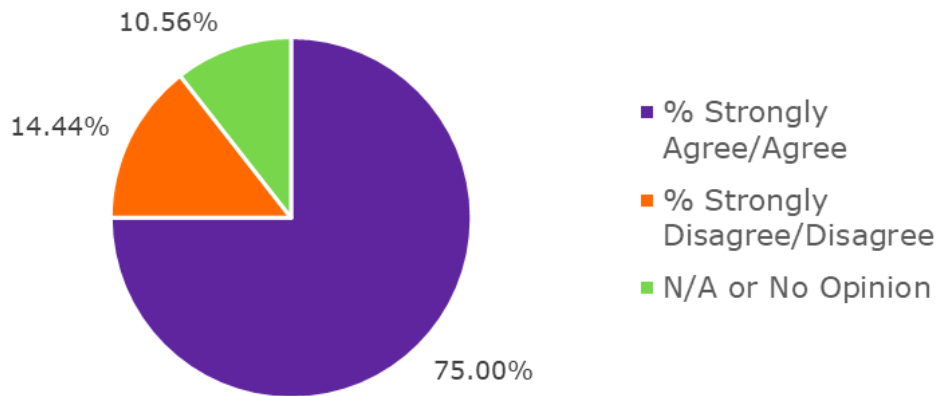
Current Ordinance: In an exigent circumstance, an animal protection officer can enter a property with or without permission of the owner to inspect the area. If the owner is present, the officer must present credentials and explain the reasons and purpose of the inspection.

Proposed Change: The proposed change addresses what happens if the property is unoccupied. The officer will make reasonable efforts to reach the property owner to request entry and the reasons for the inspection.

- If consent is given, the animal protection officer can enter and inspect only the part of the property that is necessary to remedy the exigent circumstance.
- If the owner cannot be contacted, the animal protection officer can enter only the portion of the property and take only the actions necessary to remove the hazard or mitigate the dangerous situation. Entry is not an opportunity to find evidence of a crime.

Why is this change being proposed? This current procedure is not outlined in the ordinance and the proposed revision is intended to add transparency for the public. Currently animal protection officers do their best to obtain consent before entering and can enter without permission if the animal's life is in imminent danger. This will not have an impact to staff procedure or resources.

Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection
Please rate your level of support.



When residents were asked about their support for this potential change, 75% of Aurora respondents indicated that they either agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed

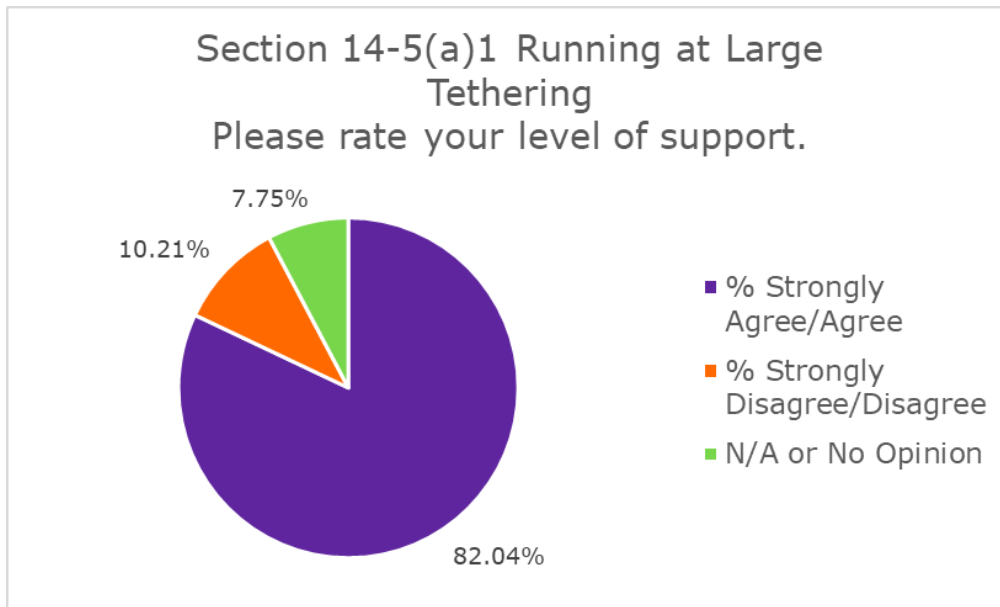
revision. On this proposed revision 26 respondents left comments. The most common (6 comments) theme pertained to animal safety and ensuring that the officer would be able to inspect if there was concern that the animal was in danger. Three comments more generally stated some level of agreement with the proposed revision and another three comments centered around the importance of obtaining permission from the property owner or a limited area of the property. Only one comment explicitly disagreed with the proposed revision. Other comments in this section were not relevant to this proposed revision or involved other proposed revisions.

Section 14-5(a)1 Running at Large Tethering

Current Ordinance: An animal can be tethered on the owner's property, and the cord, cable or chain must be at least 6 feet long and prevent the animal from going onto public property, including sidewalks, or the premises or another.

Proposed Revision: Language added specifies that the cord, cable or chain must be anchored in a manner that prevents tangling, shortening, and ensures the animal cannot be strangled.

Why is the being proposed? This additional language helps to provide clarification about what is expected if your animal is tethered outside. This does not change the requirements for the cord, cable, or chain to be at least 6 feet long or to prevent the animal from going onto private property or public right of way. Staff will be able to use this new language to ensure compliance and the safety of the animal.



82.04% of Aurora respondents said that they agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Only five respondents left comments on this section, with the only

related comments communicating that tethering shouldn't be allowed at all. Other comments were unrelated to this topic and referenced breed restrictions and owners not picking up after their dog.

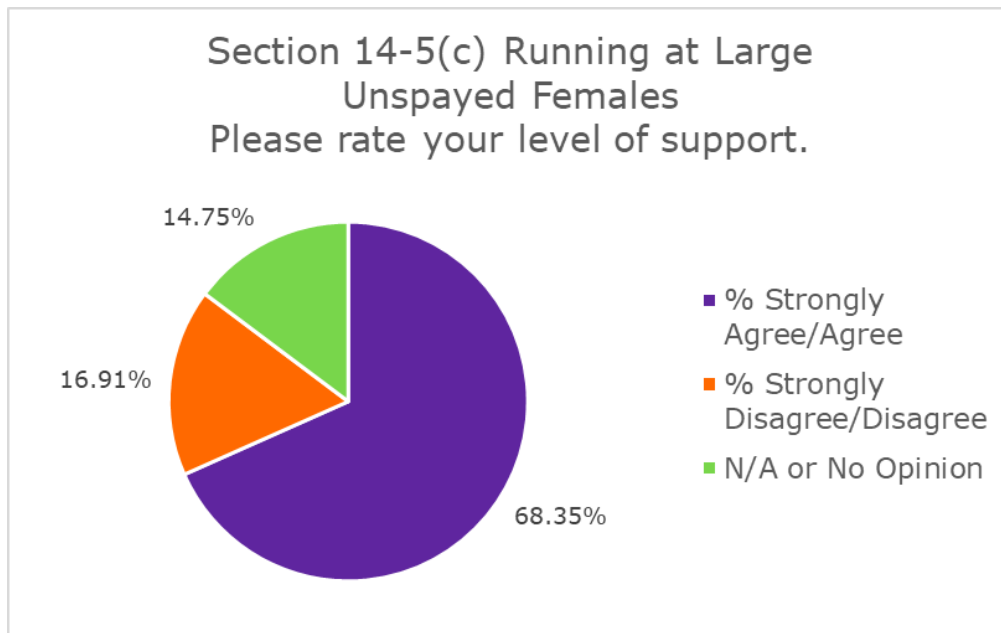
Section 14-5(c) Running at Large Unspayed Females

Current Ordinance: This section requires unspayed females in estrus to be confined in such a way that prevents unintentional breeding.

Proposed Revision: The proposed revision would remove this section of the ordinance.

Why is this being proposed? This ordinance is not highly utilized, and the revision would eliminate the possibility that someone could be required to board either in a private facility or at the shelter because their animal is in estrus.

Operations Impact: The proposed revision would reduce the number of potential impoundments at the shelter. In 2019, no animals have been boarded at the shelter under this subsection. The owner of an unspayed female dog in estrus running at large could still be cited for having a dog running at large.



Overall 68.36% of Aurora respondents said they agreed or strongly agreed with this change. Only three respondents left comments on this portion of the

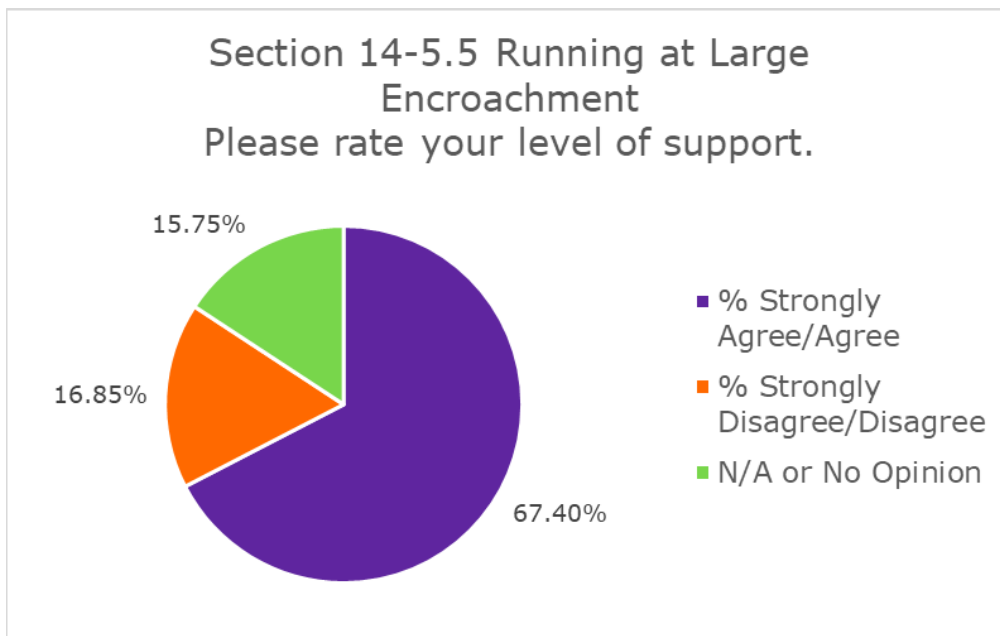
survey. The related comments were seeking clarity as to why this proposed revision was made, one called for stricter requirements, while the third comment was looking for clarity in relation to the Shelter-Neuter-Release proposed revision.

Section 14-5.5 Encroachment

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Addition: This new section defines encroaching as when any part of the animal crosses the property line. Owners are required to prevent their animal from encroaching on private property or public right of way.

Why is this change being proposed? This new section allows for animals to be in the front yard of the owner's property without a fence or barrier device and provides language, so it is clear if the animal is at-large or not.



67.4% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Two respondents commented on this section of the survey. One wanted to

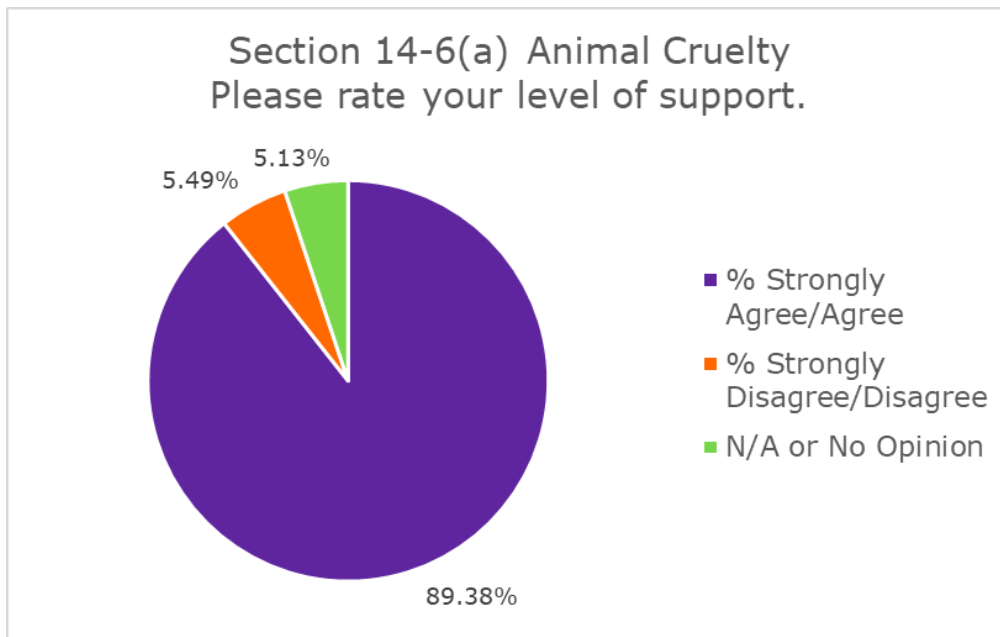
see additional clarification about how this would be documented, for example, a photo showing the animal causing damage or repeatedly outside of the owner's property. Both respondents mentioned the need for additional language, for example, around the length of time the dog must be off the property or what happens in instances when a dog is straddling the property - two feet on one property and two feet on owner's property.

Section 14-6(a) Animal Cruelty

Current Ordinance: The current ordinance prohibits people from committing cruelty to animals.

Proposed Revision: The proposed change adds language to specifically include sex acts with an animal and failing to provide adequate veterinary care when an animal is sick or injured to the definition of cruelty.

Why is this change being proposed? Clarification to the ordinance includes failing to provide adequate care, which was previously considered mistreatment or neglect, would now be charged as cruelty. The additional portion of this proposed language in this section regarding sex acts with an animal is being added by a Council Member request.



89.38% of Aurora respondents support this proposed revision. Three respondents commented on this section. One respondent wanted to add

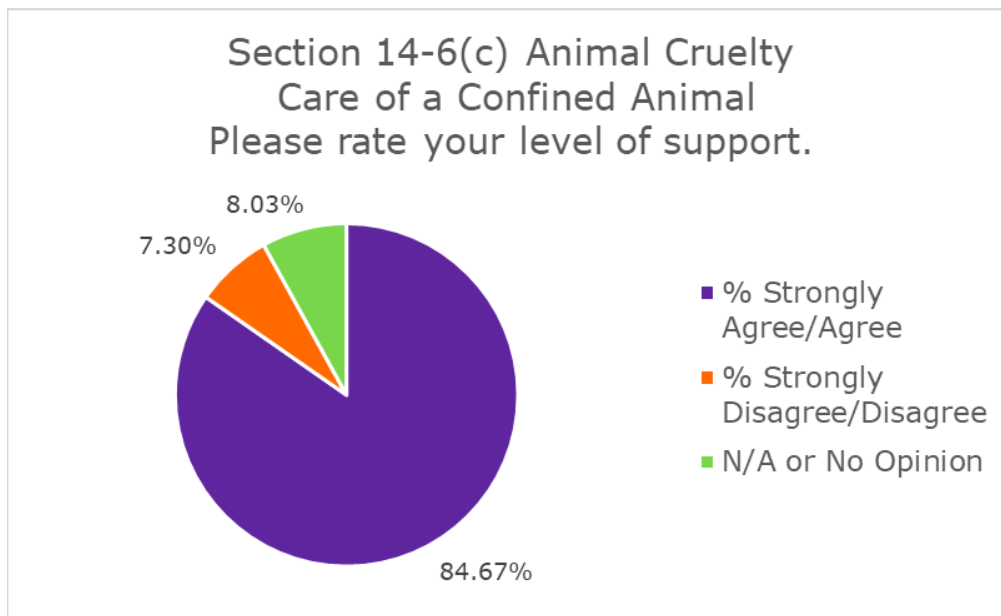
neighbors as someone who could be charged with cruelty if they are acting in a way that inflicts harm. Another respondent would like to add clarifying language that stipulates the owner or person providing care for the animal would be responsible for all veterinary care if a bystander doesn't seek veterinary care for an animal.

Section 14-6(c) Animal Cruelty: Care of a Confined Animal

Current Ordinance: Currently, when an animal is in a confined space, without food and water an animal protection officer or police officer may enter the area where the animal is confined to and supply it with food and water.

Proposed Revision: The change adds language requiring that the animal protection officer or police officer must be able to articulate reasons why the animal is in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. The revision also adds shelter to the ordinance where previously the officers were only supplying food and water for the animal.

Why is this change being proposed? This proposed revision aligns the current practice with the language in the ordinance.



84.7% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this change. Only three respondents commented on this section of the survey. The comments

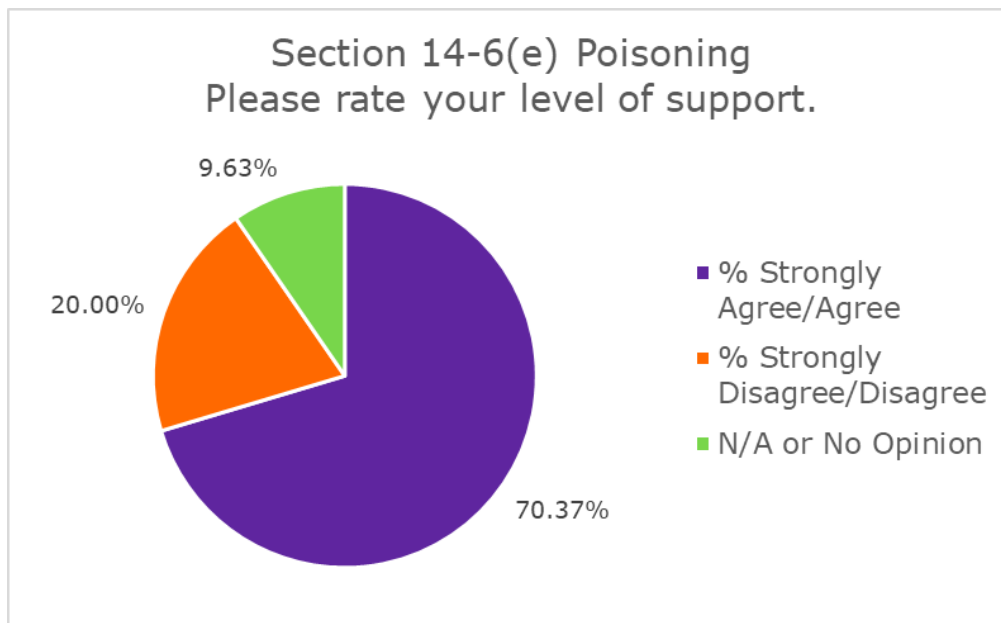
wanted to ensure that an individual who left their animal in a garage all the time could fall under this ordinance. Another had concerns about the potential impact for someone who is crate training their animal and doesn't provide them access to food or water for short periods of time.

Section 14-6(e) Animal Cruelty: Poisoning

Current Ordinance: It is unlawful to poison animals. For this subsection “animal” does not refer to bats, mice, and rats.

Proposed Revision: None.

Why is this there no proposed revision? The original proposed revision, which added jackrabbits, prairie dogs, and pocket gophers to a list of rodents that could be poisoned, was to bring the ordinance in alignment with state laws. Staff has determined that by not changing the current ordinance language we would still be in alignment with state regulations. Currently, property owners under state law can use poison against jackrabbits, prairie dogs, and pocket gophers.



During the public engagement process the original proposed revision was the focus of the questions and comments. 70.37% of Aurora respondents

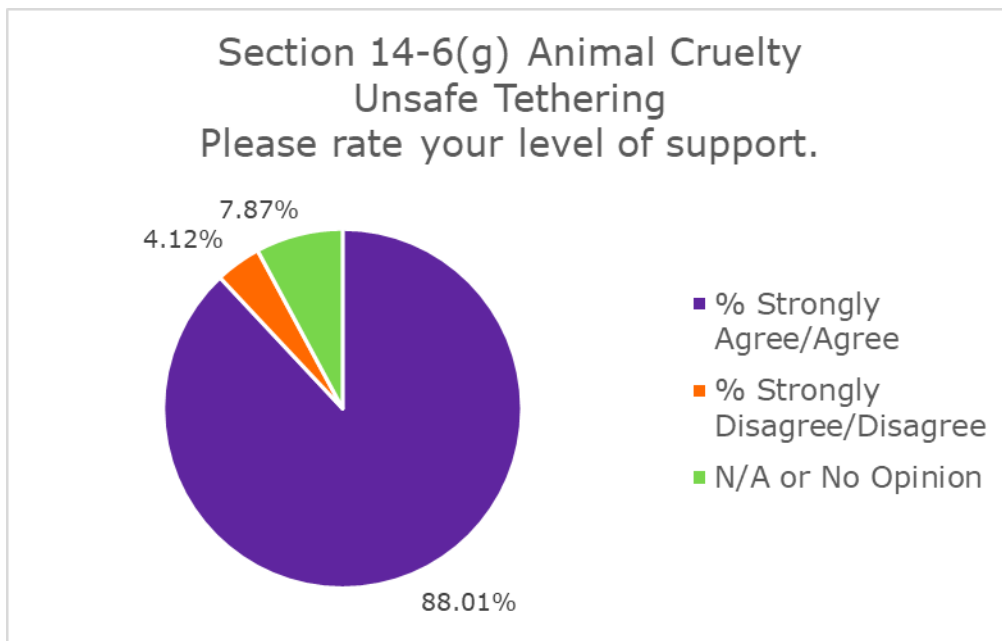
agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Eight respondents commented on this section with the most common theme opposing the poisoning of animals for a variety of reasons including long term ecological impacts and a desire for safer and more humane means of removing unwanted animals. The state law lists the animals identified as rodent pests allowed to be eradicated. If the city ordinance prohibits the poisoning of rodents, allowed by the state to be eradicated, the city’s ordinance would then be unconstitutional.

Section 14-6(g) Animal Cruelty: Unsafe Tethering

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Revision: Owners who tether their animals must do so in a manner that prevents entanglement or could cause the animal to become injured or suffer and allows the animal to reach food, water, and shelter.

Why is this change being proposed? The proposed revision clarifies tethering requirement language to ensure the safety of the animal.



88.01% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Three respondents commented in this section of the survey. One

respondent felt strongly that the animal doesn't always need to be able to reach food and water, because many people feed their animal on a specific schedule. The other comment asked about the tethering requirements for animals in vehicles, such as a truck bed.

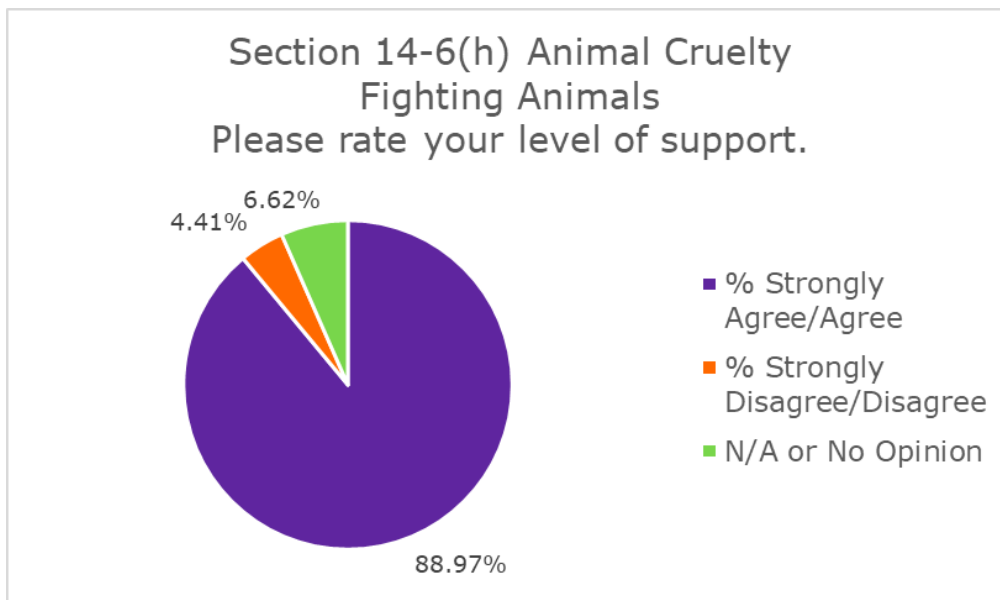
Section 14-6(h) Animal Cruelty: Fighting Animals

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Addition: The proposed change would prohibit people from causing, sponsoring, instigating, allowing, or encouraging an animal to fight another animal. It further outlaws training, breeding or keeping animals for the purposes of fighting or maintaining a place for animals to fight.

Why is this section being proposed? This section is being added by Council Member request to ensure the city ordinance prohibits fighting animals and the maintaining of a place to fight them.

Staff Impact: Investigations of this nature can take a significant amount of time, result in large numbers of animals impounded that may be non-social/non-transfer, and non-adoption candidates.



88.97% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Three respondents commented on this section with most being

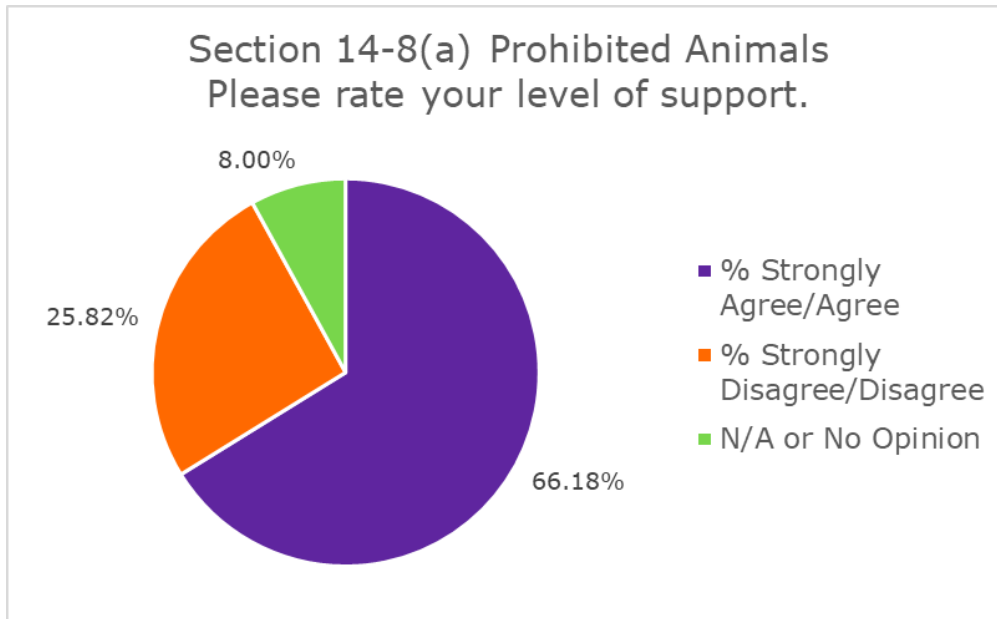
supportive of the ordinance and having compassion to the animals involved. Animal Services staff shared their concern that by having this ordinance in place, someone engaging in a fighting ring could be charged under a municipal ordinance, which would not have the same penalties as state or federal charges, including that it would be less likely to show up on a background check.

Section 14-8(a) Prohibited Animals

Current Ordinance: It is unlawful for anyone to own, possess, sell, or traffic any poisonous, venomous animals, anacondas, certain types of pythons, or snakes over 6 feet long, reptiles over 3 feet in length, primates, any feline species outside of domesticated house cats, bears, marsupials, foxes, wolves, coyotes, crocodilians and monitor lizards, and any animal that is not indigenous to Colorado other than household pets.

Proposed Revision: Adds a clarification that wolf-hybrids would be prohibited. Wolf-hybrids are defined as the offspring of a wolf and a domestic dog as determined by any percentage of wolf in the animal's DNA test.

Why is this change being proposed? This revision was proposed to clarify the status of wolf-hybrid dogs under the ordinance.



66.81% of Aurora respondents agreed and strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Only eight respondents commented with most seeking guidance on

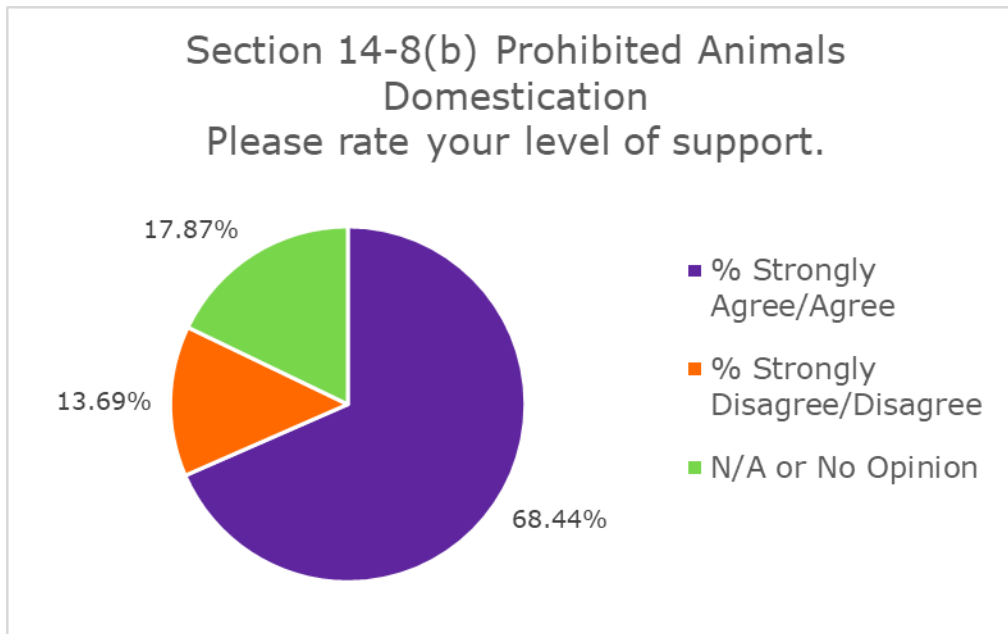
the proposed language, thinking "any percentage" of wolf DNA was too vague. Some people sought a specific number but didn't identify a percentage they felt comfortable with. Other respondents felt the Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal ordinance would best cover this topic versus an outright ban on wolf-hybrid dogs.

Section 14-8(b) Prohibited Animals Domestication

Current Ordinance: Domestication doesn't affect the status of a prohibited animal.

Proposed Revision: If it is uncertain whether an animal is prohibited, it shall be presumed prohibited until proven not prohibited to the satisfaction of the Municipal Court based on preponderance of the evidence.

Why is this change being proposed? In cases with prohibited animals the issue of domestication often arises, and this revision adds clarification on the status of the animal while any court proceedings are ongoing.



68.44% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Two respondents commented, and both believe that

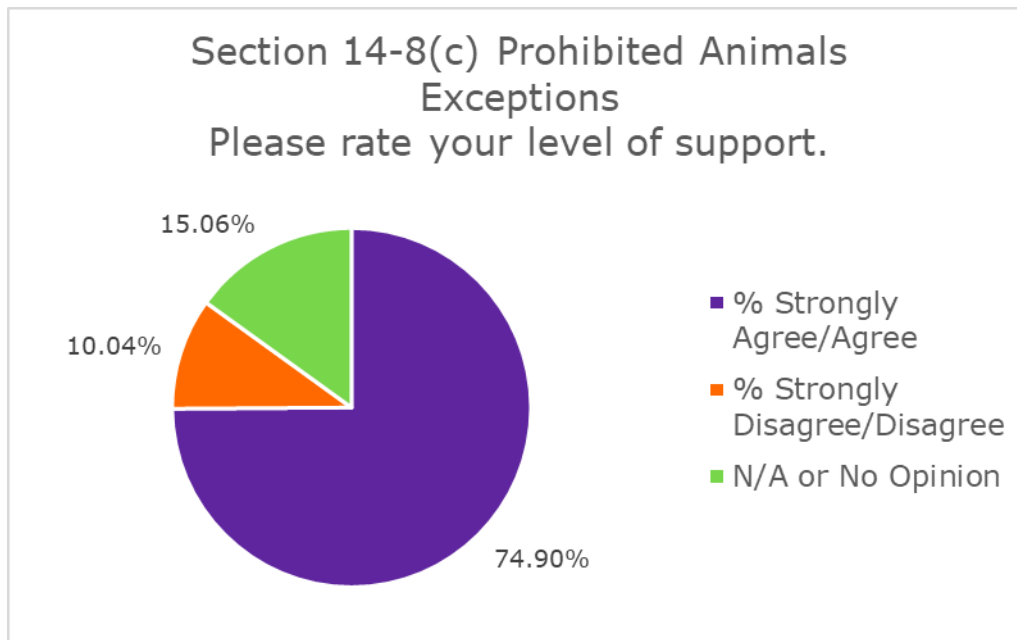
the animal should be presumed legal until it is proven to be prohibited, in essence "innocent until proven guilty".

Section 14-8(c) Prohibited Animals Exceptions

Current Ordinance: Allows exceptions for circuses, carnivals, research institutes, wildlife rehabilitation, and rescue groups to prohibited animals.

Proposed Revision: Requires that circuses, carnivals, research institutes, wildlife rehabilitation, and rescue groups be licensed by the State of Colorado. The revision also adds language that poisonous, venomous animals, anacondas, Reticulated pythons, Burmese pythons and Amethystine pythons are not subject to the exception.

Why is this change being proposed? This clarifies that only state licensed organization can get an exception, and if they lose their state license they would be out of compliance with this ordinance. It also lists additional animals that would not qualify for an exception.



74.9% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. One respondent left comments, indicating

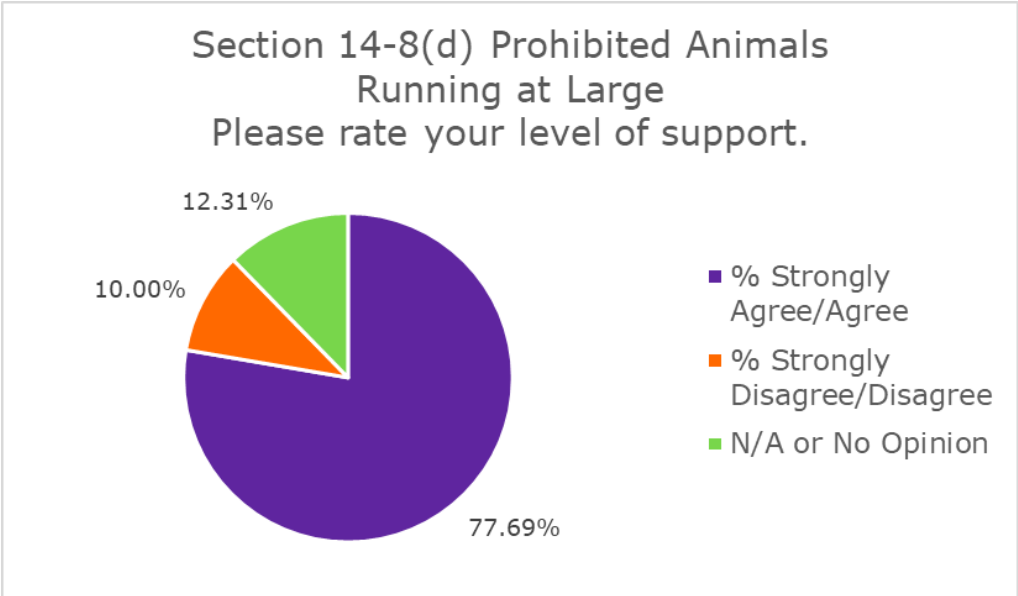
their desire to change the city's code to allow potbelly pigs as pets.

Section 14-8(d) Prohibited Animals Running at Large

Current Ordinance: The current ordinance allows the animal protection officer to impound, release to an appropriate area or to the owner, any livestock, wild, exotic or dangerous animal that is running at large in the city. The officer is also authorized to euthanize or tranquilize the animal if it is a risk to itself, or the health and safety of the community.

Proposed Revision: This revision says that an animal protection officer can immediately euthanize an animal that poses a significant risk to the health and safety of the community. It also clarifies that the officer should use less drastic measures if possible.

Why is this change being proposed? The revision places more emphasis on using the least amount of force to bring the animal under control.



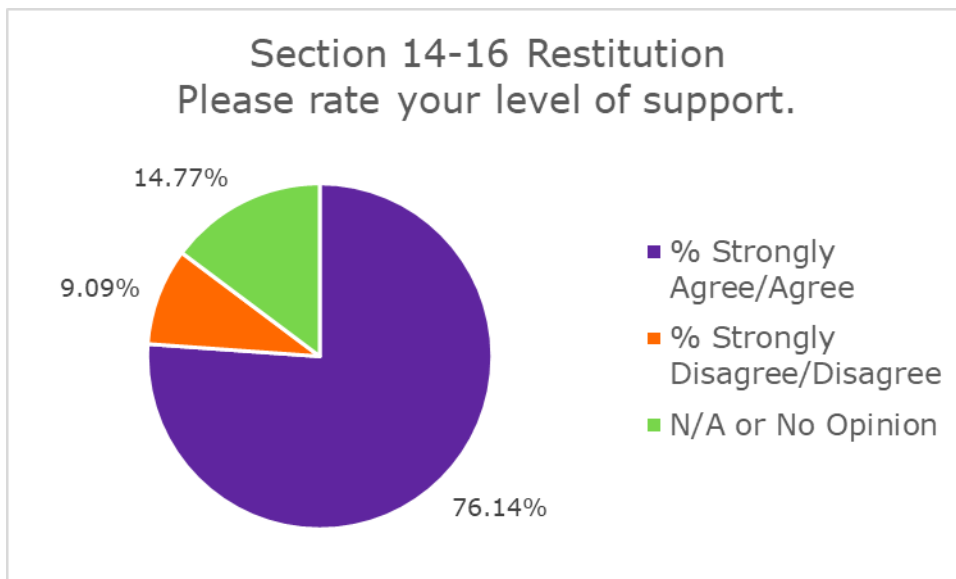
77.69% of Aurora respondents indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed revisions. No comments were left on this section.

Section 14-16 Restitution

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Addition: This new section would direct any restitution authorized under Chapter 14 be sent to the Aurora Animal Services Gifts and Grants fund.

Why is this change being proposed? Currently, any restitution is directed to the city of Aurora's general fund. This proposed change would direct the funds toward providing veterinary care for animals at the shelter.



76.14% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Two respondents commented on this section of the survey.

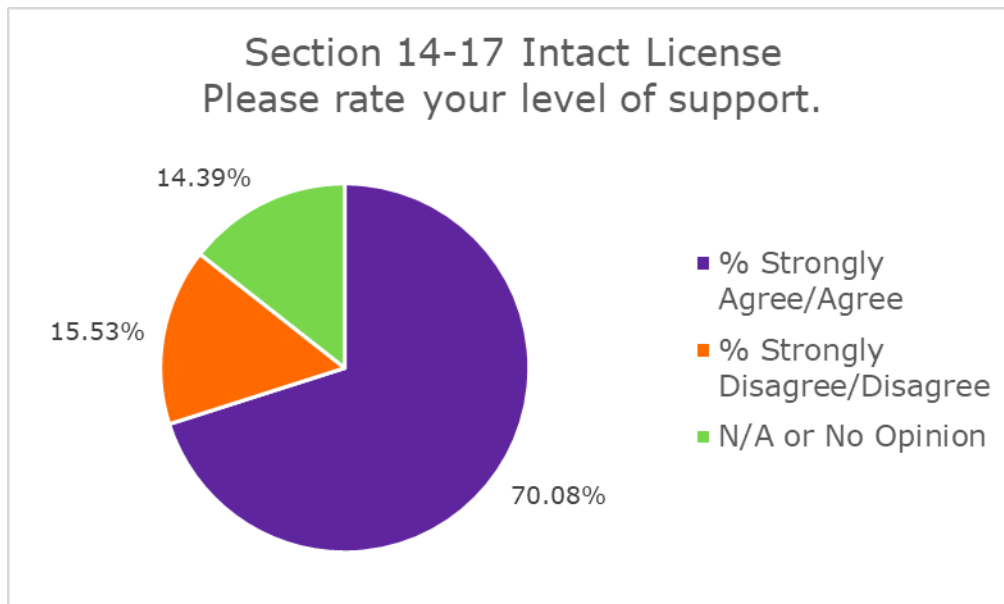
One respondent was concerned that this could be abused by shelter staff. For example, slowing a case down resulting in higher restitution being awarded. The other respondent believed that it was appropriate for the fees to go directly toward the shelter rather than possibly given to another department.

Section 14-17 Intact License

Current Ordinance: This is a new section. It is currently being implemented under Chapter 14-41 Licensing.

Proposed Addition: The proposed addition requires that owners who do not want to spay or neuter their animal purchase an Intact license. Any animals born cannot be sold, bartered, traded or removed from the care of their mother until after 8 weeks of age. Additionally, as part of the penalty for violating this ordinance the owner may be required to spay or neuter the animal unless documentation from a veterinarian is provided.

Why is this change being proposed? The Intact license is being moved under a different section to clarify the language and identify it as a license rather than a permit.



70.08% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. In this section of the survey, three respondents

left comments. One respondent wanted to see the license cost be equal to a spay/neutered license for giant breeds because of importance of hormones for the dog's growth in the first 3-5 years. Another respondent wanted to know more about the costs for this license. The third thought this was overreach.

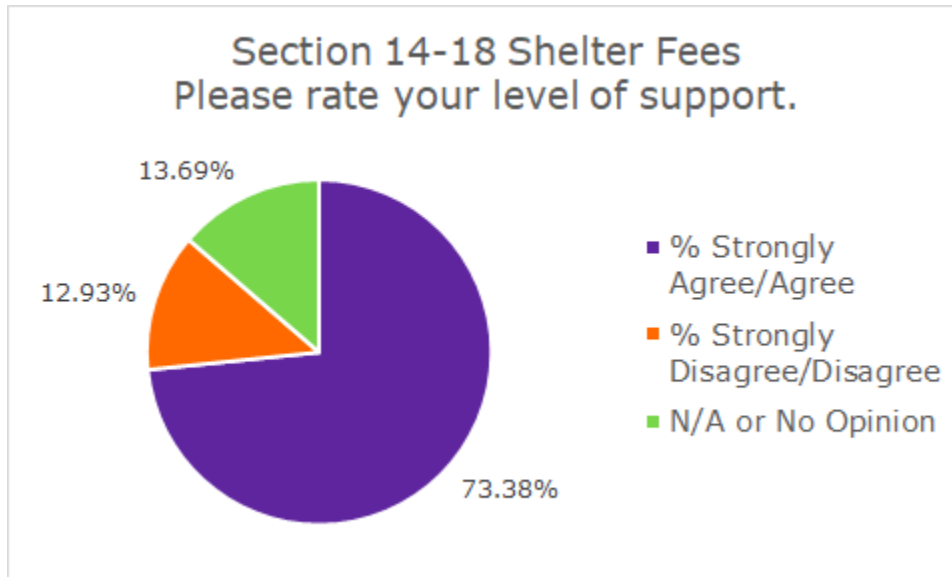
The intact license covers both cats and dogs and is \$50/year/animal, while the regular spay and neutered license for cats and dogs is \$15/year/animal. Both are available in a 1-year and 3-year license.

Section 14-18 Shelter Fees

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Addition: This proposed addition allows the manager of the Aurora Animal Services Division to waive shelter fees, other than court ordered fees, based on a resident's financial need.

Why is this change being proposed? Currently, every individual's personal situation is taken under advisement when considering implementing shelter fees. This is the current practice in Aurora Animal Services. The additional language would ensure that future managers could, based on financial vulnerability, continue this action.



73.38% of Aurora respondents indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. The only comment received disagrees with this practice

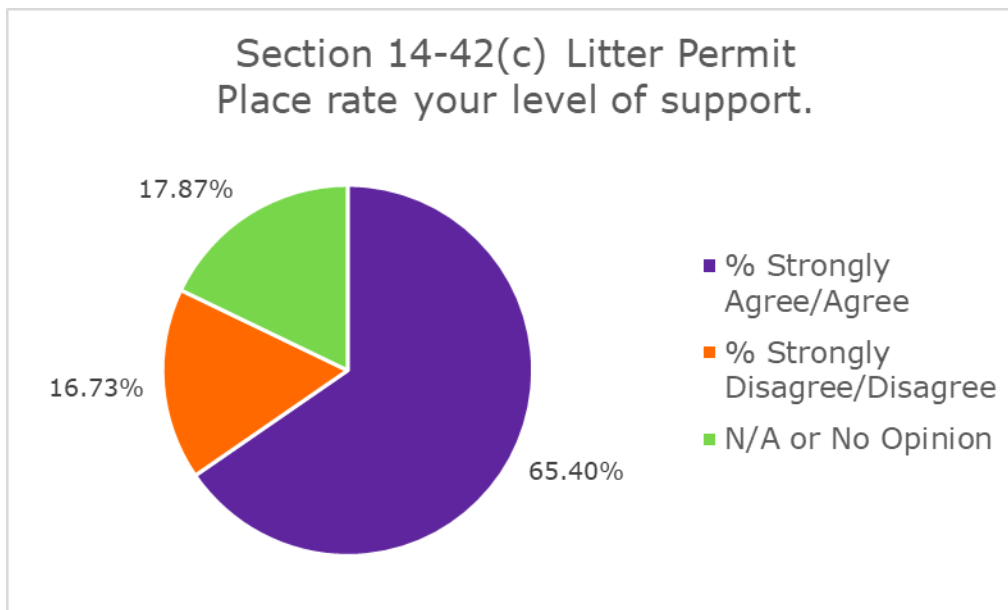
because they believe pets are a financial commitment and if someone cannot afford that, then ownership should not be encouraged.

Section 14-42(c) Litter Permits

Current Ordinance: This ordinance currently requires an owner to obtain a litter permit within one-week of the birth for kittens and puppies.

Proposed Revision: Completely remove this section.

Why is this revision being proposed? This change was proposed because there is low compliance, generally the community does not know this is a requirement, and the fee is high (\$262/litter).



65.4% of Aurora respondents said that they agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Two respondents commented,

and both indicated their opposition because they felt it implied approval of backyard breeders.

During the Fancier's Permit Working Group, litter permits was the topic of discussion for several participants. Many shared that their breed produces a low number of puppies per litter or that the puppies have a higher mortality rate. This meant getting a litter permit could become a significant expense.

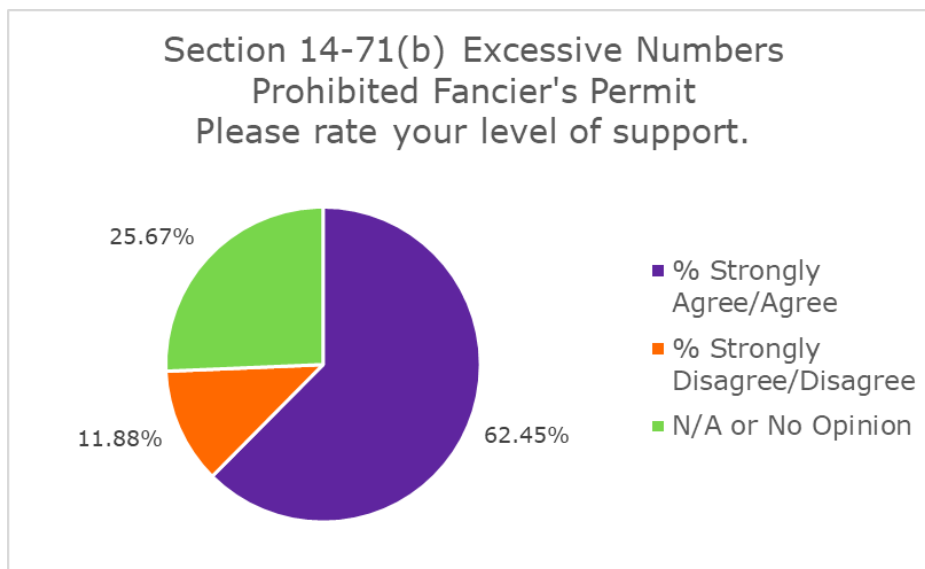
Section 14-71(b) Exceptions (Fancier's Permit)

Current Ordinance: This permit is an exception to the Excessive Numbers Prohibited section. Under the exception an owner can have up to 6 dogs and 10 cats.

Original Proposed Revision: This section was originally proposed to be removed. However, after the October 2018 community meeting, it was determined to keep the Exception for the Fancier's Permit. The Fancier's Permit Working Group developed a series of recommended conditions for approval. See *Fancier's Permit Working Group Approved Recommendations* on page 21.

Current Proposed Revision: To keep the exception and use the Fancier's Permit Working Group's recommendations on conditions for approval. This is what was shared with the public as a part of the Enhanced Public Engagement phase. Current Fancier's Permit holders will be grandfathered into the new permit recommendations once approved.

Why is this change being proposed? The Fancier's Permit has few restrictions on who is eligible for a permit. There was concern that the lifelong aspect of the permit would enable people to keep a higher number of pets past the point of when the owner can reasonably care for them.



62.45% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this recommendation. Eight respondents left comments on this portion of the survey. Some respondents focused on not allowing or minimizing the

role of breeding. Three respondents brought up having Fancier's Permits be

available to people in situations where households merge, either because a child is moving home to provide care for an elderly parent, or a couple is moving in together. One respondent wanted to see the Fancier's Permit be open to people who are fostering dogs.

Fancier's Permit Working Group Approved Recommendations

#	Score	Original Condition	Working Group Recommended Condition	Explanation
1	4/4	Applicants for a Fancier's Permit must be 18 years of age and provide a valid I.D. If legally emancipated, proof of emancipation must be presented.		No change recommended.
2	3.75/4	A Fancier's Permit will not be granted if there has been a conviction of an offense in Chapter 14 of the Aurora City Code within the previous twelve (12) months for the applicant or any other person residing on the property. If a summons has been issued and is still pending an application for a Fancier's Permit will not be considered until after the matter has been resolved.	<p>A Fancier's Permit will not be granted if there has been a conviction of a Tier 1 offense as outlined below in the past 12 months for the applicant or any other person residing on the property. A Fancier's Permit will not be granted if there has been 3 or more convictions of any Tier 2 offenses as outlined below in the past 12 months for the applicant or any other person residing on the property. Tier 3 offenses shall have no impact on the application. If a summons has been issued and is still pending, an application for a Fancier's Permit will not be considered until after the matter has been resolved.</p> <p>Tier 1 Offenses: These are offenses that are more serious in nature, and create a dangerous, or unhealthy environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruelty and Abuse Sec. 14-6 • Humane Care Sec. 14-13 • Aggressive Animal Sec. 14-7 	The FPWG recommended this change because they felt not all violations were equal in severity and only the most severe violations should warrant a denial of the permit. Tier two was created because these violations do happen from time to time but repetitive violations generally do not occur to responsible pet owners. Tier three violations are those not significant enough to have any impact on a permit being approved or denied.

			<p>Tier 2 Offenses: These are offenses that are less serious in nature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog running at large Sec. 14-5 • Barking Sec. 14-72 • Waste Removal Sec. 14-9 <p>Tier 3 Offenses: Lowest level offenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No displaying licenses and rabies vaccination tags 	
3	3.875/4	A Fancier's Permit will not be granted if there has been a conviction of the applicant or any other person residing on the property for keeping a vicious, aggressive or dangerous animal, as long as the animal remains on the property.		No changes recommended.
4	3.75/4	A non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) must be paid at all the time the application form is submitted to the Animal Care Division. This fee will cover the cost of an initial inspection and one (1) follow up inspection, if necessary, of the premises where the animals will be maintained. If a permit is denied after the follow up inspection, the applicant(s) must	A non-refundable fee which shall be set by the City Manager or the Manager's Designee must be paid at the time the application form is submitted to Animal Services. This fee will cover the cost of an initial inspection and one (1) follow-up inspection, if necessary, of the premises where the animals will be maintained. If a permit is denied after the follow-up inspection due to uncorrected items identified at the initial inspections, the applicant(s) must comply with the Excessive Number Prohibited (Secs. 14-71) in Chapter 14 of the Aurora Municipal Code. A person	The FPWG strongly felt that the fee should be aligned with the costs for administering an inspection (I.e. staff time, fuel etc.).

		come into compliance with the excessive number of animals ordinances in Chapter 14 of the Aurora Municipal Code. A new permit application will not be accepted until twelve (12) months after the date of the failed follow up inspection.	may reapply after 30 days with a new application fee.	
5	3.857/4	A Fancier's Permit will be issued only to applicants in compliance with provisions of the Aurora Municipal Code relating to zoning matters.	This condition was removed from the list of conditions.	The FPWG didn't want applications to be denied over minor zoning violations.
6	3.857/4	Additional permits may be required; for example, erecting a dog run may require a fencing permit. Unneutered animals will require an Intact permit.	This condition was removed from the list of conditions.	The FPWG thought that this should be a footnote for the application not a condition.
7	3.875/4	The maximum number of animals allowed by a Fancier's Permit is six (6) dogs and/or ten (10) cats.	Fancier permit holders will be allowed up to 8 dogs or cats provided that the permit holder(s) are actively participating in or retired from recognized formal organization-based shows or events. Evidence of current or previous participation is required.	The FPWG felt it was important for dogs or cats to remain intact as a requirement for showing the dog or cat, and future breeding. Recognized formal organization-based events include: dog and cat shows, and sporting events; AKC, TIKA, CFA, AHBA)

8	3.875/4	The applicant must show proof of a valid rabies vaccination, Aurora animal license, and Intact Permit (if applicable) for each dog or cat to be covered by the Fancier's Permit. These items must be kept current at all times.	The applicant must show proof of a valid rabies vaccination, or licensed veterinarian exemption under Colorado State Statute (CRS 254.607(c)), applicable Aurora animal license, for each dog and cat to be covered by the Fancier's Permit. These items must be kept current at all times.	This change was proposed to make the condition aligned with State Statute.
9	3/4	Intact Permits will not be issued for more than three (3) dogs and/or five (5) cats per residence. All additional animals authorized by the Fancier's Permit must be spayed or neutered. An exception is available for dogs registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC) that are actively being shown at a current AKC dog show.	This provision was covered by condition 7.	Being intact is important for dogs and cats being shown so they group wanted to have the ability to show.
10	3.75/4	Only one (1) litter of offspring under the age of four (4) months is allowed on the premises at any given time.	Permit holders may have up to twenty-four (24) puppies/kittens or two (2) litters of puppies/kittens whichever is greater in a six (6) month timeframe.	This language was changed to mirror the PACFA language.
11	4/4	Once approved, the permit shall be valid until there is an increase in the number of dogs or cats or an	Once approved, the permit shall be valid until there is an increase in the number of dogs or cats or an increase in the size	The group thought that the explanation wasn't needed and supported the condition.

		<p>increase in the size of dogs that was specifically authorized when the permit was granted. (i.e. If someone has a permit for 5 large dogs. they may replace their pets with any combination of small, medium and large dogs, up to a total of 5. However, if they wish to have 4 smaller dogs and add one giant breed, they will need to reapply for a permit to authorize the larger size dog. They would also have to reapply if they wish to add a sixth dog of any size.)</p>	<p>of dogs that was specifically authorized when the permit was granted.</p>	
12	3.75/4	<p>The permit is not transferable from one owner to another owner. The permit holder shall notify the Animal Care Division of any changes affecting the status or requirements of the permit, including changes in name or location. Transfers from one location to another location are not effective until the Aurora Animal Care Division has inspected and approved the facility at the</p>	<p>The permit is not transferable from one owner to another owner. The permit holder shall notify Aurora Animal Services of any changes affecting the status or requirements of the permit, including changes in name or location. Transfers from one location to another location are not effective until Aurora Animal Services has inspected and approved the new location and the information required on the permit application has been recorded.</p>	<p>The FPWG had some concern over the use of the word "facility". Different laws and organization standards have different meanings and therefore it created confusion. Removing the word, and just leaving it as the new location allowed for a number of different set ups.</p>

		new location and the information required on the permit application has been recorded.		
13	3.875/4	Each holder of a Fancier's Permit shall comply with all provisions listed in the Humane Care and Standards section of the Aurora Municipal Code pertaining to animals, and shall keep the premises for which the permit is issued free from obnoxious, offensive, or unsanitary condition.	Each holder of a Fancier's Permit shall comply with all provisions listed in the Humane Care and Standards (Sec. 14-13) section of the Aurora Municipal Code pertaining to animals.	After reviewing the Humane Care (Sec. 14-13) section of the ordinance the group felt like that portion was acceptable, but still had concerns over "obnoxious, offensive or unsanitary condition" because those words were not further defined or qualified. Removal alleviated concerns over the condition.
14	3.375/4	The Fancier's Permit must be displayed in a conspicuous location.	The Fancier's Permit must be readily available.	The group thought that the permit should be readily available in case it was asked for, but it didn't need to be displayed.
15	3.625/4	Any permit issued under Chapter 14 of the Aurora Municipal Code may be denied or revoked if any of the following conditions exist: A.) The permittee has violated any City ordinances or State Laws related to the keeping,	Any permit issued under Chapter 14 of the Aurora Municipal Code may be denied or revoked if any of the following conditions exist: A.) The permittee has been convicted of a violation that would result in a denial under Tier 1 or 2 in the previous condition 2; or Colorado State Cruelty law. B.) The permittee has failed to comply with any condition or requirement of the	On item A) the group wanted to ensure that this was consistent with the previous condition that set up the Tiered system under which an application may be denied. Item C) the group was concerned about the 48-hour window in case people

		<p>care or use of any animal; or</p> <p>B.) The permittee has failed to comply with any condition or requirement of the permit has failed to pay any fee required by this Code; or</p> <p>C.) The permittee refuses to allow inspection on forty-eight (48) hours written notice, of any animal covered by the permit or the premises in which the animal is kept. If, after investigation, the Animal Care Officer or other commissioned law enforcement officer concludes there is probable cause to believe that on or more of the above grounds for denial or revocation has occurred, written notice shall be served on the permittee by first class mail or personal delivery, and a copy shall be delivered to the City Manager or designee. The notice shall specify the grounds for the proposed denial or revocation of the permit. The applicant, within ten (10) working days of receipt of the</p>	<p>permit has failed to pay any fee required by this Code; or</p> <p>C.) The permittee refuses to allow or schedule inspection, after adequate written notice of any animal covered by the permit or the premises in which the animal is kept.</p> <p>If, after investigation, the Animal Protection Officer or other commissioned law enforcement officer concludes there is probable cause to believe that one or more of the above grounds for denial or revocation has occurred, written notice shall be served on the permittee by certified mail or personal delivery, and a copy shall be delivered to the City Manager or designee. The notice shall specify the grounds for the proposed denial or revocation of the permit. The applicant, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the notice of denial or revocation, may request in writing an informal hearing before the City Manager or designee to appeal the denial or revocation. The date of the hearing shall be not more than ten (10) business days after the hearing request is received. After the informal hearing, the permit may be denied, continued in effect or revoked.</p>	<p>were out of town and someone was watching their dogs or cats. They think it was appropriate that the inspection was at least scheduled within 48 hours of receiving notice.</p> <p>The group believed that the appeal process was appropriate.</p>
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		notice of denial or revocation, may request in writing an informal hearing before the City Manager or designee to appeal the denial or revocation. The date of the hearing shall be not more than ten (10) working days after the hearing request is received. After the informal hearing, the permit may be denied, continued in effect or revoked.		
16	3.75/4	This is a new condition concerning temporary situations.	<p>Permit holders are eligible for the following exemptions if they have any combination of eight (8) dogs and cats and are temporarily housing one (1) additional animal with the intention of rehoming or providing end of life care for the additional animal.</p> <p>A.) Dogs or cats that are being housed with a permit holder with the intention of rehoming the animal shall be granted a thirty (30) day exemption with additional thirty (30) day extension(s)</p>	The FPWG wanted to add a condition that takes into consideration a common situation in which the permit holder has additional animals that are temporary in nature. Mainly this is for the purposes of rehoming a returned dog or providing end of life care to a dog or cat.

			<p>granted as needed by Animal Services.</p> <p>B) Dogs or cats who have reached an age or have medical problems that prevent it from being rehomed shall be granted an exemption until that animal has passed away.</p>	
17	3/4	<p>This is a new condition concerning a renewal process.</p>	<p>Fancier's Permits shall be renewed every three (3) years and subject to a re-inspection at that time. Prior to re-inspection a notice shall be mailed/emailed to the applicant advising them of what the inspection shall consist and the timeline under which the inspection must be completed. A renewal fee may be charged.</p>	<p>The FPWG believed that 3 years would be consistent with other licenses through Animal Services. The re-inspection part caused some concern among the group, because for some it felt like an invasion of privacy especially if they are not breeding. However, many members understood the value of the re-inspection when it came to intervening in situations where hoarding was becoming apparent. The group strongly believed that the fee should reflect the actual costs that are incurred by Animal Services.</p>

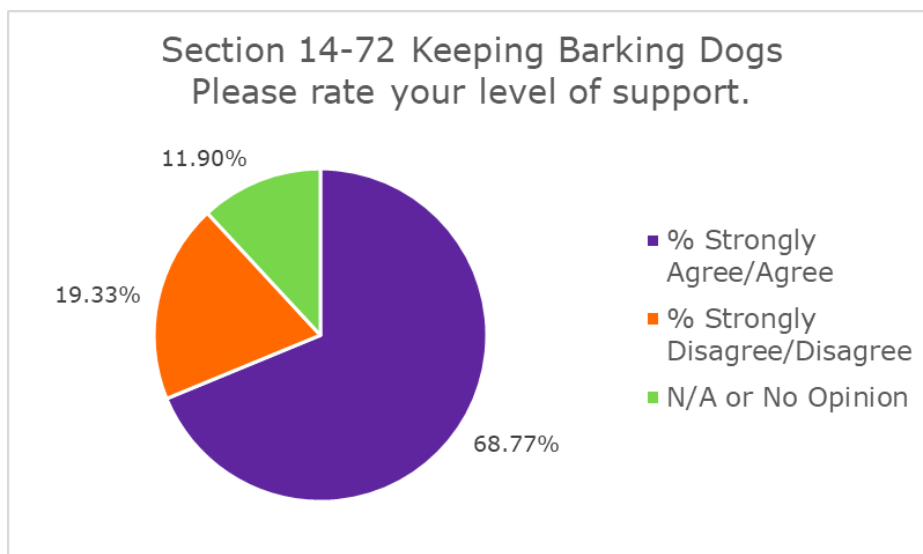
18	4/4	<p>This is a new condition concerning who should be eligible for a permit.</p>	<p>Fancier's permit holders should be actively participating in recognized formal organization-based shows or sporting events (such as: canine and feline shows, and sporting events; AKC, TIKA, CFA, AHBA).</p> <p>The permit remains valid after the permit holder has retired, until through natural attrition the number of animals come into alignment with legal limits.</p>	<p>The group believes it is important that Fanciers are actively involved in the showing and events community, and it is not just a reason to have more dogs or cats than normally allowed. People who are showing often additional dogs or cats that in the process of training so that as one dog retires another is ready to be shown.</p> <p>Fundraising events (ex: Furry Scurry) are not considered a sanctioned event.</p>
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Section 14-72 Keeping Barking Dogs

Current Ordinance: Having a dog that is frequently, habitually, or continuously barking is prohibited. Once a complaint is called in, an animal protection officer or Aurora police officer will be notified to respond. The responding officer will let the owner know a complaint has been received and the barking needs to stop. The officer can be the second complainant on the second violation and issue a summons at that time.

Proposed Revision: The revision would require two neighbors from separate households to sign a form detailing the date, time and how the barking was an annoyance or inconvenience. Both neighbors must be willing to testify in court of the inconvenience. After the forms are submitted, an animal protection officer would review the documentation and determine if there is enough evidence to write a summons. If complainants opt not to testify as witnesses, they would not be considered as “willing to testify” in the future.

Why is the change being proposed? This ordinance can be difficult to enforce. Due to delays in responding to the call, the dog is typically no longer outside barking when the officer arrives. To give context to the amount of barking dog calls received by the city, a total of 707 complaints have been received from January 1st through September 30th, 2019. Of those received, officers have only been able to issue ten summonses.



68.77% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. A total of 26 respondents commented on this section of the survey. A common theme

noticed in the comments is that reporting would become very difficult. Many

comments addressed not wanting to get involved, concerns about retaliation, or serving as a witness in court. Other respondents thought that having an animal protection officer, or police officer respond was important to helping resolve the situation and check the welfare of the animal. Many people supported the extra documentation as well as requiring a complaining witness to testify in court, as important in reducing false or retaliatory reporting. Moving to online reporting also garnered support from respondents.

Section 14-75 Restricted Breeds

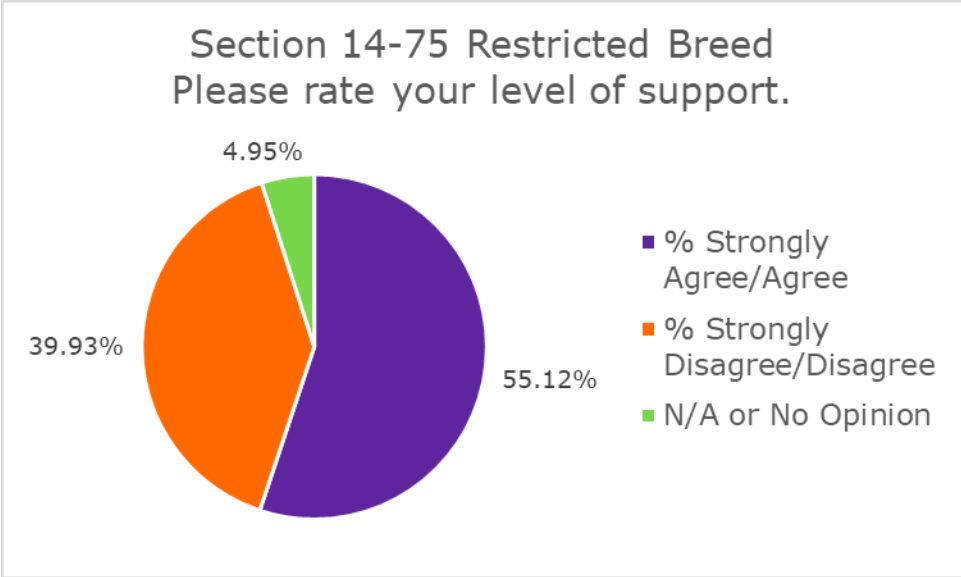
Current Ordinance: Section 14-75 prohibits residents from owning a pit bull which is defined as: any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds. The ordinance also sets up a variety of procedures regarding how we handle cases related to these breeds.

Original Proposal: The original proposal changed the phrase “pit bull” to “restricted breed” and added clarifying language for situations when a restricted breed is a service animal. It did not change the specific dogs that are prohibited.

American Bully Proposed Revision: This section is being added by Council Member request to specifically allow the American Bully breed in Aurora.

Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal Proposed Revision: This section is being added by Council Member request to remove Section 14-75 and add a new section that would guide how the city would handle potentially dangerous/dangerous animals.

Why was the original change proposed? The original proposed revision was an effort to be more encompassing of all breeds that are restricted and clarify that it isn't just pit bulls that are prohibited.



On the survey for the original proposed revisions 55.12% of Aurora respondents said they agreed with the proposed revision. The original revisions

received 197 respondents with 86% suggesting repealing the breed restrictions and adding an aggressive animal ordinance. In the surveys, there appears to be confusion about the three proposals and what is currently allowed. Some comments stated that they were in favor of removing “pit bull” because pit bulls would be allowed. Other respondents said that they didn’t favor removing it because “restricted breed” might open the door for breeds other than just pit bulls to be prohibited.

The second survey asked respondents to comment on the proposed ordinances that would add language to allow the American Bully under 14-75 and for the Dangerous Animal, Reckless Owner ordinances. There were 338 respondents that commented in the section on the American Bully breed addition. 174 respondents commented in the section on the Dangerous Animal, Reckless Owner proposed ordinance revisions. In both sections, the main theme from respondents is having the breed ban reversed and for the owners to be held more accountable if their animal is behaving badly. Another common theme is the addition of the American Bully being a great start in revising the restriction, but there was a preference for the repeal of the of breed restrictions all together.

In the American Bully Breed amendment section, several respondents noted, the American Bully is often bred with an American Pit Bull Terrier and therefore shares many characteristics which make it hard for many to distinguish between the two. 370 comments show support for allowing the American Bully or removing breed restrictions. A total of 267 of those comments are from Aurora zip codes. In addition to the 370 comments, 50

additional comments oppose lifting the breed restriction ordinance and 42 of those come from Aurora zip codes.

In the survey section on Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animals, 145 respondents indicated their support for removing the ban citing that poor animal behavior is often the outcome of poor training and irresponsible ownership, and that any dog can be aggressive or bite. Twenty-seven respondents specifically mention keeping the ban. Their primary concerns were based on wanting to continue feeling safe in their community with many sharing stories about previous interactions with pit bulls. Respondents also mentioned the importance of respecting the will of the voters who voted for breed restrictions.

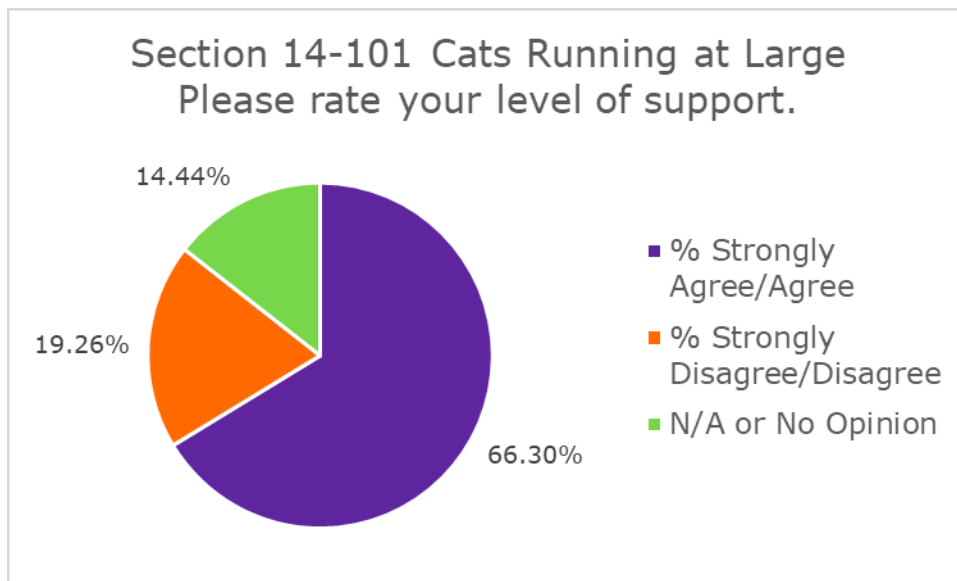
Animal Services staff shared the difficulty distinguishing between an American Bully and the three restricted breeds. Additionally, staff noted that restricted breed dogs do currently live in Aurora. If the breed restriction is lifted, there may likely be an increase in the number of aggressive incidents due to owners feeling more comfortable having under socialized dogs in the community.

Section 14-101 Cats Running at Large

Current Ordinance: This section is prohibiting cats from roaming freely off their owner's property.

Proposed Revision: This section would be removed from the ordinance and enforced under Section 14-5 Animals Running at Large.

Why is the change being proposed? This proposed revision would simplify the ordinance by combining all Running at Large references in one section.



66.3% of Aurora respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Thirteen total respondents commented on this section with the most

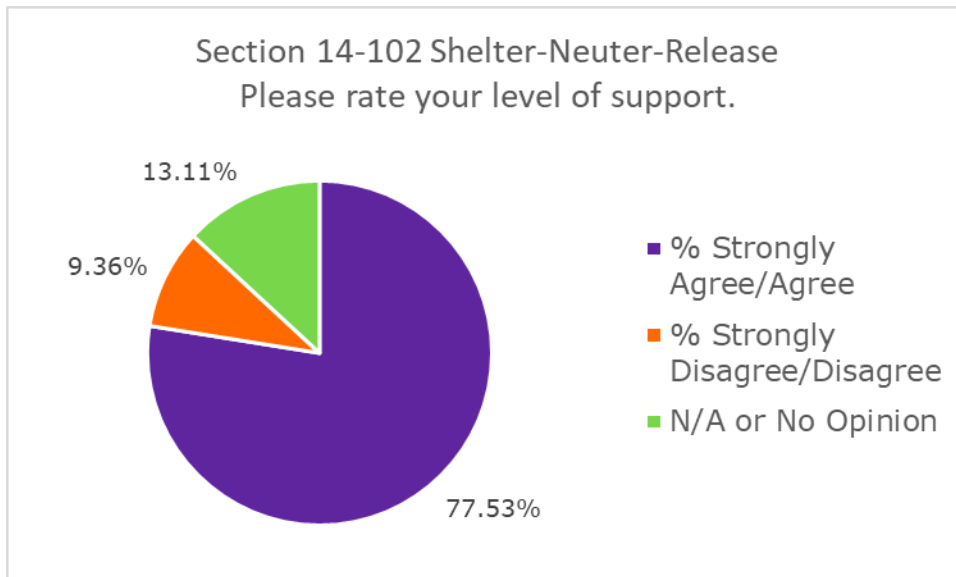
common theme being that cats shouldn't be allowed to roam freely through the community.

Section 14-102 Shelter-Neuter-Release

Current Ordinance: This is a new section.

Proposed Addition: This proposed addition would add a new section that sets up a Shelter-Neuter-Release program. Residents could register with Aurora Animal Services as the colony caretaker meaning that they would assist in trapping the cats and bringing them to the shelter initially for sterilization and medical assessment and release them back to their colony. They would also be responsible for monitoring the colony to ensure that injured cats receive necessary medical attention when injured. The concept is that through sterilization the overall cat population should shrink.

Why is the change being proposed? Community cats, or free roaming cats that do not have an owner, are often cited as a neighborhood concern. These programs have been stated to be successful in areas to reduce the overall population in attempts to curb future growth through sterilization.



77.53% of Aurora respondents said that they agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. Nine respondents commented on this section of the survey, and

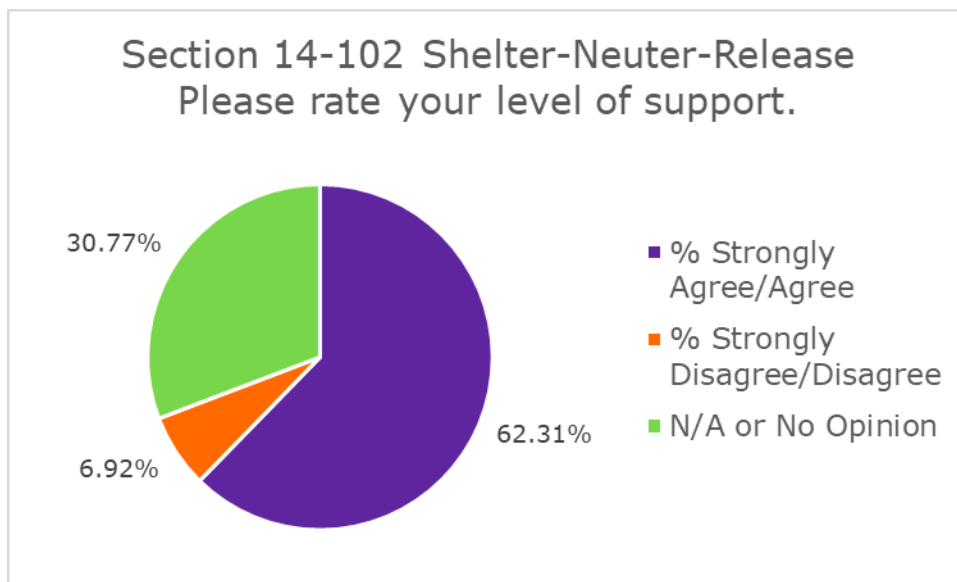
there were two main themes. One supported this type of program to minimize long term growth. Others had concerns about the impact on other wildlife that likely becomes prey for the cats. Additionally, the shelter staff, had mixed perspectives on this revision due to the impact on prey species. If the animals aren't spayed or neutered at a high rate, the effectiveness of this initiative is minimized, and it doesn't provide any immediate relief for neighbors who are bothered by the community cat.

Various Sections: Penalties

Current Ordinance: In various sections of the ordinance a specific penalty provided so the judge cannot issue higher or lower fines based on the situation.

Proposed Revision: This proposed revision would remove the language around specific fines and allow for up to the maximum penalty under Section 1-13 which is \$2,650.00 and/or up to 1-year in jail.

Example Section 14-5(d) Running at Large: ~~(d)Penalty. Any person owner who is convicted found guilty of violating this section shall be subject to the maximum penalty provisions as provided in section 1-13 of the City Code upon the first conviction be subject to the payment of a fine of not less than \$25.00, and shall be required to obtain an city license for the animal if the owner is a resident of the city.;~~ **Upon a second conviction of violating this section** ~~the conviction of a second offense involving the same animal the owner shall be~~ **subject to the maximum penalty provisions as provided in section 1-13 of the City Code** ~~fined a sum not less than \$75.00 and shall be required to spay or neuter and microchip the animal,;~~ ~~(unless the owner provides a written statement from a licensed veterinarian that the spay or neuter procedure would be harmful or dangerous to the health of the animal.); and upon the third and subsequent offenses shall be fined in an amount not less than \$150.00. In addition to the fines stated in this subsection, a person convicted under this section may be subject to not more than one year in jail. The minimum monetary fines stated in this subsection may not be suspended by the municipal court. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as preventing the animal care protection officer from instituting a proceeding in the municipal court for violation of this section where there has been no impoundment.~~



62.31% of Aurora respondents said that they agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed revision. One respondent commented on this section, but it was not

relevant to the proposed revision.

Appendix 1: Phase 1 October 2018 Meeting Comments

1. Fancier's Permit 14-17- Leave as standing and not remove from city of Aurora Animal Policy. Please keep it as it is in the best interest of the community & responsible AKC owners. - Michelle Evans
2. The fanciers permit allows responsible owners who are participants in AKC events to keep more than the 3 dog limit. I am currently showing 4 of my dogs and training another to be shown. I hold a permit so I'm grandfathered, but I know others in the same situation in Aurora and they wouldn't be able to show/train if the permit wasn't an option. The people that are fraudulently applying aren't currently/actively showing their dogs. It would be easy for a fancier to document their participation in AKC events.
3. Please keep existing fanciers permit as is, though add that no permit will be issued to any individual that has a pending complaint. Add that a non-refundable application fee will be charged.
4. Maintain Fancier's Permit. Deny applications if there is a current open investigation. Increase the application fee and make it non-refundable to avoid illegitimate applications. Recommend the creation of a policy subcommittee to include representatives from Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and local breed clubs.
5. Fanciers permit: For individuals/families who foster older dogs, they find that such dogs benefit from social stimulation of other dogs. Three may not be enough. Secondly, it can take up to 1 year to prepare dogs to be adopted in a forever home. A shorter amount of time may increase the number animals surrendered to the shelter.
6. You need to institute process controls to address your concerns about illegitimate permit requests. Establish a committee with fancier experts to help come up with a solution. We are happy to be part of the solution. Katherine Timko
7. The Fanciers Permit should not be abolished. This is another attempt to limit or punish those people that try to do the right things & be law-abiding I understand that there is a problem with unworthy applicants. There were several good ideas presented to change the

application process and unreturnable deposits... so many better options than just to remove the fanciers permit. LEAVE IT ALONE.

8. Fancier's permit should not be eliminated. We need some insight into why eliminating the Fancier's Permit would be considered. If Fanciers permits are eliminated it prevents any responsible breeder who does not already have a fanciers permit to get one in the future. Strongly recommend that this and other dog issues be discussed in a committee which includes some dog fanciers before any ordinance is passed.
9. Fancier Permit should not be removed. I would strongly recommend that prior to moving forward the City put together a committee together to fully discuss the concerns of stakeholders as well as those of Animal Control. It appears changes are being made without input from responsible, engaged, AKC breeders and citizens. Who could provide knowledge/expertise to solve a community concern. - Terri Whitley.
10. We want a committee to discuss the issues before going to a before committee. Let us help.
11. There are responsible owners of multiple dogs and irresponsible owners of a single dog. Selecting an arbitrary limit will not prevent irresponsible dog ownership. A limit on the number of dogs would restrict the many responsible owners and breeds. These breeds make a lifelong commitment to their puppies and imposing a three-dog limit would affect that commitment. Limit laws target all owners regardless of their actions or behaviors of their animals. Limit laws do not address the heart of the problem which is irresponsible dog ownership. Irresponsible owners exist regardless how many dogs they own. Let us help with the problem. Do not punish those who are involved in the dog fancy.
12. Eliminating the fancier licenses punishes responsible owners. Rather than punishing existing holders for the fancier permit why not amend the existing ordinance to prohibit applications if there is an existing complaint. See attach AKC position statements.
13. To whom it may concern,
I'm against restriction on number of dogs and the removal of the AKC Fanciers Permit. I support Aurora and attend AKC events there regularly. Spend a lot of money there!
I respectfully ask that the council go back and get advice and input from dog organizations and individuals.

Best,
Julie Morris

14. Hello

I am aware of the above proposal and although I do not live in Aurora, I do attend AKC dog shows there fairly often. Obviously, when I do, I must get a motel, purchase fuel, eat meals and so on. If the show fills, you have around 200 (or more) people pouring into Aurora for those shows.

I urge you to seek input from dog organizations and individuals to obtain true information about the above proposal. It is easy to underestimate the money spent on shows and the activities and needs of the canine show community. It is also easy to hear a great deal of inaccurate information regarding dedicated and responsible breeders. I have read about the proposal and am against removing the AKC fanciers permit.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Laura Uran
Omaha, NE. 68122

15. I am a Realtor in the greater Denver area. I have sold several homes to clients in Aurora who are current holders of Fanciers Permits. I became aware of the public meeting via clients who contacted me to let me know they might be selling their homes to move to a more dog friendly community. I attended the meeting on October 16, 2018. The meeting did not seem intended to educate the public on the rationale for the changes nor was it designed to seek public comment. The proposed changes were represented to be suggested by Animal Protective Services. When questioned, APS was unable to list a single complaint that involved current holders of the Fanciers Permit. I have held Board of Directors positions on several AKC sanctioned breed clubs. The AKC has excellent research on the fact that limitations on responsible breeders, such as the current holders of Fanciers permits, does not solve the problem of irresponsible breeders, hoarders and rescue for profit enterprises. It is unreasonable that Aurora would consider eliminating the economic benefit of responsible Fanciers instead of simply enforcing the existing regulations against irresponsible parties. The grandfathering provision may help to limit some legal liability; however, it will in no way

compensate to the loss of economic growth, as future permits will be eliminated.

Responsible breeders will no longer chose to live in Aurora. Irresponsible breeders will not be hindered by lack of a Fanciers permit as they operate in violation of current regulations.

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John R. Wyszynski

16. I was unable to attend the public meeting last evening but wanted to make sure you all receive my input.

We moved to Aurora three years ago and live in the Meadow Hills area near Hampden and Parker Roads. We have a 0.63 acre lot and four Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs. All four dogs have earned titles in various AKC sanctioned sports and two are Canine Good Citizens. My husband and I take great pride in the care we provide to our dogs and that many of our neighbors are surprised to learn we own four dogs because our yard is clean and our dogs are quiet. We are good neighbors.

I believe, strongly, that the people this change is targeting does NOT include us. Nor does it target the MANY responsible dog owners we compete with in dog shows and other performance events.

What I'm unclear about is why the City feels compelled to do away with the Fancier's Permit rather than individually address violations. I'm also alarmed that this meeting was quietly snuck in. As a permit holder, I should have been notified LONG before the meeting and given more than 12 hours to prepare my response and objections. Thankfully the AKC is looking out for responsible owners! It's interesting to me that this is couched in the effort to "create a superior quality of life for residents." As a city resident, I would urge you to turn your attention to local crime. CRIME has earned Aurora the negative reputation that we have. Not dogs. Improving safety for residents will improve our quality of living.

As a point of proof, I would have you look at Douglas County. Douglas County allows four dogs per household. And yet, an address in Parker, Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch or Lone Tree carries higher "prestige" than saying you live in Aurora. Again... not because of dogs. Rather it's the safety, amenities, community pride, and stronger HOA presence which lead to higher home values and nicer neighborhoods.

In my opinion, the focus... if you are TRULY trying to improve our lives

as Aurora residents... is misdirected.

I urge you to leave the current permit process as is and, instead, deal with individual violators.

Sincerely,
Lynn Miller

17. Hello,

My name is Shannon and I was at the meeting on 16 October regarding the changes to the Fanciers Permit.

To say that I was disappointed with the meeting is a gross understatement.

When asked how many complaints have been filed against people holding Fanciers Permits, no one could answer the question.

When asked why the Fanciers Permit was being eliminated, the answer given was that no legitimate applications had been made in the last year and that only hoarders were applying for the permit. Two legitimate breeders were in attendance who wanted to apply for a Fanciers Permit and had been told they could not. The attendees gave several good suggestions to curb hoarders from applying for the permit, including a non-refundable fee, not allowing anyone with an open complaint to apply, asking for more information on the application, among others. It was also stated by Animal Control that these false applications were too much work for the Animal Protection Agents. It was asked by those in attendance that they were already at the property checking out hoarder violations so what additional work was it causing. This question wasn't answered.

The Power Point presentation was also not made available to the attendees.

It was also disappointing to watch the Animal Control Agents and other City of Aurora employees openly roll their eyes and smirk when suggestions by the attendees were made.

Jenee Shipman also stated that the Animal Services division had been working on these changes for four years, and that statues in other surrounding areas had been reviewed. But yet, none of the kennel clubs or other groups that had assisted surrounding areas (Parker,

Castle Rock, Westminster are the ones I can remember) draft their legislation had been contacted to help with Aurora's proposed changes.

There were several individuals and groups in attendance that volunteered to work with Animal Services to address problems that Animal Control is seeing and draft legislation that would actually work and not punish responsible owners. Attendees were told that would be taken into consideration.

I feel the meeting on 16 October was a complete farce and that input was not actually wanted. Why else do you work on purposed changes for four years, with no community input and then give the community a deadline of less than 24-hours to submit comments via email?

Please, table these proposed changes so that a work group consisting of Animal Control representatives, breeders, lawyers, permit holders and other stakeholders can be created to work together to review the current ordinances and work together to come up with something that works for the majority.

The attendees at the meeting last night want to help. Unfortunately, the prevailing feeling was that our input wasn't valued or appreciated.

Thank you for your time,

Shannon Schmit

18. Hello I am a City of Aurora resident and Fanciers Permit holder, I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the ordinance that would delete the ability for people in Aurora to obtain a new permit. Even though my permit would be grandfathered in, I oppose this change because by doing this it would discourage dog enthusiasts that are responsible people looking for a residence, to avoid Aurora. I was very proud of my city when they came up with this Fanciers Permit because at that time Aurora was a visionary city taking a stance to allow responsible breeders a way to live in a city that was dog friendly.

I also feel strongly about this Permit because it allowed me to give a dear friend dying of cancer, the peace of mind that I could care for her beloved pet for the rest of his life, and he did not have to go in to a shelter.

I am very concerned that this issue was worked on for 4 years

without any input from residents until 1 week before the vote. This is wrong and speaks to the anti-dog enthusiast attitude of the City Officials in Aurora.

I encourage you to refer this Ordinance back to a committee comprised of Stakeholders and Animal Care Officials.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Deann Britton

19. Dear Council Members,

I am writing about my concern with the proposed ordinance changes for Aurora. I believe the dog ordinance in Aurora to already be very restrictive and when I heard of the proposed changes I was appalled that they were going to become even more so. I believe the loss of the Fanciers license will in fact lesson the quality of life for Aurora residents. The changes also make it nearly impossible to be a responsible breeder in this city. I think these proposed changes are unnecessary and not well thought out. I do not understand the reasoning behind the mad rush to push through these changes. I believe there should be a committee formed to discuss these changes that includes representatives that speak for the local dog fanciers. I understand that some changes may need to be made, however I believe this should be a well thought out process that is carefully and correctly worded. Lawyers who have reviewed this proposed change have stated that the wording is ambiguous and not conducive to the reasoning you are stating for making these changes. I ask and urge you to not pass these proposals as written but to slow down and do this properly and fairly for the residents you represent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sorbie
Certified Veterinary Technician

20. Dear Ms. Hiltz:

I am writing to express my opposition to some of the proposed City of Aurora Animal Policy Changes. I understand that a meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 16 so that the changes may be presented to the public. My biggest concern is with the striking out of the AKC Animal Fancier's Permit. AKC dog owners especially those that participate in AKC events are very responsible dog owners not only to

their pets but to their neighbors. My two AKC female dogs which I have owned for over a year are both AKC Good Citizen title holders. Also, one female who is actually holds an intact animal license is also titled in obedience, a field champion as well as a conformation (show) Grand Champion. I am not sure if you realize but in order to show a dog in AKC Conformation that they must be intact and not spayed/ neutered.

My biggest concern with the animal policy change of doing away with the AKC fancier's permit as it does not allow responsible breeding by an AKC breeder but still allows breeding. An AKC breeder stands behind their dogs and will take a dog back if it needs to be rehomed in situations such as the owners are getting divorced, an owner dies, etc. Allowing a AKC fancier's permit allows a breeder to legally take back a dog they bred and keep it out of a possible shelter situation. When a reputable AKC breeder brings a puppy into this world the commitment is for life- no reputable breeder ever wants a dog they bred to end up in a shelter and they take great care in finding the best possible homes for their puppies. The proposed changes that still allow breeding but do not give a reputable breeder the margin to take back dogs if needed; it actually encourages irresponsible breeding of any type of dog.

The proposed changes punish responsible owners and breeders and will have little to no effect on irresponsible dogs or breeders. This will not improve the quality of life in Aurora as the irresponsible pet owners will still be out there but the good, responsible owners will move away to other communities. The dog owners with the mixed breed, unlicensed and unvaccinated dog will still be there walking their dogs off leash in the park, these dogs will still be biting and attacking other dogs and people in the community, and not picking up their dog waste, etc.

I am urging you to not let the removal of the AKC Fancier's permit be removed. AKC dog shows and owner's bring a lot of revenue into a community. These dogs are given the best care and attention with services, food, and products purchased from local vets, grooming salons, pet stores, dog walkers, training, and boarding facilities. When there is a dog show in the City of Aurora, hotels and restaurants are also patronized by the dog show exhibitors.

I was happy to call Aurora home as I loved the seemingly AKC dog friendly policies that they had and hope that continues to stay the same.

Sincerely,

Michelle Evans

An AKC Responsible Dog Owner and I vote!

21. Good morning,

I'm reaching out to you to let you know that I and a number of responsible American Kennel Club breeders and exhibitors who live in the city are hoping to have some of your time this evening to discuss this proposed ownership limits and other pet laws.

The 2 major changes that we noted that are of great concern are the elimination of the fancier's permit and limitation of numbers of dogs that we can own. We'd also like you to be aware of the detrimental financial changes that might have an impact on the City. There are other issues too, but I don't want to take a lot of time right now, but we'd like to discuss this with you.

https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/aurora-co-meeting-october-16-opportunity-discuss-proposed-ownership-limits-law-changes-passed/?fbclid=IwAR3krgeBK-UmcK2xqjvdQZARMzF6_KPq2aMZSr-jSzJpchgQ7fgiJUyiS0

Sally Maxwell

Centennial English Springer Spaniels

22. Dear Ms. Murillo I am writing once again to express my opposition to some of the proposed City of Aurora Animal Policy Changes. I understand that a meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 16 so that the changes may be presented to the public. My biggest concern is with the striking out of the AKC Animal Fancier's Permit. AKC dog owners especially those that participate in AKC events are very responsible dog owners not only to their pets but to their neighbors. My two AKC female dogs which I have owned for over a year are both AKC Good Citizen title holders. Also, one female who is actually holds an intact animal license is also titled in obedience, a field champion as well as a conformation (show) Grand Champion. I am not sure if you realize but in order to show a dog in AKC Conformation that they must be intact and not spayed/ neutered. My biggest concern with the animal policy change of doing away with the AKC fancier's permit as it does not allow responsible breeding by an AKC breeder but still allows breeding. An AKC breeder stands behind their dogs and will take a dog

back if it needs to be rehomed in situations such as the owners are getting divorced, an owner dies, etc. Allowing a AKC fanciers permit allows a breeder to legally take back a dog they bred and keep it out of a possible shelter situation. When a reputable AKC breeder brings a puppy into this world the commitment is for life- no reputable breeder ever wants a dog they bred to end up in a shelter and they take great care in finding the best possible homes for their puppies. The proposed changes that still allow breeding but do not give a reputable breeder the margin to take back dogs if needed; it actually encourages irresponsible breeding of any type of dog. The proposed changes punish responsible owners and breeders and will have little to no effect on irresponsible dogs or breeders. This will not improve the quality of life in Aurora as the irresponsible pet owners will still be out there but the good, responsible owners will move away to other communities. The dog owners with the mixed breed, unlicensed and unvaccinated dog will still be there walking their dogs off leash in the park, these dogs will still be biting and attacking other dogs and people in the community, and not picking up their dog waste, etc. I am urging you to not all the AKC Fancier's permit be removed. AKC dog shows and owner's bring a lot of revenue into a community. These dogs are given the best care and attention with services, food, and products purchased from local vets, grooming salons, pet stores, dog walkers, training, and boarding facilities. When there is a dog show in the City of Aurora, hotels and restaurants are also patronized by the dog show exhibitors. I was happy to call Aurora home as I loved the seemingly AKC dog friendly policies that they had and hope that continues to stay the same. Sincerely, Michelle Evans An AKC Responsible Dog Owner and I vote!

23. Dear Aurora City Council Committee Members:

Again, I am reaching out to you in regards to the Proposed changes to the Aurora Animal Policy Changes in particular the proposed removal the Fancier's Permit and the AKC Fancier Permit.

First of all, I would like to state that I find it odd that I could own 3 dogs of any type or size plus 5 cats under current animal policy for a total of 8 animals plus I believe current policy would let me own chickens on top of that but I would not be able to responsibly own 4 small/medium sized AKC registered dogs that are actively shown and exhibited in AKC and UKC shows.

I have asked about the animal fancier's permit in the past when I have visited the shelter when renewing my dog's licenses and providing

rabies/vaccination records. I have never been given an application to complete when I have inquired about the special permit. When I asked Animal Services after the meeting last week, they told me since the policy was under review they were not issuing any fanciers permits. It is my understanding based on public social media posts that Animal Services was instructed not to issue any fancier's permit 2 years ago so in essence the policy has been effectively changed without input from the public, and council formal approval. This is an injustice to residents such as myself who tried and planned on applying for the permit.

I would also like to point out that the neighboring City of Parker, Colorado which has an average household income of over \$100,000 allows for 4 -dogs or cats in any combination and their average property values are quite a bit higher as well.

I cannot see where changing the existing City of Aurora Animal Policy will improve the quality of life here in Aurora. As I do not live in a HOA community in Aurora, I feel that Neighborhood services would be utilizing their time, money and efforts by enforcing removal of disabled vehicles parked in city streets for an unusual amount of time or by enforcing existing leash laws.

For example, an abandoned car was parked in front of my house for a period of time, I complained about it because my neighbor complained to me as he thought it was my car, the police came out and it was ticketed. It got moved across the street (not in front of my house) and has now been there for months and months. People also park their RV's and boats on the City Streets in my neighborhood which makes it virtually impossible at times to even drive down the street. Enforcing some parked vehicle laws in my neighborhood would increase my quality of life and property value in Aurora.

As I back to a City Park, I cannot tell you how many times I have seen people out in the park with their one dog off lead playing catch. We have off leash parks in the City they could use but they choose not to utilize these areas. It angers me as their unleashed, out of control dogs often rush up to my leashed dog. How many single dog owners don't pick up their dog's waste? In the townhomes that are nearby single dogs tethered off their porches. A single dog owner may cause more problems than a responsible dog owner with two dogs.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this email as I

appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Evans

24. Limiting numbers does not ensure responsible. Aurora's High Licensing Costs Are Counteractive TO Responsible Owners. \$160/yr/dog in Aurora vs \$40/yr/dog in Denver. Removal of Fanciers Permits Harms Responsible Owners Trying to Show and Breed for Specific Breeds.
25. PACFA should increase time allotted to keep foster in home. Should be increased from 3 months to 5 or 6 months.
26. Will there be a time that the order Sec. 14-71 - excessive # prohibited be increased? Think that #3 dogs could be increased - cats do more damage especially with the # being 5.
27. Not to exceed 6 dogs. Not to exceed 4 cats. Concern: fostering rescue dogs in an important job and being able help more than 3 dogs at time to rehabilitate them to be adopted would be helpful.
28. Excessive Numbers: Consider limiting the number of pets based on property size. Also consider limiting the number of pets in general not just 5 cats or 3 dogs: say <8 pets.
29. How can we change the allowed # of dogs in the City of Aurora? I would like to see max # of dogs to 4.
30. 14-14-b) trapping permits - include provisions for TNR organizations. Sec. 14-102 include provisions for TNR organizations. - clarify terminology on SNR vs. TNR - consider revising registration for community cat caretaker, especially fees. Very happy to see leash laws for feral cats repealed - way to go Aurora! There are many feral cats currently in Aurora and now we will have options for humane and effective population control!
31. Assessing fees that make it impossible to retrieve your animal due to high costs.
32. Breeder exhibitor/responsible owners exhibit at 4-5 large shows at the Arapahoe Co fairgrounds in Aurora. These shows bring in between 3-5

million dollars in revenue to the Aurora area every year, in lodging, restaurants, shopping, rental of facilities, etc.

33. A committee needs to be formed to go through the entire ordinance. The Colorado Dog Federation and other individuals need to be part of the committee representing the dog community.
34. I STRONGLY recommend that a committee be formed with informed dog enthusiasts to review all proposed changes.
35. As a whole I join many people who wish to review the proposed changes as a whole and make recommendations. Form subcommittee to provide suggestions. Time frame for barking dogs should be clarified. The fanciers permit should not be eliminated. It can be updated to require documentation at the time of application to show "active participation" in AKC events. Documentation can help to eliminate false applications. Documents can include items such as show catalogs, show records, tute certificates, health genetic deviances etc. The "fanciers' will have documentation readily available. Check for complaints/convictions prior to home visit non-refundable fee for application increase, even double. This will help eliminate false applications. Provide intact permits and licenses at time of application. Time limit for babysitting "harboring" extra dogs. There are has been no issue with legitimate fancier permit holders - they should not be penalized - they are working - they provide extra income and permit and intact license. Please feel free to contact me Valerie Horney
36. I feel this public forum meant well but was poorly organized and not presented well. The PowerPoint was rushed and hard to read. Nothing was addressed on the actual slides and there was a greater interest in specific topics that overshadowed others.
37. Concerned about licensing re: service animals what is required to get license? Violated ADA and HIPPA How does a PACFA license stop problem related to fancier licensing? Wouldn't violators just get a PACFA license instead? Isn't that just shifting the burden to PACFA? Are they equipped to deal w/ influx of permit requests and inspections? Dislike and disagree w/ increased police powers to animal control under 14-2 and 14-4(c) you really wat to arrest and incarcerate housewives and kids? "reasonable cause" is not a legal standard for- seizure of property. Animal Control is not the police. Why can't police continue to assist if necessary. 14-75 (b) (8) removes any defense to the accused. (6) secure pens should be

approved by court, not animal control. "Preponderance of evidence" in animal court is wrong standard.

38. Include foster agencies in review of ordinance
39. Strong recommendation to have a committee to review the change to ordinances. Recommending a sub-committee.
40. STRONGLY SUGGEST THESE PET ORDINANCES BE SENT TO A COMMITTEE WITH STAKE HOLDERS.
41. Additional information for Aurora PD regarding what breeds are restricted. We have gotten hassled for having Ridgebacks. They look nothing like a pit bull or restricted breed.
42. Thank you for giving me a moment of your time. I have only a few things to add.
 - A. Can you add domesticated family house pets such as dogs, cats, hamsters as sentient beings? All animals feel pain and love.
 - B. Please add a restricted breed exception to all restricted breed law enforcement canines. K9 Kara, K9 Belka, K9 Gresilda and K9 Spark.
 - C. Bestiality needs to be at least a class 3 felony.
The attachment below does talk about BSL but it also talks about other animal ordinance issues.
thank you, Tara S. Bostick
43. I'd like to request the city council form a stakeholder committee with experts from each affected group, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE ATTORNEY.

I'd like to recommend Juliet Piccone Esq. for that position.

Thank you,

Ellie Burbee

44. I would like to request that city council form a stakeholder committee with experts from each affected group, including an attorney, preferably Juliet Piccone, Esq., an animal advocate and constituent of your community with the best interest of the animals in mind.

Best always,

Jessi Harris

45. Hi Folks,

I attended the meeting on 10/16/2018 regarding Aurora's proposed Animal Ordinance changes.

It came to light during this evening's meet-up regarding the Animal Ordinance proposal, that there might be room to improve the process through which ordinances are 'cleaned up.'

We were told that there has been more than 4 years of work on the tweaking of this ordinance. We were also told that our input to be included in the 'packet' would have a Noon tomorrow (10/17/2018) deadline, but with more opportunities as late as Friday 10/19/2018. The surprise creates disdain and unnecessary animosity for the process.

In order to move forward with tweaking any ordinance, it would be prudent - and much less adversarial - to change the process in such a manner as to invite the voices of those who hold expertise in the area being addressed by said ordinance.

No blindsided action. No surprises. No hurrying the issue through. Take the time to do it right. People have been working on this issue for over 4 years, but yet experts gathered for the purpose of helping to make a good ordinance are only given a few hours to provide their input? In my opinion, that's not a good way to move forward.

Thanks for your time!

Ed Knox

46. Dear members of the Neighborhood Services policy committee, city council members and Mayor,

Last night I attended the public meeting regarding animal control code "updates". It was a complete sham, and an embarrassment to me as an Auroran homeowner of 17 years and small business owner for 5. Animal Services had put together a PowerPoint presentation with print so tiny I could not even read it and I was just a few rows back, in the middle of the room. Jenee Shipman basically started reading the new definitions. They had no copies of this.

They had some copies of the actual code with revisions, but told us not enough for everyone, and they did not encourage handing them out. We were going to only be allowed to discuss 4 topics of their choice: barking dogs, exotic/hybrid animals, rescue permits/number of pets and community cats. We were supposed to split up in groups and

go to those 4 tables after Shipman's presentation.

A large number of attendees were AKC fancier permit holders who were outraged that animal services is proposing to get rid of the permit. The staff gave the excuse that no responsible, bona fide true show dog owners had applied in over a year, so that was why they were getting rid of it (as well as the fact that surrounding cities do not allow the permits, which is EXACTLY why these people have moved to Aurora). Even though they were going to grandfather in existing permit holders, their properties would decrease in value because they would never be allowed to sell the home to a new buyer who also wanted a permit, because the permits would be gone.

After the meeting a former animal control officer contacted me via Facebook and said that 2 years ago Jenee Shipman told them to stop granting fancier permits. So she essentially did away with them herself 2 years ago and no one knew! Ms. Shipman has enacted numerous policies that are harmful to Aurora's pet owners and pets, but no one knows because you have to do very specific records requests to get the policies, and she changes them at will. In addition, I highly doubt this was a written policy, instead she just tells her employees what she wants them to do, and if they disagree, they get fired.

At about 8pm we were told that the deadline to submit comments would be noon today, for them to be included in the packet for the 10/24 policy committee meeting. Then we found out animal services has been working on the revisions for 4 years!!! With no stakeholder input or discussion, yet they want to ram this through city council with virtually no public comment. The only reason I'm not sending a long response, which I don't have time to do right now, is because Jason Batchelor promised that they would table the revisions until the November policy committee meeting.

This is what a large number of those present suggested: we would like there to be a stakeholder committee with members from each affected group, (fanciers, community cat TNR, rescues, pet owners, general public and AT LEAST ONE ANIMAL LAW ATTORNEY. For almost 5 years I have practiced exclusively in that field. I am asking to be used as an asset for you to help you with this. Those of you who have been around for a while should know that I'm extremely active in the Aurora animal welfare scene and have even spoken in front of you practically begging to lend my expertise to you to redraft Aurora's code. Another person I would suggest, if she would agree, is attorney

Diane Balkin who was a Denver prosecutor for over 30 years, specializing in animal related prosecutions.

One point I made was that the proposed change to restitution, and the fact it would be paid directly to animal services instead of the general fund, could incentivise animal control to issue criminal citations and impound animals, knowing they would receive hefty reimbursement for the same. Mr. Malcome Hankins "assured" me that they don't employ people who would do that. I specifically asked him for a meeting on that topic, because it's simply not true. I have a police body cam video of one of the supervisors screaming "I will beat your ass" at a dog that had gotten out of its house during a break in and had to be contained/corralled back into the home. Her response was the dog doesn't know what you are saying to it. Is that the kind of people you want working for you?

Sincerely,

Juliet R. Piccone, Esq.

The Piccone Law Firm, LLC dba Colorado Animal Attorneys

47. I would like to know the legality of putting this back on the ballot? I know it was a vote of the people that created this ordinance. How appropriate would it be to bring it back up? -- Council Member Crystal Murillo, My name is Sabina Lawson and I was hoping to get your stance on the Breed Specific Ordinance here in Aurora. I am a firm believer that BSL doesn't work and would like to see the City end the ban. Would you be willing to vote to put it back on the ballot in 2019? I appreciate your time in responding! Sincerely, Sabina J. Lawson

48. AACC must be manipulating data. Probably Ms Shipman is the one doing so.

There isn't really a category for the court ordered surrender on the PACFA statistics form they must keep. I believe they may be listing all of the dogs that are owner surrendered as "owner requested euthanasia" which is NOT counted in the death count. I would like to know how these numbers are calculated, because I CAN tell you, I have my own count and this is different. My count is based on inside info and from news media cases. Ms. Shipman murders animals and covers it up. Why is she still employed here? That is a question that the citizens and taxpayers of Aurora would love to know.

*Release rate of 91% is 100% inaccurate

Appendix 2: Phase 2 Fancier's Permit Working Group Comments

Comments by Proposed Condition

Condition 1: No comments received.

Condition 2

1. I feel that a person(s) convicted of these violations within the previous 12 months, should not be allowed to apply for an Animal Fancier's Permit: Abandoned Animals, Aggressive Animals, Cruelty, Mistreatment/Neglect

These conditions could have extenuating circumstance beyond a persons control which a ticket or conviction is not warranted:

Attm issue- what does this mean & why is this on the list? ; Stray animal found by resident- why punish someone who is trying to do the right thing by calling a stray animal. Stray animals are frequently found in my neighborhood which backs to public, open use space especially on the 4th of July where people often set off illegal fireworks. ; Dead animal to be picked up- again why is this even a ticketed offense. There are many reasons a dead animal may need to be picked up and removed other than fault by a human individual.

Inspection-

Bite- an animal could have bitten someone in self defense or protecting his home against intruders.

At Large- there are legitimate reasons why a dog might be found at large that do not warrant a ticket. House fire, break in, car accident, etc.

Barking-noise- I really feel that Aurora Animal Policy should be revisited for this item as the current policy could allow 2 neighbors working in collusion to illegitimately turn in a barking complaints for any number of reasons such as they don't like dogs they are cat people, they hate their neighbor and want to try to make them move, etc. Also, is the dog barking to protect it's home against intruders, have the dogs been teased or tormented by these actions, etc. etc..

Sign Comp- again I don't even feel that this should be a ticketed item as it could be just an act of revenge or dislike of a particular neighbor without a valid complaint behind the action.

Imp Notice- again why is the dog at the shelter, - was the dog picked up running at large because the owner was out walking or running and got hit by a car, had a heart attack, was in a car accident and the crate busted open from the impact of the crash....

2. Even the best intentioned owners have accidents happen with loose dogs, etc. This should not be an automatic exclusion . However, habitual offenses paint another story and should be considered more serious.

Condition 3 No comments received.

Condition 4

3. Fee must be reasonable, not excessive, if you want people to comply and apply for a permit.

Condition 5

4. Other code violations, such as paint, weeds, etc are dealt with within other departments and should not automatically be a reason for denial.

Condition 6

5. See above, and the unneutered animal section of this item is covered by condition #7 and the fee structure for licensing and permitting animals. This item could also be sited as a footnote to the application in reference to fencing, runs etc.

Condition 7

6. Are we allowing a mix of animals up to eight? Right now this reads eight dogs OR cats.
7. It is important that allowing a fancier to have an additional number of animals regardless of altered status due to varying stages of activity with older and younger animals throughout their life. Many older show dogs are not altered as they can still contribute to a breeding program. It is also important to rely on the definition of a fancier as being active in dog sports not just collecting a bunch of animals.

Condition 8

8. Changed to reflect current state statues.

Condition 9

9. No set definition on what is being actively show-subject to much interpretation. AKC breeding stock (intact animals) aren't normally actively being shown in example a female AKC Grand Champion is probably not being shown if she is either pregnant or whelping a litter.
10. ...actively being shown at current AKC dog shows.
11. inclusion with #7, to be more streamlined and have similar requirements all in one condition.
12. Doesn't matter if intact or not. Why was this even left in?

13. "Yes, In Condition 9 the only registry listed in AKC there are also UKC (United Kennel Club) who registers some breeds that AKC does not, there are people who only participate in Rally, Obedience, Field Trials, Hun Trials, Agility, BarnHunt, Dock Diving and more.. Still working on that list.
14. It should be noted that this is now covered by, or combined with, #7, not simply removed all together.
15. I do not agree with this as participants in AKC, UKC or IABCA regular conformation are required to have intact animals. This is in essence trying to create a mandatory spay and neuter policy. This also does not state what the requirements are to have an intact license and how many per person could be issued.
16. I have major objections to and will oppose for our Federation and breeders. What difference does it make if you have intact or neutered animals under the fancier's permit. It is necessary sometimes to have intact animals because of health issues, age, and just having a breeding program that is diverse and set up for possible reproduction problems in the other animals in that bloodline. This I would fight against since it makes no sense as far as an issue that animal control or neighbors should be negatively affected by, but would be a major problem to breeders and showing.

Condition 10

17. Even though we are not covering it as part of the Fanciers Permit, the litter fee needs to be reassessed. It is way too high.
18. Changed to be in line with PACFA language.
19. Only one litter of offspring under age of 6 months *** as a discussion point, I think this may be a bit too restrictive, I appreciate the age adjustment but the litter number may need some tweaking as well. I am not sure how to word it exactly while still trying to keep the intent of not having a million of litters on the ground at the same time and keeping a ton of puppies around. As an example, a friend of mine (lives in Elizabeth) had an overlap of 2 litters for about a month. First litter of 3 was born early Nov and second litter of 4 was born a month later. So for a month before the first litter went home at 8 weeks she actually had 2 litters.
20. #10 - by this verbiage you would be limiting someone with small litters (1-3) to an unsustainable level of breeding and gene pool. Use the state PACFA statue definition of an exempt breeder, or similar, not this. We would also actively oppose this provision as written here.

Condition 11

21. The explanation is not necessary and actually made the condition more confusing than just stating the rule.

22. Also, on Condition 11: The wording of this seems to conflict with the renewal that is addressed later in another condition. "

Condition 12

23. The word "facility" was removed as it lends itself to a different definition than someone's home. Location is a better definition and gets the point across. That the permit is granted to a specific person at a specific location and is not automatically transferable.

Condition 13

24. The specific wording "obnoxious, offensive, or unsanitary" were removed as they were not defined enough. Complying with the current code covers these items.
25. My biggest issue with the Sec 14-13 Humane Care is the yellow highlighted portions as it should not be up to an animal control office to attempt to analyze building structural strength, electrical power, building or housing code, fencing codes, and etc. They are not considered experts in this field and should not be allowed to determine that there could be a violation in one of these areas. Secondly, areas highlighted in green seem more applicable to a commercial animal and livestock operation than for animal fancier's permit holder.

Sec. 14-13. - Humane care.

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Generally. Each animal shall be adequately supervised by the owner and cared for so as to prevent injury, diseases or neglect. Sick or injured animals shall be provided with veterinary care and cared for in a manner that provides for the health and comfort of the animal at all times. (b)

Standards. Every owner, agent, lessee, tenant or occupant of any premises where any animal is kept shall ensure all equipment, buildings and facilities are constructed and maintained to not less than the following standards: (1)

Structural strength. Housing facilities or shelters for animals shall be structurally sound and able to contain the animals and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, adverse weather, safety or health hazards. (2)

Water. Adequate and potable water shall be available to the animals at all times unless veterinary orders indicate to the contrary. Watering receptacles shall be kept clean. (3)

Electric power. Reliable and adequate electric power shall be provided if required for lighting or heating. (4)

Storage. Supplies of feed and bedding shall be stored and protected against infestation or contamination by vermin or decaying organic matter. (5)

Condition 14

26. This would include also in my opinion Animal services promptly providing a copy to permit holders.
27. Didn't we add something about "within a reasonable time frame"? What is the definition of "readily available" or that "reasonable time frame"? I thought we had worked through what that time frame was.
28. Displaying it is not necessary. Having it readily available for examination if necessary is sufficient.

Condition 15

29. The language in B needs to be cleaned up. Current: The Permittee has failed to comply with any condition or requirement of the permit has failed to pay any fee required by this Code... I think we need to add "or" in front of "has" to read: .."or has failed to pay any fee required by this Code."
30. 48 hours was removed as many fanciers travel for up to 1-2 weeks, and 48 hours is simply not enough time to be compliant.

Condition 16

31. I'm concerned about the 1 additional animal exemption. There might be situation in which you have more than one puppy / dog come back that could temporarily put you over the limit.
32. Responsible breeders will always take a returned dog for any reason, therefore they could possibly be over their own permitted limit temporarily.

Condition 17

33. The reinspection process seems punitive in nature to me and I doubt it would help in overall compliance with Aurora Animal Policy. Unless, there is a violation, I feel reinspection is unwarranted and represents an invasion of persons privacy rights as the majority of permit holders are "hobby" exhibitors, fanciers, and/or breeders not operating on a business or commercial basis. I am not opposed to the a small renewal fee in order to continue to have a fanciers permit just the reinspection part. Another example, one doesn't have to take a wriitten and motor vehicle driver's test each time they renew their state driver's unless for some reason their license has been revoked.
34. Still not crazy about the re-inspection. I am happy to pay a fee every three years, but the inspection is stressful and I know permit holders

are going to be worried that they are going to be revoked. I think re-inspection should only be for those that have had complaints lodged against them.

35. I agree in the concept of a renewal process. I agree with a possible reinspection. I am not sure I agree with another fee. I feel it is a bit punitive to people who are trying to do the right thing by applying to the city for a permit rather than just housing too many animals. If the fee is implemented it should be less than the initial application fee.
36. I am still opposed to Condition 17 as I feel reinspection is not warranted unless there is a known violation. I strongly feel that most in a hoarding situation would not even apply for a fancier's permit to begin with and why punish or further scrutinize those that are making an effort to follow laws and procedures concerning obtaining/keeping an Animal Fancier's Permit. I am not opposed to permit holders having to pay a renewal fee every three years.
37. I am happy to pay a fee, but would rather not see a re-inspection. First this creates more work for Animal Services. Second, going through an inspection is rather nerve wracking, so let's not put people through it for the sake of putting people through it. If there is an issue or a complaint, but all means do a re-inspection. And yes, technically, having passed the first time should mean that you pass subsequent re-inspections. But, I know that differing information has been shared by Animal Services during the inspection process, sometimes by the same Animal Services agent. Again, this can cause undue stress on those that are being re-inspected. My thought is charge a fee, but don't re-inspect unless there is an issue or a complaint.
38. I am adamantly opposed to the suggestion concerning renewal and potential re-inspection every 2 years for fanciers because the people for the most part being issued "fanciers" permit are actively engaged in a hobby for personal pleasure and enjoyment not as a for profit animal related business. In example, several of Aurora's neighboring cities such as Parker, and Centennial allow 4 household pets which could be 4 domestic dogs while Aurora only allows 3 dogs. A person living in Aurora would have to apply and be approved for a permit to legally have 4 dogs in Aurora that they could legally have in say Parker. I feel it is wrong to put people through the process of reinspection every two years for basically their household, family pets. The fancier's permit exception, I believe, was designed for hobbyists which show and/or have companion animals and it was not created for an actual business and/or breeding operation. I do not feel inspecting someone's home every two years would help compliance issues but just mainly feel like an invasion of privacy and intrusion on person's right to freely enjoy their personal residence. There is no justification that is acceptable to put a person

who is abiding by the rules though this anxiety provoking process. If a known or suspected violation has occurred, then the appropriate legal measures and actions such as warrant should be granted for animal control to enter the premises and legally enforce the law. Having inspections every two years is not going to really help compliance with the laws but just mainly be an intrusion and invasion of a person's rights. It is also my thought that any animal fancier, AKC or otherwise who applies to have an animal fancier permit and submits themselves to the initial inspection, animal licensing, and etc. is person that is attempting to comply and follow the existing animal policy laws.

Condition 18

39. insert "examples include AKC, TIKA,"
40. I have a problem with "actively participating". In just a few years, I am going to have a house of retirees. At that point, I may or may not get another show prospect. I don't want to be out of compliance because I am not actively participating anymore. Also, the last sentence has some wording issues.
41. The term "fancier" needed to be defined so that the city and public can read and clearly understand that a fancier is active in the dog and/or cat world and not just housing too many animals.
42. This needs to include the UKC (United Kennel Club) 2nd largest dog registry in US
43. The explanatory paragraph provided is not written well and needs some work. The correct sentiment is there it is just not worded well. Maybe something like: The group believes that the term "fancier" should be defined and as such added criteria #18. The group believes it is important that the Fanciers are actively involved in the animal community, and the permit is not just a reason to have more animals than normally allowed. People who are showing often have additional animals that are in the process of training but not yet showing so that as one dog retires another will be ready to show soon. The permit is granted to an active person not a specific active dog. As a side note the application will need to be redone to reflect these changes and items that are now required. A check list should also be created and made available to applicants.

Overall Comments

44. Overall a much better program as a result of this collaborative approach to problem solve
45. I am mostly in favor of most of the changes with the exception of the renewal reinspection as I feel this portion is punitive in nature and an invasion of a person's privacy especially when they are in compliance with Aurora's Animal Policy and/or the conditions of their permit.

46. I truly appreciate the city of Aurora and the Animal Care division taking the time to work on this and to try and get it "right" for the city and the fanciers alike rather than do away with a program that is working for the fanciers and is trying to be taken advantage of by others who intend to house too many animals for different reasons than being a true "fancier". It is an example of involving the interested parties to work to an agreeable outcome for all.
47. Thanks for listening to, and working with the dog community on this. Look forward to working with you in the future.
48. This end product is a collaborative effort with all the parties involved agreeing and adding suggestions.
49. I really appreciate the City of Aurora and Animal Services taking the time to form a working group to get input from permit holders and those in the dog fancy. I am sure that we would all be willing to help with any animal/dog related rules and legislation in the future. Thank you!!!
50. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this working group.
51. Loved working with the department and other concerned people to get to a result that meets everyone's needs.
52. I would also like to suggest that the litter fees are re-evaluated. I know this document doesn't have to do with that, but the fees are exorbitant and are another reason that some people won't apply for the permit.
53. I do think that the Fancier's Permit should be considered as it's own, standalone ordinance, rather than as an "exception to" the "excessive animal" (in itself, negative wording) ordinance.

Appendix C: Phase 1 Enhanced Public Engagement

Chapter 14 Proposed Revision – Public Comments

Note: All comments are without revision and listed based on where they were received (online surveys, open house comments, emails to staff)

Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R8	7.15.19	80138	There must be reasonable cause for an officer to enter a home or property without owner's permission.
C2	R10*	7.15.19	27958	Not user friendly.
C3	R27*	7.14.19	80011	Na
C4	R47*	7.13.19	80014	I agree with most of this
C5	R53*	7.12.19	80016	If a person has a ridiculous number of “pets” crated up, not adequately cared for, matted hair, animal waste all over the place, go in!!
C6	R65	7.12.19	80015	All the places you want to remove “or custodian” you should leave in. If a dog sitter or family member is watching a dog they should have to follow the rules like owners. Also, under the cruelty ones you should keep “or” not “and” so cruelty doesn’t have to be no food and no water and no shelter. No water alone can be cruel. No shelter alone can be cruel . . . There is no point in taking out the word pit bull in restricted breeds if you still are not allowing staffy breeds. There should be no restricted breeds. When my dog was bit at dog parks, quincy and cherry creek, it wasn’t restricted breeds. One time it was a lab type mix, once it was a husky. I have met staffies that were super nice. I have seen many other breeds that were not good around other dogs or people. That isn’t the breed. It is the owner.
C7	R91	7.11.19	80011	I don’t think pit bulls should be banned.
C8	R105*	7.11.19	80016	LIFT BAN AGAINST PIT BULS!
C9	R112	7.11.19	80014	I feel like pitbulls are given a bad rep. I would have one to watch over my 7 year old. Daughter.
C10	R150*	7.11.19	32828	I have owned Many different breeds over the years....now, at age 70, I rescued an American Staffordshire Pitbull (a one year old stray). He is a big, gentle, intelligent baby.....as sweet as my King Charles. Each dog should be evaluated singularly, regardless of breed. More often than not, it is the owner that dictates a dog’s behavior. All dogs respond positively to love. Thank you.
C11	R264	7.9.19	80010	Owners should be banned and not breeds
C12	R273	7.9.19	80015	changes are unnecessary

* = previous comment made

C13	R290*	6.25.19	80015	<p>14-1 Definitions - Animal rescue – not sure about “firm”. I don’t know what you mean by “firms”. How about changing to “organization”?</p> <p>Definition of PACFA - PACFA means the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act, C.R.S. § 35-80-101 et seq. PACFA is a licensing and inspection program dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of those animals in pet care facilities throughout Colorado.</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>Definition of Animal Rescue - Animal rescue means any firm, person, or corporation that accepts pet animals for the purpose of finding permanent adoptive homes for these animals and does not maintain a central facility for keeping animals.</p> <p>Rescue organization means an organization licensed by PACFA who accepts pet animals for the purpose of finding permanent adoptive homes for animals, who may or may not maintain a facility for keeping animals but uses a system of fostering in private homes or boarding or keeping pets in licensed pet animal facilities. If PACFA oversees animals in pet care facilities and animal rescue does not maintain a central facility for keeping animals, how is it that PACFA oversees animal rescue and rescue organizations that do not maintain facilities? PACFA seems to be overstepping their purview.</p>
C14	R296	6.18.19	80015	officers should be able to inspect and take necessary action regardless of whether or not they have the owners permission in order to save an animal
C15	R309*	6.7.19	92407	I have always wanted ACOs to be able to enter and take animals away when the conditions warrant doing so.
C16	R334*	6.3.19	80013	It is important to add the language that only the affected area can be entered
C17	R338	6.3.19	80016	There are some HOAs that do not have the correct info in their rules and regulations that comply with the dog leash laws of Aurora, which I believe requires a 10’ minimum leash.
C18	R345*	6.3.19	80012	I would love to see Aurora join other successful cities who have a shelter-spay-release program. I also agree that if an animal is trained and works as a service animal the breed should not matter.
C19	R360*	6.3.19	80016	Seems like a good idea.
C20	R365	6.3.19	80013	well done
C21	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! Owners do not pick-up the poop!!! Poop left in parks, other owner’s areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???
C22	R367	6.3.19	80015	An animal officer or cop SHOULD be able to enter a property with or WITHOUT the owner’s permission, if it is suspected that grave danger or harm is associated with the animal or with animal/human interaction. Why make an officer go through all that bureaucracy of getting owner’s permission... because that could days or weeks, and by then serious harm/death/consequences could have already occurred.
C23	R377	6.3.19	80016	Stop adding more regulations and taxes/fees. Enough is enough.
C24	R403	5.31.19	80010	I don’t think anyone should be allowed to enter a yard or property without full permission from the home owner unless an animals life is threatened and it is a life or death situation. I don’t want anyone in my yard or business that I didn’t ask to be there.

* = previous comment made

Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R27*	7.14.19	80011	no
C2	R47*	7.13.19	80014	When ever a animal is in danger. With multiple calls, officers should be able to confiscate animals. And take them to rescuers
C3	R53*	7.12.19	80016	no
C4	R105*	7.11.19	80013	UNBAN PITBULS
C5	R276	7.9.19	80018	It makes no sense to eliminate your breed ban when the breed is mauling and killing like no other. It's called public safety and you either have it or you don't. Keep the ban or we will suffer the consequences.
C6	R309*	6.7.19	92407	Doing away with a ban on pits is not a good move. Considering how many people and animals are being mauled and killed daily by the breed, it makes no sense to give them an open invitation to do it to your constituents.
C7	R334*	6.3.19	80013	no
C8	R345*	6.3.19	80012	My interactions have all been positive and professional.
C9	R360*	6.3.19	80016	No
C10	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! Owners do not pick-up the poop!!! Poop left in parks, other owner's areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???
C11	R412	5.28.19	80012	I don't like the words "pets" and "owned." I prefer "animal companions" and "lives with as a companion." Why do community-cat caretakers have to be registered? Can't anyone help out feral cats? I have always done so, and have never been registered, nor would I want to be.

Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R10*	7.15.19	27958	REMOVE BREED SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. It should read breed breed neutral. You want safety for your citizens, but refuse science based data. Specific breed legislation lends a false sense of security for citizens. OWNERS should be held to account for ALL ANIMALS, not specific few.
C2	R27*	7.14.19	80011	no
C3	R47*	7.13.19	80014	No
C4	R53*	7.12.19	80016	no

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C5	R105*	7.11.19	80013	ALLOW PITBULLs
C6	R334*	6.3.19	80013	No
C7	R360*	6.3.19	80016	No
C8	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! owners do not pick-up the poop!!! poop left in parks, other owner's areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???

Section 14-5(a) 1 Running at Large: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R50	7.13.19	80013	Listen while everyone is so focused on pit bulls there are other aggressive breeds doing worse. It's the owner that makes the animals who they are there are millions of pit bulls that are amazing and sweet I have one as my service dog!!!!
C2	R150*	7.11.19	32828	I am glad to see dialogue being initiated on behalf of common sense and an elevation of education about dog breeds. Environment and circumstance directly effect a dog's response.
C3	R288	6.26.19	80011	Tethering unsupervised dogs is never safe and is known to make some dogs more aggressive; dogs should be required to be in a fenced yard or large exercise pen/kennel.
C4	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! owners do not pick-up the poop!!! poop left in parks, other owner's areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???

Section 14-5(a) 1 Running at Large: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Reference #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! owners do not pick-up the poop!!! poop left in parks, other owner's areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???
C2	R394	6.2.19	80260	No tethering

Section 14-5(a) 1 Running at Large: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R366*	6.3.19	80011	needs to have something added regarding owners who do not pick up the poop!!! owners do not pick-up the poop!!! poop left in parks, other owner's areas, sidewalks....add DNA testing???

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Section 14-5(c) Running at Large: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R110	7.11.19	80011	I would like to comment on the pit bull ban I think this law should be changed any dog can bite it is how the dog is raised not all pit bulls are bad please change this law.
C2	R128	7.11.19	80247	There should be tighter regulations on how they are confined. Keeping them 100% inside is excessive but adequate outdoor enclosures with roof to prevent unwanted entrance from animals would be a nice compromise
C3	R371*	6.3.19	80011	I could be reading this wrong, but are we starting to Spay-Neuter-Release cat colonies, only to allow unspayed females to be outside in estrus? Perhaps its covered somewhere else - I'm happy to be wrong - but I don't think it's good practice to not have consequences for owners who could be contributing to an animal problem down the road. I think this coupled with the no permit needed for a litter of puppies is allowing people to not have to take responsibility for their pets.

Section 14-5(c) Running at Large: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

No Comments were received through the online survey.

Section 14-5(c) Running at Large: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R371*	6.3.19	80011	I'm not sure what the committee's thinking was on removing this, so it's hard to say what I would want it to say. Maybe transparency on the reasoning for some of these changes?

Section 14-5.5 Encroachment: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R182*	7.11.19	80012	There are no specifics. For instance it is not a certain length of time or a certain amount of times the animal encroaches. So, if my dog gets away from me and steps 2 feet in someone else's yard for 40 seconds, I can be charged? There also isn't a mention of a type of proof. So, my neighbor who doesn't like me can just say my dog was in their yard and I can be charged?

* = previous comment made

C2	R378	6.3.19	80014	Vague wording. Encroachment... is any part of the animal extending beyond the owner's property? Shouldn't there be clarification such as "un-tethered or unrestrained? Otherwise any time a dog is on a leashed walk it could be considered encroaching as I read this definition.
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Section 14-5.5 Encroachment: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R182*	7.11.19	80012	Require photo evidence that clearly shows the animal clearly on their property. Require proof that the animal posed a threat or did damage or the owner refused to remove the animal from the property when asked. Provide proof that the animal is repeatedly on the property.

Section 14-5.5 Encroachment: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R182*	7.11.19	80012	Require photo evidence that clearly shows the animal clearly on their property. Require proof that the animal posed a threat or did damage or the owner refused to remove the animal from the property when asked. Provide proof that the animal is repeatedly on the property
C2	R378	6.3.19	80014	Language clarifying the definition of encroachment.

Section 14-6(a) Cruelty: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R310*	6.7.19	80013	Cruelty is never acceptable! From Anyone! On Any Animal!
C2	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Cruelty should extend to the adjoining neighbors. I had a neighbor who drilled long screws into the lower portion of the fence to inflict deliberate harm on to my animals. They throw rocks at the fence to aggregate the dogs and NOTHING WAS DONE.

Section 14-6(a) Cruelty: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R310*	6.7.19	80013	Act on ALL tips about fighting animals!

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C2	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Extend the ordinance to include neighbors.
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Section 14-6(a) Cruelty: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R280	6.28.19	80018	I would like to see language that makes it clear that the obligations for care of an animal specified in 14-6(a) apply only to the owner of the animal or the person in the care or possession of an animal. As written it seems to apply to anyone that happens to come upon an animal in need of care.
C2	R310*	6.7.19	80013	No
C3	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Neighbors shall be held liable for the intentional infliction of harm onto any animal.

Section 14-6(c) Cruelty: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R357*	6.3.19	80018	I don't think that any animal should be kept in a garage in a cage 24 hours a day; 365 days per year. An animal should be treated as part of your family or they are not allowed to own one.
C2	R634*	6.2.19	80017	Dogs in crates do not need a supply of water or food. One of the first steps to crate training is to remove water in order to prevent puppies/young dogs from urinating in their crates. It is completely unnecessary to have water and food provided at all times. In their crates, they are sleeping while owners are away. While sleeping, they do not need food and water.

Section 14-6(c) Cruelty: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R357*	6.3.19	80018	Yes---staff should be able to remove the animal that is kept in a cage in the garage 24 hours per day

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Section 14-6(c) Cruelty: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R212	7.10.19	80010	A provision about how animals kept in outdoor enclosures need to be indoors in the night time hours so that they aren't left in the dark/cold and so that they aren't barking.
C2	R364*	6.3.19	80017	Instead of: "no animal shall be confined without an adequate supply of food and water or protection from the elements and extremes in temperature." I would like to see: "no animal shall be confined without adequate protection from the elements and extremes in temperature." You can then address the lack of food or water under 14-6(a) with phrasing that is already present: "deprives of necessary sustenance" Sustenance is defined as food and drink regarded as a source of strength. So the phrasing currently present allows an animal control officer to charge if there was not adequate food or water. If the dog is not suffering from dehydration (which can be proven via an animal control officer performing a turgor test) than the dog was given adequate water. If the dog is a healthy weight, the dog was given adequate food.

Section 14-6(e) Cruelty: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	Poisoning is an inhumane way to kill an animal and poses danger to other wildlife up the food chain. Expanding the amount of wildlife that may be legally poisoned will present more of a danger to foxes, coyotes, and raptors. These predators are an important part of our ecosystem and regularly feed on jackrabbits, prairie dogs, and gophers. Since these animals are also common near residential areas poisoning them also poses a danger to domestic animals. A dying prairie dog, jackrabbit, or gopher could easily find it's way under a fence and into a yard where it could be eaten by a pet dog. A couple of summers ago a dead bald eagle was found in the field behind my house. A necropsy was done and it was determined to be poisoned, most likely from eating prey that had been poisoned. Our beautiful and important diverse wildlife should not be put into danger because someone wants to take the easy and cruel route to pest control.
C2	R215	7.10.19	80017	It is not safe, responsible, nor humane to allow poisoning of any animal whatsoever. There should be no exceptions to this.

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C3	R344*	6.3.19	80014	I don't understand the need to poison jackrabbits, prairie dogs, or pocket gophers.
C4	R363*	6.3.19	80017	Jack rabbits should not be included as they're not nearly as harmful to property as prairie dogs.
Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C5	R367*	6.3.19	80015	I actually highly support adding gophers, prairie dogs to the list... BUT we should also INCLUDE BATS!!! They are not rats and in fact highly beneficial to the environment where humans live, by fighting the mosquito population and eating other non-beneficial bugs and pests. Can you please add bats to the list of those creatures that cannot be poisoned recklessly?
C6	R373*	6.3.19	80013	We need to keep this subsection current with "prohibits poisoning animals and distributing poison to animals". There is no need to jackrabbits, prairie dogs and pocket gophers. These animals should NOT be exempt from this subsection. Absolutely unacceptable. We poison them, we poison owls, other birds, as well as fox and other native species to our lands. They all have a purpose in our food chain and there are less invasive ways to rid our yards and areas of these rodents in humane way.
C7	R396*	6.1.19	80016	We had a have a huge problem with various wild rabbits; The average person does not know if one is a jack rabbit so I would suggest keeping this general to wild rabbits coming onto your property.
C8	R414*	5.27.19	80231	Poison is one of the least specific methods of animal control. Poisoning a prey animal poisons the carnivores that eat it. It poisons the scavengers that eat the carcass. Owls, hawks, foxes, crows, snakes, and so many more. Even domestic cats or dogs. The more animals you consider to be satisfactory for poisoning, the more collateral damage you will cause to the wildlife people like to see. Furthermore, evidence shows that prairie dogs are rarely sources for zoonotic diseases. Even the plague, which everybody worries about, is extremely uncommon. This is because it kills off the entire colony, usually before any human interaction can occur. These are not major zoonotic illness trouble spots, no matter what people may think anecdotally. Furthermore, prairie dogs are keystone species, providing important habitat to various animals that use their burrows and various carnivores that hunt them. This makes prairie dogs a major radiating source for collateral damage if you allow private consumers to engage in poisoning campaigns. Also, as the list of allowable species expands, how on earth could the city prove someone was attempting to poison their neighbors cat, instead of the many rabbits, gophers, or prairie dogs around. It will make it harder to prosecute animal cruelty via poisoning.

Section 14-6(e) Cruelty: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R344*	6.3.19	80014	No
C2	R363*	6.3.19	80017	I assume this comes from people complaining about gardens being destroyed. Fences or fence like covers should be erected around gardens for protection. Jack rabbits sleep during the day so protecting gardens are mostly necessary at night only.
Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C3	R373*	6.3.19	80013	Keep ordinance as is. No changes.
C4	R396*	6.1.19	80016	Pellet guns and air rifle should be allowed as that is more humane, and the poison can affect dogs and cats, that may try to eat the poisoned animals
C5	R414*	5.27.19	80231	There are alternative trapping/killing methods for control of "pest" species. Let consumers use those. Let the city be in charge of poisoning ecologically important animals. Let the city, that has parks and wildlife staff be in charge of deeming when and where poison is a net benefit despite the ecological cost.

Section 14-6(e) Cruelty: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see the ordinance stay the same and the three new additions of jackrabbits, prairie dogs, and pocket gophers not be approved.
C2	R344*	6.3.19	80014	Not sure what to suggest
C3	R363*	6.3.19	80017	Remove Jack rabbit from the list
C4	R373*	6.3.19	80013	No, I am strongly opposed to the proposed verbiage.
C5	R396*	6.1.19	80016	If the city still provides traps and the renting of them, it should be noted in this section so as to offer all methods available before drastic measures may need to be taken.
C6	R414*	5.27.19	80231	Do not use any of the proposed changes. Heck, remove bats. Of bats submitted for CDC testing due to weakness, illness, or being caught by a pet, 6% had rabies. Bats are not a serious source of rabies. Despite what anecdotes may have the community believe. However, bats are efficient managers of a breathtaking amount of insects and arthropods that we consider to be pests. Bat removal professionals abound, and bats need all the help they can get anyway.

Section 14-6(g) Cruelty: Please provide your general comments about this section.

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Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	This was not listed in the ordinances as it cut of at (f) in this section.
Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C2	R181*	7.11.19	80214	Requiring the ability to reach food seems like it could make it easy to give out tickets based on animals not having access to food. Many owners feed their dogs on specific schedules and do not practice free-feeding. That means dogs do not have access to food at all times and that is not necessarily cruelty.
C3	R286	6.26.19	80013	I wish there was a definition for how long the tethering should be in the back of a car. Dogs have jumped out of trucks, tethered, and it was too long and they've been very injured.

Section 14-6(g) Cruelty: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	Provide the layout of said ordinance in document.

Section 14-6(g) Cruelty: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	N/A
C2	181*	7.11.19	80214	Instead of "food & water", the language of the proposed changes should be animal should have access to "necessary resources at appropriate times".

Section 14-6(h) Cruelty: Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	This was not listed in the ordinances as it cut of at (f) in this section.
C2	R216	7.10.19	80247	This is all the humans fault
C3	R310*	6.7.19	80013	Fighting dogs is the very WORST act of violence that society has turned a blind eye to! We ALL need to put extreme effort into stopping it! It's a Plague!

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Section 14-6(h) Cruelty: Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	Please provide more info.
C3	R310*	6.7.19	80013	Don't look at the breed! Look at the life in front of you! Have compassion!

Section 14-6(h) Cruelty: Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R76*	7.12.19	80015	N/A

Section 14-8(a) Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R59	7.12.19	80017	Pitbulls should remain banned.
C2	R72	7.12.19	80012	The definition of wolf hybrid - "any percentage of wolf" is extreme. There needs to be a more reasonable determination of this; a dog with 1% match is much different than one with 75% match!
C3	R122	7.11.19	80109	I am a castle rock resident and the new switch to the dangerous animal ordinance has been life changing for us. We recently moved to castle rock post ban lift and couldn't be happier. I believe all animals have the ability to be good or bad, aggressive or timid, it's the owners who allow these traits to rise and present.
C4	R171*	7.11.19	80016	The language in 14-8(a)(8) is contradictory and would seem to give animal services carte blanche to seize and animal if they thought it was a wolf hybrid. "For purposes of this section "wolf hybrid" means the offspring of a wolf (canis lupus) and a domestic dog (canis lupus familiaris) as determined by any percentage of wolf (canis lupus) in the animal's DNA test." A hybrid, in terms of breeding, is only considered a hybrid up to the F4 generation from the original wolf and dog pairing. Anything after the F4 generation is a genetically different subset of animals unless wolf is directly brought back in to the breeding lines. The language in this section is confusing because it first states a hybrid is "the offspring of a wolf and dog" and then goes on to state "as determined by any amount of wolf blood." This statement means two different things from a genetics perspective. A pure wolf and dog offspring is called an

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				interspecific hybrid. The language of a dog with "any content of wolf blood" is a red flag because there are many breeds of dog that could test positive for wolf blood because of several reasons. One being it could be a more primitive breed and has not been established for as long as others; two: a dog, unbeknownst to its owner, could have had a wolf or wolf hybrid in its lineage somewhere, causing the dog to test positive for wolf blood (this can happen in GSD, Alaskan Malamute, Siberian Husky lines). There are a handful of pedigreed primitive breeds that are AKC/FSS/UKC/FCI recognized that have the potential of testing positive for wolf blood content because they are a relatively new breed (ie: Tamaskan, Sarloos, Northern Inuit Dog). Furthermore, canine DNA tests are not fool proof and run the risk of having a margin of error depending on the dog's genetic makeup. A dog may come back as having wolf blood content when, in fact, they are a genetically separate breed but because wolves and dogs share 98.8% of their genetic makeup and have similar alleles the potential is there. Many tests only have a database to compare genetic samples to of AKC registered breeds. A database is only as good as how many breeds are in it.
C5	R204*	7.10.19	80013	Some of the BEST dogs I have known, in the past, have been wolf-hybrids! All of our modern-day dogs are just wolves that have had certain DNA traits bred out of them. Wolf hybrids help to introduce back in some of the original DNA that can make for a healthier and longer-living companion/pet! This little bit would make me have to vote against the whole thing. As I adamantly disagree with this one!
C6	R342*	6.3.19	80012	Having a category so broad as "any percentage of DNA" and having to prove it causes an undue burden of proof. People can make a guess about wolf DNA, or pit bull, and cause all kinds of heartbreak and trouble for animals that cause no harm. This is just not specific enough and does not add protections to citizens from good animals.
C7	R384*	6.3.19	80016	As long as proper care is taken with wolf hybrids, they shouldn't be outright prohibited.
C8	R396*	6.1.19	80016	Maybe this should be broader to note animals not native to Colorado so that multiple snake varieties are included along with other animals that are not domesticated but not traditional pets

Section 14-8(a) Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R59*	7.12.19	80017	Pitbulls should remain banned.
C2	R171*	7.11.19	80016	I would like to see clarification to the definition "wolf hybrid" as defined as either an "interspecific hybrid" (wolf dad/dog mom) or have a specific percentage attached to wolf blood content or a generational number from the initial hybridization (F1-4).
C3	R204*	7.10.19	80013	I would rather see there be aggressive and dangerous pets/dogs restricted. Not particular 'breeds' of dogs.
C4	R342*	6.3.19	80012	The Denver Dumb Friends League is a leader and expert in these issues, and I should hope their statistics would be consulted.

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C5	R396*	6.1.19	80016	Not sure which subsection, but is there any concern with boats coming from other areas in to the reservoirs that may contain zebra mussels or other foreign, invader species? What other non-native animals do we need to note?
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Section 14-8(a) Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R59*	7.12.19	80017	Continue ban
C2	R171*	7.11.19	80016	Hybrid defined as "the offspring of a wolf and dog....as determined by a percentage of wolf blood content higher than (example) 25% or of F4 genetic lineage" Something more specific than the contradictory language that is proposed.
C3	R384*	6.3.19	80016	Instead of prohibition, please consider a permit system so that qualified owners may have a wolf-dog and show competence with owning such an animal.

Section 14-8(b) Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	One should be presumed innocent until guilt is proven, not the other way around. The changes proposed in this section give too much power to an animal control officer to confiscate an animal and deem it prohibited, even if it might not be. It also forces an owner to prove their animal is not prohibited which could cost money and time from work. If the owner can not afford to come up with the proof needed by the city then they potentially lose an animal that was legal to own. While I agree that some exotic animals should not be kept as pets, in the case of an animal that falls into an uncertain category, it should be on the city to prove it is restricted before it is confiscated.
C2	R171*	7.11.19	80016	As proposed: "In the event of uncertainty whether a particular animal is a prohibited animal, it shall be presumed prohibited until proven not prohibited by a preponderance of the evidence to the satisfaction of the Municipal Court. " This is a guilty until proven innocent approach. This could also give animal services carte blanche to seize an animal based on appearance or behavior. This is could have the possibility of going sideways quickly if there was a misinterpretation to a family dog, similar to the city case in 2017 with the black GSD Capone. And what, exactly, is the satisfaction of the Municipal court? If a dog were to come back with "any percentage of wolf blood" but is a pedigreed and recognized dog breed, who wins? The dog or the court?

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Section 14-8(b) Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see the burden of proof to fall on the city and not on the owner.
C2	R171*	7.11.19	80016	Dogs should not be judged on their appearance alone. Many breeds look "wolfy" and that should not give animal services the right to pry into someone's dog's background based on that alone and call that animal prohibited. This could potentially give Animal Services the right to impound a family animal based on look alone until a genetic test is done - which then, if unbeknownst to the owner comes back with "any percentage of wolf blood" could cause someone to loose a family member.

Section 14-8(b) Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	In the event of uncertainty whether a particular animal is a prohibited animal, it shall be presumed allowable until proven prohibited by a preponderance of the evidence to the satisfaction of the Municipal Court.
C2	R171*	7.11.19	80016	As with human law, an animal should be innocent until proven guilty.

Section 14-8(c) Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R413*	5.27.19	80227	I would like to see Aurora overturn the ban on owning pet pigs. As I understand it, the ban was written in the 1970s before the potbelly pig as a pet was introduced to the US in the 1980s. nobody wants to have a farm hog living in their yard/house, but potbelly pigs are small, clean, smart and most people who own them consider them members of the family.

Section 14-8(c) Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R413*	5.27.19	80227	I would like to see the ban lifted, with no weight restrictions, measures put into place to require spay/neuter, vaccinate and microchip as a prerequisite for the permitting process.

Section 14-8(c) Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R413*	5.27.19	80227	we at Hog Haven Farm are willing to help in any way we can with education, writing the code or whatever is needed, answer any questions you have about pigs as pets you may have. hoghavenfarm.org

Section 14-8(d) – No comments were received for the proposed revision under this section of the survey.

Section 14-16 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	This section makes me worry about abuse of the system. If the animal control division benefits from restitution directly I feel like it could lead to cases where they create situations that increase their financial intake from the public. (Slowing down cases so dogs stay in the shelter longer racking up daily fees for example.)
C2	R268	7.9.19	80011	This is a huge win for animal services across the nation as it is a common occurrence for revenues to funnel into the general fund. This will help the public feel confident that their gifts are going to the direct cause it's intended for.

Section 14-16 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see this ordinance remain as it is currently with the money going to a general city fund.

Section 14-16 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

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No comments were received.

Section 14-17 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R6*	7.15.19	80233	I agree but what are the costs
C2	R258	7.9.19	80012	Overreach. The city doesn't need to know everything about everything.
C3	R402*	5.31.19	80010	The price disparity between neutered and in tact should be altered for giant breed dogs. This is because current best practices recommend that ALL giant breeds (male or female) stay in tact for at least 3-5 years while growing to allow access to needed hormones to prevent bone deformities.

Section 14-17 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R6*	7.15.19	80233	No
C3	R402*	5.31.19	80010	See above. Original comment - The price disparity between neutered and in tact should be altered for giant breed dogs. This is because current best practices recommend that ALL giant breeds (male or female) stay in tact for at least 3-5 years while growing to allow access to needed hormones to prevent bone deformities.

Section 14-17 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R402*	5.31.19	80010	Yes. Change licensing fee for giant dog breeds to the same as neutered dogs for a 3-5 year period. If after this time frame the owner still has an intact dog, they can pay the increased fee as they may be using the animal for stud.

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Section 14-18 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R384*	6.3.19	80016	I do not think the suggested language should be added to the code; if someone has financial hardship, I do not believe they should necessarily have shelter fees waived to have a pet. Pets are large responsibilities financially, and if someone cannot afford food, shelter, toys, vet bills, etc. we should not encourage pet ownership. I understand the emotional benefits that pet provide, but the pets welfare should not be compromised to provide this.

Section 14-18 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

No comments were received in the survey.

Section 14-18 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

No comments were received in the survey.

Section 14-42(c) Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R120*	7.11.19	80017	ANYONE who keeps a pet that is not spayed or neutered should be required to register the animal, immediately report litters born, and provide the county a financial guarantee that the litter will NEVER become wards of animal control or else the owner/breeder should bear 100% of the cost of caring for that animal, PLUS STIFF PENALTIES. Backyard breeding MUST END!
C2	R283*	6.26.19	80011	To eliminate the litter permit will only condone backyard breeding and deprive the city of the ability to know how much breeding is happening.

Section 14-42(c) Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

No comments were received in the survey.

Section 14-42(c) Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

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Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R283*	6.26.19	80011	I think it should be left in the ordinance.

Section 14-71(b) Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R383	6.3.19	80011	If there is a conviction of any ordinance related to cruelty, abuse, or there are more than 3 minor violations in 12 months. This seems like they should not be allowed do breed etc if they have that many violations in such a short time. That is a habitual problem
C2	R319*	6.5.19	80011	Mostly okay with it however the item of "Permit holders that are breeding may have up to 24 puppies/kittens or 2 litters of puppies/kittens whichever is greater in 6 months." is too high it should be whichever is lower in 12 months. There are way to many puppies and kittens being breed, people should focus on ADOPTING.
C3	R290*	6.25.19	80015	The issuance of permits under these exceptions shall be in accordance with the conditions established by the city council. – What are the conditions?
C4	R289	6.25.19	80016	Would like to see the amount go up to 4 dogs.
C5	R283*	6.26.19	80011	The practice of offering fancier’s permits to citizens will allow for situations where a family member must move in with a parent or other family member to keep their pets. If an adult child must move into an aging parents home to care give, why should the city not allow them to keep their pet, legally, so long as there are no other violations of city ordinances?
C6	R190*	7.10.19	80013	I would like to see the fancier's permit to be extended to those who foster dogs for rescues. The current practice of having to register each foster dog is cumbersome, therefore, it isn't followed. Giving a more reasonable way to license foster dogs equals greater compliance and makes it more likely people will agree to foster dogs in need. Also, the language for breeding show dogs should include requirements for the number of times a dog can be bred (not every heat cycle as many breeders do), and that the parents are kept in conditions that don't include being housed in cages, and adequate socialization and care are required.
C7	R187	7.10.19	80018	I feel this should read per owner. As some couples meet and have come together with multiple pets.
C8	R184*	7.10.19	80018	Some couples have met and have brought together multiple dog homes.

Section 14-71(b) Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R190*	7.10.19	80013	Puppies stay with mothers at least to 8 weeks; Dogs are not housed in cages; dogs are giving access to play yards, vet care, adequate socialization, reasonable comfort provided in their housing; limits on how often they are bred; NO BREEDING ALLOWED OF ANY DOG BANNED IN ANY CITY IN COLORADO!
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Section 14-71(b) Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R319*	6.5.19	80011	Permit holders that are breeding may have up to 24 puppies/kittens or 2 litters of puppies/kittens whichever is lower in 12 months.
C2	R283*	6.26.19	80011	Aurora is a leader in the metro area to allow for an exemption to the pet limit.
C3	R190*	7.10.19	80013	I think I've addressed it. Original comments: (1) I would like to see the fancier's permit to be extended to those who foster dogs for rescues. The current practice of having to register each foster dog is cumbersome, therefore, it isn't followed. Giving a more reasonable way to license foster dogs equals greater compliance and makes it more likely people will agree to foster dogs in need. Also, the language for breeding show dogs should include requirements for the number of times a dog can be bred (not every heat cycle as many breeders do), and that the parents are kept in conditions that don't include being housed in cages, and adequate socialization and care are required. (2) Puppies stay with mothers at least to 8 weeks; Dogs are not housed in cages; dogs are giving access to play yards, vet care, adequate socialization, reasonable comfort provided in their housing; limits on how often they are bred; NO BREEDING ALLOWED OF ANY DOG BANNED IN ANY CITY IN COLORADO!
C4	R184*	7.10.19	80018	Language should read per owner.

Section 14-72 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R72*	7.12.19	80012	Requiring 2 complaints and not allowing a Animal Protection Officer to serve as 1 is excessive. One complaint should be adequate if an Animal Protection Officer or Police Officer can also observe the behavior.
C2	R120*	7.11.19	80017	Excessive barking is a serious problem in our neighborhood and animal control officers MUST be able to help community members by being a witness.
C3	R258*	7.9.19	80012	People who keep an constantly barking dog shouldn't be able to terrorize their neighbors. Requiring two people to take time out of their lives to testify in court is OTT.

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C4	R279*	7.4.19	80013	I am happy you are requiring witnesses to appear but if the owner is required to provide documentation/proof they aren't barking so should the "witness". Not just recording either you can record any dog and say it belongs to your neighbor. Also, how are you taking into account previous non-related neighborhood disagreements? What if the neighbor doesn't like you because you put in (continued) a new fence or your tree is blocking their view? I understand reporting true disturbances but it's not fair to leave the burden of proof on the accused only. The accusers must also have proof - real proof other than an accusation. Also, this should not be based on two violations - at least three violations at a minimum.
C5	R286*	6.26.19	80013	neighbors needs to be defined. who is a neighbor? why wouldn't this apply to passerbys? folks are often harassed by dogs through fences consistently.
C6	R305*	6.9.19	80017	Animal officers do not work at night. The police are our only alternative if it keeps happening at night. Also most people will nit sign complaints because they don't want to be a bad neighbor or to cause trouble. Two complaints should be one signed
C7	R307*	6.7.19	80017	Barking Dogs
C8	R311*	6.7.19	80011	My neighbors Dogs bark non stop 24/7. It's getting hard to tolerate and other Neighbors don't want to step in. It is not right to demand 2 neighbors file a complaint when most Neighbors won't do it.
C9	R320*	6.5.19	80014	I believe that requiring two people (other than the officer) to issue a summons for a barking dog will make the rules difficult to enforce. The officer should be able to act if s/he observes the same behavior that was reported.
C10	R323*	6.4.19	80017	Officers should continue to be able to act as the 2nd complaint.
C11	R330	6.4.19	80012	Dogs that bark constantly are either neglected, abused, or both. Many people won't report, so having animal control as a second, can quickly resolve a bad situation for the animal, a frustrating/annoying problem for neighbors. People don't report for many reasons, fear of an animal abuser is a safe, sane reason not to. Retaliation is a big consideration when you have pets and kids.
C12	R331	6.4.19	80010	I've complained before about neighborhood dogs that bark constantly and was told I had to contact the owner. That's not something I should have to do.
C13	R339*	6.3.19	80013	The ordinance already favors the dog owners by forcing 2 parties to complain. People with barking dogs often don't care that their dog is disturbing people. If you don't know your other neighbors or feel comfortable going to them, you are stuck with no recourse to deal with unreasonable dog owners. Other people may not feel comfortable reporting if they are afraid of retaliation from the dog owner. That often leaves the party who wants to report stuck with no options because they are at the mercy of the comfort level of another party.
C14	R343*	6.3.19	80018	I am totally opposed to allowing dogs to bark incessantly.
C15	R348*	6.3.19	80011	I do not agree with not letting the reporting officer speak in this matter. Its to easy for crooked people to have a friend or relative lie under oath, so that they are not punished or fined.

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C16	R355*	6.3.19	80010	When you have barking dogs on both sides and in back of your residence, it's hard to get someone else to complain. I thought about taping the dog(s) barking and play it during the entire City Council meeting.
C17	R361*	6.3.19	80013	A dog needs to also have the freedom to bark like humans do to talk.
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C18	R367*	6.3.19	80015	ANY two people should suffice as witnesses, including the animal officer! Or a minor over the age of 12. But most certainly, the animal officer or cop should be able to be the second witness, and perhaps we give that person the opportunity to provide their testimony in writing to the courts instead of always having to show up to the courts in person, which can affect that person's job duties negatively, by being in court all the time instead of out in the field getting their job done.
C19	R367*	6.3.19	80015	Adjoining neighbors deliberately throw rocks at the fence and shoot off firecrackers to aggregate the dogs.
C20	R396*	6.1.19	80016	The owner has an obligation to bring the animal(s) in and minimize the noise to the surrounding neighbors and subsequent annoyance to normal peaceful enjoyment, The lack of enforcement especially in high density areas of condos and townhomes was especially frustrating.
C21	R405*	5.31.19	80013	I believe if a complaint is received about a barking dog an animal control officer should investigate the complaint. I feel with the climate of the country homeowners are reluctant to discuss the situation with the owner of a barking dog because you never know what actions they may take. The online complaint system does not work as I listen to a dog bark from sunrise to sunset almost everyday and I sent numerous online complaints to the city. In this day and age we do not have a relationship with our neighbors which would enable two neighbors to complain and appear in court.
C22	R406*	5.31.19	80013	The proposed changes appear to make it even more difficult to rectify the issue. It effectively removes the ability of an officer to take action and places the onus directly on the residents (witnesses from separate households). It also eliminates passing people from having the ability to be party to the complaint, which is interesting since dogs I wish to complain about reside in a yard adjacent to the greenway and raise a raucous every time someone walks by on the sidewalk (an otherwise peaceful setting for walking). It still requires the physical signing of a document (this is the 21st century?). We file taxes online. We agree to indemnify airlines when we purchase airline tickets online. We file legal documents electronically. Do we really need to sign a piece of paper to effectuate a dog barking complaint? Perhaps this is to be addressed in the business rules/departmental policy? I need to get my complaining witness from a separate household to sign the complaint form in the presence of an agent. We will both need to take time off of work to accomplish this (unless agents are available beyond normal business hours). And the agent will have to take time off of their work to drive to our home to watch the signing party take place.
C23	R408*	5.30.19	80017	Barking dogs can affect the animal as well as neighbors. When reported, the city should inspect that the dog is not in an unsafe environment.

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C24	R409*	5.30.19	80011	AAS will now require 2 RP's on a barking dog complaint. What if there isn't another RP but the dog is CONSTANTLY barking. Will they not respond at all now? Can two people from the same household be RPs???
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Section 14-72 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R279*	7.4.19	80013	both witnesses appear in court with proof, accused allowed to submit evidence of proof. Clear rules for accusers who also have dogs. If the accusers have dogs and the dogs are barking at each other - how is this a violation on the part of the accused?? EspeciLly if the witnesses dogs are barking back - these types of accusations are a waste of taxpayer money and time. Witnesses should also be required to restrain and control dogs with the same measures and be slapped with the same violation fine if this is the case. Stop letting petty neighborhood arguments go to court.
C2	R307*	6.7.19	80017	Dogs barking while you are in your own back yard doing yard work and they are trying to jump the fence to get to you.
C3	R311*	6.7.19	80011	I think that Aurora should raise the Dog limit to at least 4 allowed for those who help street rescue. Pit breeds should also be allowed as long as no animal cruelty violations have occurred.
C4	R323*	6.4.19	80017	Quiet enjoyment of property should not require 2 neighbors to come together, if an office can observe the reported behavior the officer should be able to act to ensure the continuation of quiet enjoyment.
C5	R339*	6.3.19	80013	There shouldn't be a requirement of 2 parties complaining. The noise pollution caused by incessant dog barking has harmful impact on people and the current ordinance favors the dog owner's who know nothing will happen if they ignore a report. Making it harder to report just solidifies their ability to not be willing to work with neighbors and just ignore their complaints.
C6	R343*	6.3.19	80018	Change the policy for filing a complaint to an on-line version. Since I work from 7:00 to 5:00 it is virtually impossible to go to the animal shelter unless I take time off of work.
C7	R348*	6.3.19	80011	I suggest, the reporting officer has a body cam on during the inspection so there is valuable evidence that can be shown in court.
C8	R361*	6.3.19	80013	to allow pets to be pets during the day hours. 8 am-6 pm it's not like I restrict my neighbor from mowing the lawn because i work nights
C9	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Neighbors shall be held liable for their harmful actions.
C10	R396*	6.1.19	80016	After multiple offenses if not fines owner should be required to attend obedience classes with their animals to minimize aggressive behavior and/or nonstop barking.

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C11	R406*	5.31.19	80013	Yes, not requiring the physical signing of a complaint form in front of an agent. It's the 21st century. Do this stuff online like the rest of the world. Having a system that combines complaints so neighbors don't have to canvas other neighbors like door-to-door salespeople asking if someone will join in a complaint would be nice. Make the process customer friendly. Don't tell people they have to come to animal services to sign a paper form, unless you really are trying to prevent/discourage complaints. Do what makes sense to make Aurora "Worth Raising a Family In," not just worth "Discovering." Now that I have discovered that Aurora does not enforce residential (continued) speed limits (we can't) and does not have a workable process to stop barking dogs, I have "Discovered" that I want to not raise my family here.
C12	R408*	5.30.19	80017	It can be hard to get two parties who are willing to testify about a barking dog.
C13	R409*	5.30.19	80011	AAS still needs to respond to the complaint.

Section 14-72 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R72*	7.12.19	80012	No
C2	R212*	7.10.19	80010	A provision about how animals kept in outdoor enclosures need to be indoors in the night time hours so that they aren't barking and waking neighbors.
C3	R249*	7.4.19	80013	After the third violation, the accused and two adult witnesses from separate households sign and agree to appear in court with evidence of barking incidents. Witness must provide sufficient evidence Of the disturbance, not just verbal/written statements. If it is determined that neighbors are or have been arguing about other issues, each will be required to attend mediation to find a mutual common ground at the expense of the witness and accused (50/50) split the cost. A list of mediators will be provided by the courts. If the court determines the accusations of the witnesses to be false or baseless, the witnesses will be required to pay all fines and fees.
C4	R286*	6.26.19	80013	give a true definition of neighbor
C5	R307*	6.7.19	80017	If you want to complain about a barking dog then I think it would be difficult to live by your neighbors when they know you have complained on them.
C6	R320*	6.5.19	80014	I would prefer no changes to this section.

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C7	R339*	6.3.19	80013	The ordinance is already too weak and this proposal makes it even weaker. It basically gives the impression that the city does not take the harmful impact of barking dogs seriously and wants to do even less than it already does to address the issue. It's disgraceful.
C8	R343*	6.3.19	80018	You may file a complaint on-line
C9	R355*	6.3.19	80010	No
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C10	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Neighbors shall be held liable and prosecuted to the full extent the law allows for provoking the pet(s).
C11	R405*	5.31.19	80013	city will investigate complaints when more than one complaint is filed with the city.
C12	R406*	5.31.19	80013	1. Unstrike changes re passing people and officer engagement 2. Complaints can be accepted via email, Access Aurora, US mail, or any other manner that allows reasonable documentation of the complainant to be a resident of the community in which the complaint is being made and identifies the individual as residing in a particular home/residence that must be unique from the second required complainant. 3. Keep the stuff about court appearance, that way if it gets that far, the people are required to own up. 4. Don't make it so onerous that nobody can follow through on a complaint. People won't want to raise their families here.
C13	R408*	5.30.19	80017	I would like the city officer to still be able to serve as the second reporter.

Section 14-75 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R5*	7.15.19	80203	Breeds on the restricted list should be tested. In a number of ways. Not categorized in general terms..each animal should be given a. Option to live . whether that be. Training. Transferred to rescue or given time to retest.. In the past years..they breed description of a pitbull s has been so stereotyped and labeled they havnt had a chance. In 2019 its time to say no to euthinizing 3500 pit\bully/ and restricted breed labels and even mixes .. This has to change please give them a chance..times have changed and i pray you can understand soo many bully breeds are sweet.loving and service worthy if given to chance. Many state have removed this pitbull ban. Because many many many pitbulls are not vicious and it the owners that have mad them that way. If we. Can focus on the education of pet ownership and training and empathy maybe we Colorado can. Be the curve .for other states. Also.
C2	R7*	7.15.19	80919	The proposed changes are good, but not adequate in eliminating breed-specific discrimination and criminalization of a 'breed type'

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C3	R9	7.15.19	80012	Strongly agree
C4	R13*	7.15.19	80012	Dogs are not aggressive based upon their breed. They are aggressive based upon their training and how they were raised. Just how laws should not be biased against race, laws should not be biased against breed. If Aurora based their restrictions based upon behavior rather than breed I would love to stay a resident in this county. However because of this restriction I have considered moving multiple times.
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C5	R14*	7.15.19	80017	There are many viewpoints on pit bull bans, but I was hoping that instead of just changing the wording to "restricted breeds", Aurora was actually going to drop the ban on certain breeds, but rather focus on vicious dogs or unmaintained (untrained) dogs. Any animal can be trained to be vicious and I am happy to see you have added laws concerning dog fighting (which is a huge reason pit bulls get such a bad rap). I feel that it is forward thinking when Aurora finally rids itself of "restricted bans" and puts more onus on the owners to maintain/train their dog, no matter the breed. Pit bulls are generally wonderful pets and more studies should be done before acceptance of this area.
C6	R15	7.15.19	80012	Dogs should be evaluated on a case by case basis. It is wrong to paint all pit bull dogs with such a large brush.
C7	R17*	7.15.19	80601	All dogs should be allowed.
C8	R18	7.15.19	80013	I do not think that any specific breed of dog should be banned. Each dog should be taken on a case by case basis when the dog's behavior warrants it. No pitbulls should be banned (or any other breed of dog).
C9	R19*	7.15.19	80013	all owners handlers of breeds in this section should be 21 yrs or older, regardless if its a service animal
C10	R20	7.15.19	80016	I think there should be no restricted breeds. Pitbulls have been my passion since 5th grade and I did all of my art projects in them I am now in 8th grade. I also begged my mom to take me to court to fight the ban. Pitbulls are only mean dogs if they are not raised in a good environment. German Shepards are also a feared breed. I have a German Shepard named Calvin and he is my best friend, we do everything together. I feel that pitbulls were not given enough chances. Please break the Pitbull ban!
C11	R22*	7.15.19	80017	Please please please remove the ban on pitbulls. They are fantastic dogs and do NOT deserve the bad reputation they have been assigned. We love the breed, feel completely safe with our kids around them, and think the breed as a whole is just wonderful. It is the OWNER, NOT THE DOG.
C12	R24*	7.15.19	80011	Please repeal the BSL in Aurora. One breed should not be criminalized/banned for the actions of certain dogs. Pit bulls are wonderful, loving creatures just as any other dog has the potential to be.
C13	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see this ordinance removed completely. Restricting a breed of dog does nothing to keep citizens safe from dangerous animals. When the city focuses it's attention on certain breeds it misses the other breeds that are causing issues. It also places an unfair financial burden on responsible owners with good dogs whos only crime is falling in love with a bully breed

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C14	R28*	7.14.19	80013	I disagree with the restriction of any breed. It has been proven that the restricted breeds are no more dangerous than German Shepherd, Huskies, etc. The focus should be on education and bad pet ownership.
C15	R31*	7.14.19	80033	Breed specific bans are wrong
Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C16	R33*	7.14.19	80013	We have been threatened by pit bulls in our subdivision several times. Most owners of those dogs do not make sure they are restrained.
C17	R35*	7.14.19	80010	Pit bulls are dangerous. Pit bulls are the breed with the highest serious injury and mortality rate on humans and other domestic animals.
C18	R39	7.14.19	80010	Lift the Pit bull ban!
C19	R41*	7.14.19	80011	My husky got attacked in bicentennial dog park by a “friendly” pitbull mix. It wouldn’t let go of my dogs neck and the female owner had very little control of the dog. I do not think allowing pit bulls is beneficial.
C20	R44	7.13.19	80010	Pitbulls are the most misrepresented and understood breed of dog. They are loving, kind, and very gentle.. when not taught to be otherwise. Children would be lucky to grow up in a home with a pit bull, because they will be shown unconditional love and constant attention. Don’t bully my breed
C21	R46	7.13.19	80010	I agree with removing the specific restriction on pit bulls and handling animals on a case by case basis.
C22	R49	7.13.19	80013	Repeal breed restriction
C23	R52*	7.12.19	80012	Please maintain the ban on pit bulls
C24	R53*	7.12.19	80016	Are you removing “pit bull” from Pit Bull Restrictive Breed. But the definition of restrictive breed still includes the specific breeds who are considered pits. So what’s the point? I was hoping to see you were serious about removing the ban. Pitbulls are facing what German shepherds, Rottweilers, and others have in the past due to HUMANS mishandling them.
C25	R54	7.12.19	80014	Pit bull breeds dont work. Please repeal
C26	R55*	7.12.19	80017	I am hoping that Aurora can enter into an enlightened era in which “bully breeds” are not banned, but that we place much more emphasis on animals that are vicious and those owners who lack control of their animals or train them for viciousness. Restricting a whole breed of dogs because some people have not chosen to adequately care or train their animals is not best practice. Choosing to blame the animals for its owner’s lack of caring is just wrong.
C27	R56	7.12.19	80012	I believe no breed should be restricted I believe it should depend on each individual dog and go off of complaints filed against the dog.

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C28	R58	7.12.19	80014	I strongly agree that certain breeds should be banned.
C29	R60	7.12.19	80230	I strongly support the lifting of the pit bull ban in Aurora and hope it continues to be lifted throughout the state of Colorado. Many animals are a product of their environment/training and a whole breed shouldn't be punished just because humans treat them a certain way. The humans are the ones who should be held responsible, which I believe these changes are moving towards that direction.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C30	R61	7.12.19	80012	There should absolutely not be any "restricted breeds" in the City of Aurora. There are dangerous dogs of every breed - small dogs, big dogs, even golden retrievers! We should focus on those dogs that are bred to be violent or treated violently to affect their disposition instead of wasting time and resources punishing people for owning pitbulls/other breeds that are deemed "dangerous" through misinformation campaigns.
C31	R63*	7.12.19	80016	We need to get rid of the entire restricted breeds section it's absolutely stupid. Pit bulls and their type are Not the breed most prone to bite that would be poodles and Chihuahuas the small dogs. Pitbulls only bite when taught to do so.
C32	R67*	7.12.19	80015	If a restricted breed can be kept as an emotional support animal, then it needs to be specified exactly how the animal gets that specification. You can buy a kit for twenty bucks off the internet. I had a support animal freak out at my walker in a public store. He wrapped his rope around it rendering me unable to move and fearful of being attached. His owner yelled at me for provoking his support dog with my walker. A true support dog would never do that. My fear is w/o exact specifications many pit support animals will move into the city.
C33	R69*	7.12.19	80010	I appreciate the removal of the word "pit bull" from Section 14-75 of the proposed Aurora Animal Ordinance. I do not, however, understand why these breeds are still considered "restricted breeds" within the city of Aurora. Why has the city of Aurora still chosen to prevent people from keeping their beloved pets? As a resident and a dog owner within the city of Aurora, I would like to see our Animal Ordinance reflect that of Castle Rock, wherein dogs are not judged by their appearance or breed, but rather their behavior. Owners need to take responsibility for unruly and disruptive pets. It is NOT the fault of the dog. This is a step in the right direction but still very disappointing. I think Aurora can do better.
C34	R70*	7.12.19	80013	I agree pit bulls should be restricted.
C35	R71*	7.12.19	60647	I do not live in Aurora but I have family that lives in Aurora and I do not feel safe around large breeds of dogs commonly implicated in attacks. This revisions only act after the dog has done harm. It may be too late for the affect person or animal.
C36	R72*	7.12.19	80012	No breed should be banned. It is ridiculous to assume that all dogs of a specific breed are dangerous.

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C37	R74*	7.12.19	80111	Take Pitbulls off the restricted list, the owner has the responsibility to raise the dog correctly. It is not the breeds fault that someone gave them bad names back in the day and now we are forced to live around laws for them. I would love to live in aurora but you ban my dog so I cannot.
C38	R76*	7.12.19	80015	The restricted breeds in this section need to be reevaluated as the term pit bull is used for dogs that look a certain way, but are not the actual breed. I have lived with pit bulls for the majority of my life and the breed is not offensive or dangerous, but instead the owner is usually the cause of it's 'vicious' stereotype.

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C39	R77	7.12.19	80011	I do not think it is fair to have a ban on a specific breed. I have know dogs of all breeds who have had aggressive moments and these can range to small dogs like a chihuahua to other medium sized dogs like cocker spaniels to larger dogs like Australian cattle headers. It is not the breed that is aggressive, it is the people who train them to be aggressive. I have spoken with many veterinarians who believe Pit Bulls to be some of the calmest and nicest dogs they have the pleasure of working with.
C40	R78	7.12.19	80016	I am 100% in favor of lifting the ban on any Pitbull type breed. It is because of this ban, and the previous director at the Aurora Animal Shelter that we had looked at moving outside of the city limits.
C41	R81	7.11.19	80015	get rid of this!
C42	R82*	7.11.19	80018	I strongly disagree with restricting breeds from Aurora. Pit bulls should be allowed in Aurora. Pit bulls are loving dogs.
C43	R85	7.11.19	80015	please remove restricted breeds all together
C44	R87*	7.11.19	80231	Trying to be like Castle rock? I think not. This in no way does it say for any of the "pit bull" breed is taken out of districted breeds. It still restricts anyone from moving here with GOOD dogs. Especially when the number one reported bite was labs.
C45	R89	7.11.19	80126	It is unfair to judge a breed of animal. Lift restrictions on pit bulls.
C46	R92*	7.11.19	80016	I would like for aurora to allow pit bulls. They are sweet dogs whom are loyal to their owner just like a golden retriever or black lab is. I feel that the dog should not be punished for the actions of the owners. By keeping this beautiful breed on the breed restriction list, we are allowing for the stigma to remain. It is time to realize that a pit bull is a dog and the owner is the true monster.
C47	R93*	7.11.19	80015	BSL does NOT work! It is the owner, not the dog, that is at fault. Bad socialization and lack of training lead to aggressive behavior. Pit bull types score higher than most on temperament tests.

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C48	R94	7.11.19	80134	The breed specific legislation in aurora is the one single reason we will not live in aurora. We are a young married couple with two pit bulls, and are looking to buy a house in the next year. We would absolutely move to aurora, but that would mean our pit bulls couldn't come with us.
C49	R95	7.11.19	80017	I have been anxiously awaiting for this ban to be lifted. I am a foster for other breeds but really want to start fostering pit bulls so they can be pulled from the kill shelters and find loving forever homes. They are some if the sweetest, loving breeds and I'm sick of them getting a bad rap.
C50	R97*	7.11.19	80017	I believe owners are generally the issue with restricted breed dogs. All owners of every breed of dog need to be held responsible for their behaviour. ANY dog can cause serious injuries if not cared for, trained, and taken care of.

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C51	R98	7.11.19	80013	If dogs are bred responsibly, treated without cruelty, and trained properly there is no dog that is violent. Of course this must include an emphasis on owner responsibility and also an emphasis on people to teach their children about approaching animals. I am a former pit bull owner and he was as gentle a dog as I could hope to have in my family.
C52	R99	7.11.19	80011	We need to get rid of the breed ban. Dogs do not train themselves. They are trained by people. I know a lot of Pit Bull owners and they has loving and care dogs. And I have seen them around infants and toddlers with not problems. It is the owners that train them to be vicious. I've been around puppy Pit Bulls and they are not born vicious they are raised to be vicious. The owners of vicious dogs need to be punished not the breed of dogs. You know and Lab can be trained to be vicious. Any dog can be trained to be vicious. GET RID OF THE BAN.
C53	R101*	7.11.19	80014	Dogs should not be judged by their breed alone. If they live in a loving home, they will be loving dogs. It's the abusive, disinterested humans that create poor canine citizens.
C54	R107*	7.11.19	80018	I agree with individual treatment of dogs instead of blanket treatment of breeds. I agree with lifting the restrictions on breeds, especially automatic euthanizing.
C55	R111	7.11.19	80012	I'd like to see the specific restriction on pit bulls removed and each individual dog considered on a case by case basis.
C56	R113*	7.11.19	80011	I thought this is to allow pit bulls. 14-75-b-4 lists restricted breeds. All that was done was to remove the words pit bull from everywhere
C57	R115*	7.11.19	80017	I believe we should hold the owners responsible since the pit bull is not inherently vicious.
C58	R116*	7.11.19	80013	Pit bulls should never be allowed in the city.
C59	R119*	7.11.19	80015	In 2014 Aurora voters decided that the current restricted breed ordinance should stay in place. It's unconceivable that City Council can contradict the will of the voters. I strongly opposed any change in the restricted breed ordinance.

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C60	R120*	7.11.19	80017	I am strongly opposed to Breed-specific legislation.
C61	R121	7.11.19	80010	Pitbulls have been banned from cities and rental properties, punished, ripped away from families, deserted, used for torturous dog fighting.. with little punishment to man, who is truly at fault. Pitbulls are amazing, resilient, smart and loving dogs. End the ban and raise the animal cruelty/neglect consequences. Do not continue on with this dog holocaust, do the right thing. Humans domesticated these animals WE MUST HOUSE AND PROTECT THEM AS A COMMUNITY
Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C62	R122*	7.11.19	80109	All dogs have the ability to be aggressive. The owners are the one who allow these behaviors to present themselves. I am a castle rock resident and the dangerous dog ordinance has changed my life. We were able to live in the city we most desired with our two, sweet pitty mixes. We preach against discrimination among humans, dogs are no different.
C63	R123	7.11.19	80134	There should not be any restricted breeds. It is all about how you raise any animal
C64	R125	7.11.19	80542	breed bans are stupid as any dog can be aggressive if it taught to be. Aggression is a learned behavior not a genetic trait. Pit bulls are the most loyal breed, loving and sweet to a fault.
C65	R126*	7.11.19	80012	I believe the ban on bully breeds should be lifted. These dogs are just as loving as any other breed.
C66	R132*	7.11.19	80010	In a 2008 article in Applied Animal Behavior Science, it was stated that Dachshunds, Chihuahuas, and Jack Russel Terriers were more inclined to bite than other breeds. Keeping "pitbull" related breeds listed as "restricted breeds" is only going to further the stigma that these changes are supposedly trying to end.
C67	R133	7.11.19	80011	There should be no law restricting breeds. It is difficult to enforce, costly, and unfair to hundreds of animals and their owners.
C68	R137	7.11.19	80015	Aggressive animals are not determined by breed. Pit bulls reside in Aurora anyways and wouldn't the time of ACO's be better spent on animal welfare over addressing concerns on whether or not a dog, who isn't bothering anyone behaviorally, is nor is not a certain breed. Lots of breed mixes get confused for a pit or pit mix when they have no pit DNA in them. Animal rescues have constant issues placing dogs who even slightly resemble a pit. People throw temper tantrums when they arent allowed to adopt because of where they live, when the dog they're interested in adopting isn't actually a restricted breed, just looks somewhat like one.
C69	R141*	7.11.19	80010	I believe that the city should have a "Aggressive Dog" ordinance that covers ANY dog that is vicious NOT just specifying a PIT BULL/Stafford/Mix dogs as the only breed of prohibited dog allowed in Aurora.
C70	R142	7.11.19	80019	I strongly believe the city should overturn its current Pitbull ban in favor of a dangerous dog ordinance. The ban is outdated and doesn't address the real problem. Many cities across the nation have repealed their Pitbull bans and found their cities safer and costs taxpayers less.

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C71	R143*	7.11.19	80011	The voters of Arapahoe county have already strongly voted to keep the pit bull ban in place November 2014. 66% in fact. This is a blatant attempt to copy what Castle Rock did in **preventing a public vote** (really Democratic) a public vote that city council KNOWS will just end in the ban being voted to stay in place by the public. Why? Because they don't care what the public wants....they want what they want. And therefore want to instead ban voters from making the decision. It's is a complete disregard for a decided issue that ABSOLUTLEY deserves to be voted on again this November....or do you not care about what 66% of what Arapahoe County Voters think?
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C72	R145	7.11.19	80013	I think pit bulls should not be banned in the City of Aurora. Plenty of people still have them, but are not being encouraged to come in and neuter/spay their animals for fear of having the dog taken away/destroyed. Which only puts the animal itself, as well as other humans and animals, in greater danger than if the animal was not intact and properly licensed.
C73	R146*	7.11.19	80015	Discriminating against pit bulls is no different than discriminating against black, handicap, etc. people. It's completely inappropriate and wrong and should not be tolerated.
C74	R147	7.11.19	80504	I believe no breed should be banned. Owners should be held accountable if they have a dangerous dog.
C75	R152	7.11.19	80013	There has been study after study proving that Pitbulls are NOT an aggressive breed. It's all about how you raise them just like any dog. This ban has been so close to being lifted in the past several years. I am hoping that it is finally lifted. The people that fight dogs should be the ones punished, not the dogs.
C76	R155*	7.11.19	80015	Let's make Aurora be the example of a former BSL ban city to a pit bull friendly city that other cities, states and countries can emulate. Please lift this backwards thinking BSL ban. First it was German Shepherds, Dobermans, Rottweilers and now Pit Bulls. Penalize/euthanize the bad owners - not the dog(s). Enough is enough. Let's be city proud of doing away with this ban.
C77	R157*	7.11.19	80216	I am a firm believer in the statement "it's all about how the dog is raised". I have read up on the history of and known many pit bull breeds and believe they are nurturing and kind when raised in a normal environment. Any breed can become vicious when raised to be that way, or are mistreated/abused.
C78	R158*	7.11.19	80013	The voters of Aurora have spoken loudly that they do not want Pit Bulls in the city, the restricted breed policy needs to be strictly enforced.
C79	R160*	7.11.19	80015	This ban should be lifted.
C80	R161	7.11.19	80461	Stigmatizing an entire breed of animals for the lack of responsibility of owners is completely absurd. I have been around hundreds of pitbulls and that number is not an exaggeration. Those include ones that have been surrendered, those have been abused, and some that have never even been introduced or ever been aggressive in any way. They are of a variety of ages and I truly believe and know for a fact that it is how you raise an animal should be.

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C81	R162*	7.11.19	80012	There should not be restrictions on specific breeds. It is not the breed, it is the owner and how they treat any animal.
C82	R164*	7.11.19	80112	I'm an animal protection Officer in Denver where we have a restricted breed ordinance. I'm speaking from experience when I say the ordinance is antiquated and simply doesn't work. It's a drain on resources and sends the wrong message to the public. I'm hopeful Aurora can lift the breed ban and maybe that will propel Denver to do the same. Thank you

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C83	R166*	7.11.19	80013	Pit bulls should continue to be a restricted breed. Removing that restriction is dangerous.
C84	R167	7.11.19	80011	I really want to see the pitbull ban removed. These dogs are no bigger threat than any other dog. Behavior is taught.
C85	R169	7.11.19	80230	4) still defines "restricted breed" as all pit bulls. Remove this.
C86	R170*	7.11.19	80021	My husband was mauled by a pit bull back in 2016 on Super Bowl Sunday. His lip was torn open and his nose was also torn open. He lost so much blood. And is permanently scarred. The dog was in a great home, great owner and never once abused. He was attacked the moment he entered the dwellings, unprovoked and instantaneous. They are aggressive animals by nature. Please do not allow these dangerous dogs out for any one to adopt. Please.
C87	R172*	7.11.19	80015	This ban is a prejudicial decision made by the city based on unfounded facts. Humans are the issue, not any specific breed. Any animal officer who knows "pit bulls" understands the misinformation spread by fear because of illegal dog fighting.
C88	R173*	7.11.19	80015	No bad animals only bad owners
C89	R174*	7.11.19	80013	I never had been around Pit Bulls before my daughter got 2 of them & I changed my opinion on the dog. The pit bulls my daughter has are the biggest baby's most lovable dogs. So in my opinion its the owner not the dog. The bad owners should be punished not the breed.
C90	R176*	7.11.19	80538	As a veterinary technician I can say I have nothing but love for bully breeds. I am also an owner of an American Pit Bull Terrier and an American Staffordshire Terrier. They're my everything. They love hiking, swimming, playing, CUDDLES, movie time and eating the crusts of my pizza. As a technician I have been bit and have seen far more small dogs or Chihuahuas, small terriers of almost all breeds, and Labradors be viscous while in our office however, never have I been snapped or growled at by a banned breed. While in our office some of the pitbulls (or banned breeds) are terrified. They're shaking with head down, tail tucked but they never react aggressively! They often try and hide behind their owners or burry

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				their heads under MY arms in an effort to hide their big bodies. I would love to see Aurora reverse their ban to allow good people to have these fun, loving, caring, dogs back in their homes.
C91	R180	7.11.19	80013	It's sad when you move to Aurora and have to get rid of your companion and best friend it's all about how you train and love your pets any dog can bite or be aggressive not just pitbulls

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C92	R181*	7.11.19	80214	Several studies, including one published by the American Bar Association (http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/pit_bull_bias_aba_house_oks_resolution_urging_breed-neutral_dog_laws/), have concluded that breed restrictions are ineffective and do not succeed in improving community safety or wellbeing. Instead, these laws discriminate not only against animals that have certain features but also against an entire class of citizens. Additionally, this type of regulation instills a fear in pet owners within the community and can potentially discourage the community from abiding by other responsible pet ownership practices such as registering their animal or getting it trained properly which is highly counterproductive.
C93	R182*	7.11.19	80012	The law should fully be dismissed, not changed from a prohibited breed to restricted breed. The breed of the animal is less relevant than the behavior of the animal. The law should apply to all breeds, not just pit bulls. This way the owners of any breed of dangerous animal can be remediated instead of just those breeds mentioned. Studies have shown that even animal control officers cant successfully identify between different breeds of dogs that share some characteristics and may be cross bred. For instance a mixed pit bull vs. A mixed boxer breed. Under this new law, an owner of a labrador retriever that has been deemed dangerous would not be required to attend training or provide proof the animal is being monitored etc. But the Pitt bull owner would be. I say this because the only time my son was nearly attacked by a dog, it was a labrador retriever.
C94	R186*	7.10.19	80013	I believe the restricted breed policy is bad policy. All the other sections about an aggressive dog take care of the main driver for restricting breeds in the first place, eliminate aggressive animals and punish their owners.
C95	R188*	7.10.19	80012	I support the overturning of the breed bran. The state of Colorado prohibits breed band and Aurora should too.
C96	R189*	7.10.19	80013	Based on the life expectancy of the banned breeds, we are just arriving at the end of life of those dogs that were 'grandfathered' in. These are aggressive and unpredictable breeds and they should not be permitted inside the city limits.
C97	R190*	7.10.19	80013	While changing the wording to restricted breeds rather than pit bull is more accurate, it does not address the issue of labeling a dog as restricted or prohibited simply because of breed, and not temperament. As a

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				dog rescuer, I know of way too many very sweet, affectionate and loyal dogs that are euthanized because they can't find a home because of breed bans. Of all the dogs I've dealt with as a rescue, I've found that breed is not a good indicator of aggressiveness, and a 5 pound Chihuahua can be more likely to bite than a 50 pound restricted breed dog. Castle Rock has the right idea, judge the dog on its behavior, not its breed, and hold the owner responsible for aggressive behavior from the dog. In most cases, they are the reason for the dogs' bad behavior, through lack of training, allowing or encouraging the behavior, or through neglect or abuse. I would love to see dogs of all breeds getting the chance to be in loving homes, as long as there aren't patterns of aggression that pose a danger to the family or the public.
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C98	R191*	7.10.19	80013	I totally agree with this section of not banning pit bulls. Punish the owners and individual dogs not the breed.
C99	R193	7.10.19	80210	breed-specific legislation (BSL) is to reduce dog bites and attacks, and while many municipalities have passed these laws, there is no evidence that they make communities safer for people or companion animals—in fact, they often make matters worse.
C100	R194*	7.10.19	80012	It would keep the city safer if you banned aggressive dogs or dogs that have a history of biting (other animals or humans). Aggressive dogs come in every breed and size and sometimes the smaller dogs are the ones endangering others but it's not taken seriously due to their size. That seems like a more fair law that actually aims at keeping us safe instead of just banning dogs for the sake of banning dogs.
C101	R195*	7.10.19	80011	All dogs can be mean and nasty. The pit bulls can be just as loving as any dog but like all dogs can mean by people who train them to be attack dogs and abuse them as well.
C102	R198	7.10.19	80013	It's so silly to still have a ban on Pit Bulls in Aurora. Pits are very smart and actually very very great and SAFE family dogs. They do require training, just like a Rottie or a German Shepard. All encounters I have had with pit bulls are all positive!! This ban needs to be lifted!!
C103	R201	7.10.19	80013	I would like to keep the pit bull ban in place
C104	R202*	7.10.19	80013	I believe that American bully breeds should be lifted from the ban.
C105	R203*	7.10.19	80013	I fully support REMOVING American Bully breeds from the restricted breeds
C106	R206*	7.10.19	80013	Pit bulls are dangerous – owners are irresponsible
C107	R207	7.10.19	80013	Repeal pit bull ordinance
C108	R208*	7.10.19	80018	There should be NO RESTRICTED BREEDS. EVER.

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C109	R209	7.10.19	80015	I do not believe any specific breed of dog should be restricted. I have yet to meet an aggressive "pit bull" or AM Staff. It is how they are trained or raised by their owners. Owners of any aggressive dog should be held accountable and not a whole breed punished for a few.
C110	R210*	7.10.19	80018	Upon reading this section,Pit Bull language is struck, replaced by Restricted Breed and Restricted Breed is then defined as American Pit Bull, American Staffordshire, Staffordshire Bull. So basically dogs that fall in the Pit Bull family. Seems very unfair to me. Biased in nature.
C111	R211*	7.10.19	80010	A Dog Breed Discrimination is still a form of discrimination. Instead of punishing the dogs, why not pursue the owners that are teaching them bad behavior.
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C112	R212*	7.10.19	80010	The proposed edits to this section do not alter the current restricted breeds, but merely removes the colloquial name of "pit bull". There should be NO breed restrictions but instead, tougher laws against owners who keep aggressive animals, regardless of the breed.
C113	R214*	7.10.19	80012	There should not be any breed restriction at all. Any breed of dog can be aggressive depending on the circumstances. Some small breeds are aggressive by nature yet they are not band.
C114	R215*	7.10.19	80015	There should be no breed restrictions / bans on any breed of dog, pitbull or otherwise. There cannot rationally be made an argument for banning a dog based on their appearance. And please do not give any thought into what the misguided "Dogsbite" group spews forth. They have an agenda, and that is all.
C115	R220	7.10.19	80012	I strongly support lifting the ban on American Pit Bull Terriers. I know this isn't specifically called out, only that "American Bullies" might get a ban lifted. I don't own a pit bull personally, but have met so many that provide loving companionship to families. Please, please understand that these are not violent dogs and should not be punished.
C116	R221*	7.10.19	80016	Keep pit bulls banned. I am a claims adjuster for over 40 years. I cannot tell you how many attack/dogbite claims I have handled over the years involving pit bulls. Yes they can be sweet to their owners but are overly protective and unpredictable. I is too dangerous for the City to change their rule. I know as I have seen the damage they can do. My friend just had to put hers down as he bit the AC repairman protecting my friend.
C117	R224*	7.10.19	80010	The wording of the ordinance should be based on aggressive behavior of the animal rather the breed-specific. Ordinance based on animal behavior or aggression. Part of the ordinance allowing for the discretion of the agency or officer evaluating the behavior or potential danger. I.E. a very aggressive 1 pound kitten is not as much of a danger as an aggressive 200 pound dog.
C118	R225	7.10.19	80012	With the benefits of pitbulls including now becoming police dogs, the ban the breed laws are outdated and cruel. Ban the viscous owner's!!!
C119	R226*	7.10.19	80013	Aurora needs dangerous dog laws not breed bans! Any dog can be dangerous at it is unfair to punish all dogs of a breed for bad owners! It's in effect the same as being racist towards people. Punish all for the bad deeds of one or a few. I would hope the Aurora government would be more intelligent than that. Breed bans don't work. Dangerous dog laws do! Please do your homework and lift the restricted breed bans and

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				pass dangerous dog laws to help keep our citizens and animals safe. I personally have never met a mean Pitt bill, Doberman or Rottweiler but have had my Aussie attacked several times at the dog park by labs and golden retrievers. Thank you for allowing our comments.
C120	R227*	7.10.19	80012	It's time for this section to go. I've never owned a pit bull, and I never will because I know they're too much for me. So are German Shepherds and Dobermans and Rottweilers. But only pit bulls are banned because of people's emotions. That's not the right way to legislate. And is this ban truly enforceable? How do you prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a dog is a pit bull? Ask your prosecutors. Bet they don't have a good (honest) answer.
C121	R240*	7.10.19	80013	We should not have "restricted breeds" especially the american bully, pit bull ban. Every single pittie or american bully I have ever interacted with has been the most loving thing ever. There should be no reason these babies are banned. There should be no reason they are taken from families homes just because. They all say its because they are an aggressive breed.... The only time an animal is aggressive towards anything is because of the way it being raised. They are just like our children. Aggression in pitbulls and american bullies comes from their owners. Aggression isnt a breed!!!!!! And these are innocent babies just like any other pup.
C122	R241*	7.10.19	80018	You do realize that anti-"pit bull" organizations are having their followers fill this out?
C123	R243*	7.9.19	80016	Repeal auroras pitbull ban! The breed is responsible for bad owners. BSL are the product of the medias fear mongering through the spreading inaccurate information and fake news. Bully breeds, more specifically pit bulls are loving, loyal, gentle, caring and wonderful family dogs with enormous hearts. They were known as the nanny dogs/breed until they were vilified by Hollywood and the media who used the looks to spread completely fictitious fabricated stories and unfortunately still do.
C124	R244	7.9.19	80015	Remove Restricted breeds section
C125	R245*	7.12.19	80013	My issues or questions - I'm not sure which right now - are with the City of Aurora, Colorado, proposed revisions to Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Version 4-24-2019 - DRAFT that the survey addresses. While Sec. 14-75 (1) changes the term "pit bulls" to "restricted breeds", Sec. 14-75 (4) just puts it right back in by defining "restricted breeds" as the pit bull breeds: 14-75 (4) " Restricted breed" for purposes of this chapter, is defined as any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds.
C126	R246*	7.9.19	80013	Breed-specific legislation (BSL) targets specific breeds of dogs that are wrongly thought to all be dangerous – most frequently "pit bull types" – and places stricter regulations on these dogs or even makes ownership of them illegal. Several cities, towns and states across the United States and Canada have adopted breed-specific measures in an attempt to prevent dog bites in their communities. However, while BSL may look good on the surface, it is not a reliable or effective solution for dog bite prevention. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), more than 4.5 million people in the United

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				<p>States are bitten by dogs each year, and more than 800,000 receive medical attention for dog bites, with at least half of them being children. It is no exaggeration to say that dog bites pose a significant health risk to our communities and society. The issue of dangerous dogs, dog bites and public safety is a complex one. Any dog can bite, regardless of its breed. It is the dog's individual history, behavior, general size, number of dogs involved, and the vulnerability of the person bitten that determines the likelihood of biting and whether a dog will cause a serious bite injury. Breed-specific bans are a simplistic answer to a far more complex social problem, and they have the potential to divert attention and resources from more effective approaches. There are several reasons why breed-specific bans and restrictions are not a responsible approach to dog bite prevention: Breed-specific laws can be difficult to enforce, especially when a dog's breed can't easily be determined or if it is of mixed breed. Frequently, breed-specific legislation focuses on dogs with a certain appearance or physical characteristics, instead of an actual breed. "Pit bulls" are the most frequent targets of breed-specific legislation despite being a general type rather than a breed; other breeds also are sometimes banned, including Rottweilers, Dobermans and boxers. However, it is extremely difficult to determine a dog's breed or breed mix simply by looking at it. A study conducted by Maddie's Fund, a national shelter initiative, showed that even people very familiar with dog breeds cannot reliably determine the primary breed of a mutt, and dogs often are incorrectly classified as "pit bulls". Because identification of a dog's breed with certainty is prohibitively difficult, breed-specific laws are inherently vague and very difficult to enforce. Breed-specific legislation is discriminatory against responsible owners and their dogs. By generalizing the behaviors of dogs that look a certain way, innocent dogs and pet owners suffer. BSL can lead to the euthanasia of innocent dogs that fit a certain "look," and to responsible pet owners being forced to move or give up dogs that have never bitten or threatened to bite. Furthermore, dogs that are considered to be of a "dangerous breed" may already be serving the community in positions such as police work, military operations, rescue purposes, and as service animals. Contrary to being a liability, these animals are assets to society; however they, too, suffer due to misinformation and breed-based stereotypes. Breed bans do not address the social issue of irresponsible pet ownership. Dogs are more likely to become aggressive when they are unsupervised, unneutered, and not socially conditioned to live closely with people or other dogs. Banning a specific breed can give a community a false sense of security, and deemphasize to owners of other breeds the importance of appropriate socialization and training, which is a critical part of responsible pet ownership. In enacting breed-specific legislation, cities and states will spend money trying to enforce ineffective bans and restrictions rather than implementing proven solutions, such as licensing and leash laws, and responding proactively to owners of any dog that poses a risk to the community. It is not possible to calculate a bite rate for a breed or to compare rates between breeds because the data reported is often unreliable. This is because: The breed of a biting dog is often not known or is reported inaccurately. The actual number of bites that occur in a community is not known, especially if they don't result in serious injury. The number of dogs of a particular breed or combination of breeds in a community is not known because it is rare for all dogs in a community to be licensed. Statistics often do not consider multiple incidents caused by a single animal. Breed popularity changes over time, making comparison of breed-specific bite rates unreliable. However a review of the research that attempts to quantify the relation between breed and bite risk finds the connection to be weak</p>
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				or absent, while responsible ownership variables such as socialization, neutering and proper containment of dogs are much more strongly indicated as important risk factors.
C127	R247	7.9.19	80016	It is not right to target any breed. The problem is the owners. Before banning any breed, consider granting a Licence that requires the animal to pass a test proving it is not aggressive. The most aggressive animal I have encountered was a Dalmatian.
C128	R248	7.8.19	80211	I believe pitbulls are loving and caring dogs its not the breed but the owners. And the owners should be held accountable but to bam a dog just cause the way it looks is wrong. We don't like when people judge us based on how we look so why would it be ok to do it to an animal that what's to just be loved.

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C128	R249*	7.9.19	80013	I belive that this section should be deleted completely because a type of dog shouldn't determine if you can have it or not it is 100% how the dog is raised and treated by the owner I have had people walk across the street just to not walk by my girl just because of her name and look but she is the sweetest dog I have ever had she has changed the mind set of alot of my family because all they know is her name and how she looks but as soon as they pet and love on her she is a dog in the end not some mean nasty beast thats out to get u but a normal dog that just wants to be loved and played with to many people dont see her as that because of the name that the media the news and anyone else that bashes them as a dog.
C129	R250	7.9.19	80104	All you have done on this section is broaden the ban. Your quote is "Pit bull Restricted breed" for purposes of this chapter, is defined as any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds. I believe any breed can be dangerous. It is all in how they are raised And treated. I have seen more dangerous chihuahuas then anything.
C130	R253*	7.9.18	80013	Banning a specific breed is not the solution. It is the owner of any dog that determines how the animal behaves. Also, people who engage in staged animal fighting should be charged into district court on felony charges, not municipally.
C131	R255*	7.9.18	80015	Remove ban on pitbulls and other breeds
C132	R257	7.9.19	80013	I do not feel that any specific breeds of dogs should be banned. Pit bulls are sweet loving dogs when raised and trained correctly. They have been given a bad rep by those who train them to fight. It is wrong to ban a specific breed due to human stupidity.
C133	R259*	7.9.19	80015	So many Aurora resident's already have these banned breeds and there still have been no known attacks involving this breed in this amount of time. It seems like what Castle Rock is doing is working for them so it makes sense to follow In those steps and penalize the individual animal and owner vs penalizing a whole breed and restricting people who really love these dogs

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C134	R260*	7.9.19	80013	Remove the bread ban
C135	R261*	7.9.19	54209	Repeal BS Law: it is not effective and does not contribute to safety in the community. Choose breed-neutral laws, such as the Calgary Mode.
C136	R263	7.9.19	80013	I am in favor of changing the language.
C137	R265	7.9.19	80018	Before voting to change this section I implore you to think about how you would feel if you were a two-job law abiding family living in the lowest income area of the city surrounded by drug users with long criminal records that owned numerous untrained, and out of control, American Pit Bull Terriers that lunged and guttural growled at you and your children every time you came within 75 yards of them. That's the reality in the hood.

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C138	R268*	7.9.19	80011	It has always been problematic to not allow pit bulls within the City. There are many families that still have pit bulls, unregistered, in which families feel as though they have to hide and keep their pets inside or without adequate medical care due to this. Or; I've witnessed first hand that most will have to drive up to an hour to another city that taken in the dog for various services. Changing City Charter to state only non-aggressive animals and removing the ban against pit bulls will help to further the kindness, care, and awareness of animals throughout the City.
C139	R269*	7.9.19	80013	One of the reasons we chose to move here and raise a family here is due to the breed restrictions. These dogs aren't safe, I don't want any of them lawfully in our community.
C140	R273*	7.9.19	80015	I don't like the exceptions made for emotional support animals. Anyone can get any animal classified as an emotional support animal.
C141	R274	7.9.19	80014	Pit bulls.in general are no more dangerous than any other dog. Dogs should be handled in an individual basis.
C142	R275	7.9.19	80014	Breed does not determine aggressiveness. Owners need to be in control of their animals.
C143	R277	7.9.19	80011	Don't ban pitbulls. The Aurora Animal shelter receives many pitbulls and cannot adopt them out because they are banned. This puts additional burdens on our Colorado neighbors which allows the breed. Punish the owner not the dog.
C144	R279*	7.4.19	80013	This is stupid. I have a violent chihuahua living next door and you aren't banning them. They are even proven to be an aggressive species. There are other breeds that are violent, aggressive and dangerous - if you ban one - ban every single one of them. EVERY ONE. Pit bulls aren't the only dogs running around biting kids, adults and other dogs - go to the dog parks and see for yourself.
C145	R282*	6.26.19	80013	Dogs should not be discriminated against solely because of their breed. Dogs should be considered on an individual basis. It is unfair to exclude an entire class of dogs based on the behavior of the humans who have caused these dogs to be considered "fighting dogs" or "aggressive dogs." Please reconsider your exclusion of these breeds, most of whom make wonderful pets to a large number of families, both in Colorado and around the world. Thank you for your consideration.

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C146	R284	6.26.19	80015	I'm happy that the words "pit bull" may be taken out. I hope that BSL will end and that penalties for dogs who have had a record are enforced, not just for "pit bulls."
C147	R285*	6.26.19	80013	I appreciate that changing the dog breed ban is being reviewed. I do not believe that any specific dog breed is bad or more dangerous than another. I believe ill trained and abused dogs lead to aggressive and dangerous dogs.
C148	R286	6.26.19	80013	swapping the language is not enough; supportive of a dangerous dog ordinance instead of keeping the policy as is

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C149	R287*	6.26.19	80014	Being a registered nurse and having a service dog I've had bad experiences with the Restriction breeds I say keep them restricted and don't allow pit bulls and staffies in our neighborhoods they require special care and most people that I've seen who are dog owners do not have experience or have had any basic training with their pets which is bad enough.. so they have these dogs that are restricted breeds out and about is only causing problems one of my neighbors was bit by a pitbull because the owner of the property didn't do anything a few years ago. I had a patient who had both her arms ripped off from pitbulls when she was feeding her daughter's pitbulls . So I say no no no no no pitbulls in Aurora Denver in Colorado there are plenty of other breeds that are adoptable. I would also like to see anybody who owns a dog to have some basic training and that their dog goes through some type of good Citizen program. I've seen people allow their dogs to bark and lunge forward at other animals and people and not do anything about it
C150	R288*	6.26.19	80011	Specific breeds of dogs should not be banned. It is the responsibility of owners to prevent ANY breed of dog from harming other animals or people. Breed bans are not enforceable, there are MANY dogs on my street that fall into the banned breed list.
C151	R291*	6.25.19	80011	I've never been so dissapointed to see the words "restricted breed" replace "pit bull", and then to see the definition of "restricted breed" be "pit bull and other related breeds". As if that slight change will result in any different outcome for those breeds. Please consider revising to a Dangerous Dog policy rather than Restricted Breed. Stop profiling and discriminating against animals that have done nothing but be born. Penalize the people who make those animals dangerous. The problem starts with people, including their bias, not the dogs who were simply born into a culture that doesn't trust them.
C152	R295	6.22.19	80016	I am very hopeful that you will overturn BSL. I have had Pit Bulls in my family since my children were very young. They are such loving loyal dogs. It breaks my heart that they have been abused by people making them fight. It is those people that should be put in a cage. Many breeds can be aggressive if trained to be. Please do the right thing and overturn BSL.
C153	R297*	6.16.19	80016	I think it is important that the language is change so that only dogs who have shown aggressive behavior are banned. Breeds don't make dogs aggressive and this has been shown and backed by animal behaviorists and

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				veterinarians. I walk often with my dog along the cherry creek trail and we come into contact often with pit bulls and other types of “banned breeds” and they play with my dog and never show any sort of aggressive behavior. I’ve also come into contact with dogs who aren’t banned, a yellow lab in particular that has frequently tried to bite my dog. I think it’s important to recognize that any dog can be aggressive if not properly handled and trained. I also want to point out what this would do for shelters. Currently, if you look at any shelter page there are many pit bulls or pit bull mixes. Many who could potentially find homes in Aurora, but have yet too because of the breed specific language. This could help reduce the population in shelters and find these dogs, who might be friendly well behaved dogs a quality home in the Aurora area.
C154	R299*	6.15.19	80138	I do not like restricting specific breeds of dogs. Of course, some of them are not raised properly but I'd like it to be based on dog temperament rather than breed.

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C155	R301*	6.13.19	80017	The restricted breed ban should be lifted all together. Pit bulls, Staffordshire terriers, and other “bully” breeds are great dogs. The owners are the problem, not the dogs.
C156	R303*	6.13.19	80011	Please say pit bulls or use a "/"
C157	R306*	6.9.19	80013	We should not be segregating pitbulls from other canines. It is in proper breeding and forced fighting that has caused so many issues. If what you are trying to implement with other breeds is working why would it not work for them? You are treating them as the Nazis did with Jews they are being exterminated and I am ashamed to live in a city that condones this.
C158	R312*	6.6.19	80017	The Pit Bull breed ban should be lifted in Aurora
C159	R313*	6.6.19	80013	Ref 14-75 €Impoundment (pg 34). Sentence: If the dog is found to be an unlicensed pit bull restricted breed it shall be ordered surrendered or destroyed humanely euthanized unless the owner produces evidence deemed sufficient by the court that the pit bull restricted breed is to be permanently taken out of the city. There isn’t any time frame noted on humanely euthanized. This leaves it up to the animal officer, who could euthanize an animal as soon as transported to the shelter. Need a reference to number of days, before euthanized or the conditions to be euthanized. This has been an issue before and the policy needs to be crystal clear for animal shelter employees and owners, etc.
C160	R314*	6.5.19	80013	I am adamantly opposed to legislation banning ANY specific breed! BSL essentially just means that responsibility for dangerous dog behavior is being wrongly shifted onto the breeds as a whole instead of their human counterparts who influence every other aspect of the animal’s care.
C161	R315	6.5.19	80011	I think it is time to abolish the pit bull ban instead of just changing the name. It isn't the dog's breed that is the problem. It is the owners. Not to mention there is no way for the city to "collect" all the pit bulls that currently live in Aurora.
C162	R316	8.5.19	80020	As trained animal service officers are unable to correctly identify dog breeds based on physical characteristics as defined in current and proposed law, maintaining breed specific legislation is untenable. Not only are the restricted breeds a large portion of animals currently available for adoption nationwide, police department

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				nationwide are starting to use the bully breeds as police dogs because of their trainability. As a responsible dog owner, I have had my English Staffordshire terrier incorrectly identified as a pit bull multiple times. There is no reason I should have to carry a copy of his AKC registration papers with me to drive through a town where he could be improperly identified based on "breed characteristics" and incorrect information about animal aggression. Cities across the country have realized the futility of breed bans, and have read current information from the ASPCA which shows that Chihuahuas actually are more aggressive and likely to attack without provocation than other breeds.
C163	R321	6.5.19	80014	Pit bulls are sweet dogs and unfortunately some have terrible owners. Don't restrict them!
C164	R324*	6.4.19	80015	I hate this ordinance. It is ridiculous and has effected our family. My 14 year old son can't have our dog, Tank who is a pit bull be his service animal.
C165	R325	6.4.19	80011	I still worry about Pitbulls. They have the ability to severely injure people and animals.

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C166	R327	6.4.19	80014	The ban on any dog resembling a pit bull should be lifted. Pit bull is not even a breed. They are being singled out just as other breeds have been in the past. Also, the majority of mixed breeds have "pit bull" in them. Each dog is unique and it does not matter the breed. It is not the dog, it is the owner. Unfortunately, only negative stories are reported and not all of the good ones. The same can be said for German shepherds or rottweilers, etc. No breed should be punished because of bad owners. The ban should be removed.
C167	R329*	6.4.19	80013	I feel it is not right to punish an entire breed of dogs due to a reputation and/or specific cases of incidents. To me that is like saying "because this individual is of this ethnicity/race he/she is aggressive." I believe each case should be handled individually and an "aggressive dog is an aggressive dog" no matter the breed. I also feel the owner should be the one responsible and not have the dog be punished just due to its breed.
C168	R333*	6.3.19	80010	There is zero legal way for Aurora to figure out what dog is a service dog or not. Now you will have pit bull "service dogs" in stores and restaurants- in close quarters with children and elderly- without knowing what training the dog received. This is incredibly unsafe. Get ready to pay out on lawsuits when people get bit!
C169	R337	6.3.19	80011	I don't feel there should be breed restriction
C170	R344*	6.3.19	80014	I understand the concerns about these breeds that are restricted but I find the ban unnecessary because there are laws about dangerous animals.
C171	R346*	6.3.19	80014	There should not be restrictions on breeds only on individual dogs that are aggressive
C172	R355*	6.3.19	80010	The type of breed needs to continue to be mentioned otherwise people will think that it doesn't apply to them.
C173	R358	6.3.19	80014	Please continue the Pit Bull prohibition.

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C174	R359*	6.3.19	80011	Banning specific breeds of dogs regardless of temperament is unfair and unethical. Some of the sweetest and well-mannered dogs that I have met have been "restricted breeds" and some of the nastiest do not appear on this list. You cannot and should not lump all dogs of one breed together based on anecdotes and what horrible owners do to their sweet pitties. Instead of punishing those owners who are brave enough to care for and raise restricted breeds appropriately and with love, you should be focusing your attention to punishing those owners who abuse their dogs and raise them to be aggressive. This should no longer be an issue in 2019 and Aurora (and the Denver metro area) need to get on board with the fact that "restricted breeds" are NOT aggressive.
C175	R368*	6.3.19	80012	I'm concerned about what will happen to any newly-restricted dogs. While I agree with the new regulations, I don't want people to falsely use the emotional support animal title.
C176	R373*	6.3.19	80013	The ban is specific to the breeds listed. When you take out the breed specific term and replace it with "restricted breed" it allows the opportunity for error or oversight to occur. If the breed is banned, the breed's name should remain written into the measure for clarity and pure reasoning.

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C177	R374*	6.3.19	80014	I feel that doing away with breed specific bans is a wonderful change for the city to make. For example, I know several people who have been bitten by Chihuahuas, but no one who has been bitten by a pit or staffy. Thank you for proposing this change.
C178	R382*	6.3.19	80017	There should be a ban on a specific breed, but rather the behavior of the individual dog and owner.
C179	R387*	6.2.19	80015	The pit bull ban is unfounded and uneducated. With other cities repealing the ban, aurora should allow for a vote on it.
C180	R397	6.1.19	80015	It needs to be taken out or adjusted. If the dog is dangerous I understand the need for restrictions but the whole breed is not dangerous. It's prejudice.
C181	R398	6.1.19	80013	I love the changing of Pit Bull to restricted breed. I would prefer that there was not restricted breeds altogether and only individual dangerous animal restrictions.
C182	R400*	5.31.19	80013	Having bans on specific breeds is asinine and useless. The fact that a ban exists means that any owners of those dogs are unable to get any proper training and it unfairly discriminates against any dog with a wide chest and blocky head regardless of genetic/breed history or even temperament.
C183	R401*	5.31.19	80013	Breed bans are a terrible way to manage aggressive dogs as it unfairly criminalizes any dog with a broad chest and block-headed build, regardless of temperament, or actual breed.
C184	R402*	5.31.19	80010	I was initially concerned with this section as it is difficult to verify service or emotional support animals. Now, after reading the ADA it clearly states there is NO way for a city to regulate this, "No. Mandatory registration of service animals is not permissible under the ADA. However, as stated above, service animals are subject to the same licensing and vaccination rules that are applied to all dogs." If the council wants to put this back on the ballot they should do so. This seems a disingenuous way that breed advocates are trying to circumvent the restricted breed ban when all evidence from the Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is to the contrary. These breeds can make great family dogs, but to say there is a high number of Aurora residents or people that want to move to Aurora with restricted breed service animals and EMA's is not true. This

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				also not only gives owners the right to claim that their restricted breed is a service animal, with no basis in fact, it also now gives these animals access to areas they would not be permitted, such as stores and restaurants where small children will be present. This could lead to an increase instances of aggression that could leave the city liable for these injuries by changing a policy without voter consent in which they cannot verify a dog's training. As there is NO legal way for Aurora to verify a service or emotional support animal's training this entire revision should be voted down.
C185	R407*	5.30.19	80016	This has been voted on twice and answered by the voters twice, why are we still trying to get this changed or repealed. Community does not want to allow these animals and our votes should matter.

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C186	R409*	5.30.19	80011	There is a large movement to completely remove this section. Online it says that it was put in place by City Council in 2005 but City Council claims they can't vote it out because it was voted in by the citizens of Aurora, which is false information. Even though it was voted down in 2014 by a botched ballot question, City Council could vote to change this. You are also persecuting dogs on their appearance, ie "any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics." AAS Officers shouldn't be making these calls based on appearance because they are not breed experts. Several other breeds are often confused with Stafforshires and therefore appearance shouldn't be a distinguishing factor. Especially when Aurora requires a breed to be over 50% of the specific restricted breed for it to actually be restricted. A dog that is thought to be unlawful within City limits ONLY because of it's breed should NOT be euthanized as a punishment or form of control. It is a living being and there are rescues and other shelters that could better handle it outside of killing it because of a prejudice.
C187	R410*	5.29.19	80014	I would like to see the ban against pit bulls lifted. Restricted breed is a bit of a vague term, and I could see a slippery slope where citizens label a dog a restrictive breed simply because it is a pit bull. Pit bull restrictions are historically racist. I believe there needs to be careful evaluation of the language we use about the breed, and any breed, because we wind up having a really negative connotation about them. Additionally, the new proposal is unclear as to how there would be changes about pit bull mixes. Currently, Aurora allows 50% or under, but would this new language be more restrictive on the mixed breeds?
C188	R415*	5.25.19	80013	The ASPCA, American Bar Association, Humane Society and nearly every other group opposes breed specific legislation. I want pitbull owners feeling safe with getting training and veterinary help for their dogs.
C189	R417*	5.24.19	80013	I believe we need to get rid of the restricted breed ban. It is no different than racial profiling. There are more dog bites from other breeds than pit bulls. Is not right to target one breed of animals. Make laws that are equal to every breed and make the penalties harsher when an incident happens.

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C190	R420*	5.24.19	80010	The restricted breed list is arbitrary and unfair. There is nothing inherently dangerous about the restricted breed and there are various breeds not restricted that are equally as strong and dangerous if trained to be so.
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Section 14-75 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R5*	7.15.19	80203	Can we assess Multiple tests to see if a animal is food or animal aggressive then use rehabilitation of all breeds including restricted breeds. No euthinizing for space ever. Can we explore rescue s and transfer to other areas with low counts. ? As another option I dont agree with euthinizing because of a dog breed. Evver I assure training and music therapy and More community-based Education.would do wonders and the stats would show the change. 3500 pitbull didn't have to die for us /humans to find another option. Please be the change needed to stop this genocide. Weve heard it all before judge one for whats inside not on the outside. Ive taught my daughter not to stereotype and pre judge any. And That encompasses all living creature with a heartbeat Please. I support the change

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C2	R7*	7.15.19	80919	I would like them to review current peer-edited research on 'pit bull type' dogs and use their findings in the decision making process
C3	R13*	7.15.19	80012	No, thos new bill makes a lot of sense and is very practical.
C4	R14*	7.15.19	80017	I know this part is supposed to be further comments on "restricted breeds" but each time I have tried to go to the next page, I have to start this section over (now the 3 rd time). I am very happy to see changes concerning community cats wording and restrictions. As a person who has participated in TNR, I feel that this truly a change for the better. These are beautiful, innocent animals who have had lousy owners who consider them throwaways and lack responsibility for their care. These are animals that deserve protection and I applaud your forward thinking in putting forth such a good plan.
C5	R17*	7.15.19	80601	Owners should have to complete mandatory training with any dog.
C6	R18*	7.15.19	80013	See above – original comment: I do not think that any specific breed of dog should be banned. Each dog should be taken on a case by case basis when the dog’s behavior warrants it. No pitbulls should be banned (or any other breed of dog).
C7	R19*	7.15.19	80013	by changing the ordinance to just read "restricted breeds" I'm worried that elected officials will be able to change the breeds in that category without input from the people of aurora.
C8	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like the city to adopt a broader dangerous dog ordinance that is not breed specific and that places a focus on owners and their animal care behavior and not on the breed of the animal.
C9	R28*	7.14.19	80013	There are dangerous dogs of every breed, the focus should be on dangerous dogs in general which generally comes from inadequate training, socialization, bad dog parents.
C10	R31*	7.14.19	80033	Please hold owners accountable

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C11	R33*	7.14.19	80013	Please don't get rid of the pit bull ban
C12	R35*	7.14.19	80010	Continue BSL.
C13	R41*	7.14.19	80011	Look up pitbull attacks on other dogs and people.
C14	R53*	7.12.19	80016	Clarity on "restrictive breeds!"
C15	R63*	7.12.19	80016	Remove the entire restricted breeds section and just leave something about vicious dogs. Aurora Hass to get with the times you're about 10 years behind right now. And you're causing the deaths of a lot of very good dogs.
C16	R67*	7.12.19	80015	Define how an restricted breed becomes a support animal. The voters voted we don't want these breeds in our city.
C17	R69*	7.12.19	80010	Dogs should be judged based upon behavior, not their breed or appearance.
C18	R70*	7.12.19	80013	No
C19	R74*	7.12.19	80111	No
C20	R76*	7.12.19	80015	Reevaluate your breed restrictions as it's generally an owner at fault for aggressive behaviour or an animal being pushed past it's limits. All dogs bite when provoked.
C21	R82*	7.11.19	80018	No
C22	R87*	7.11.19	80231	Be like Castle Rock. And do what the article says.

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C23	R92*	7.11.19	80016	Charge the owner for creating aggressive dogs and perform possible background checks on individuals to ensure they are not abusing a breed.
C24	R93*	7.11.19	80015	Dog should be tested for aggressiveness, not genes. Shelters can complete these tests before adopting out "pit bull" types. Instead of testing for pit type breed ancestry in a problem animal, try temperament testing and or mandatory training before the animal is removed or the owner otherwise penalized.
C25	R97*	7.11.19	80017	Screening of potential owners is vital. Not exactly certain of the wording of screening questions to weed out potential inappropriate adopters however.
C26	R107*	7.11.19	80018	I would like to see stiffer penalties in place for owners of repeat offenses on keeping or raising an animal that becomes violent under their care.
C27	R113*	7.11.19	80011	Pit bulls are not bad breeds, some just have bad owners
C28	R115*	7.11.19	80017	No. Good job on the modifications.
C29	R119*	7.11.19	80015	The current best practices are working well.
C30	R126*	7.11.19	80012	n/a
C31	R132*	7.11.19	80010	It is my opinion that it shouldn't matter the breed, as any dog without proper care and training, or after abuse, can be dangerous. Each dog should be treated as it's own case, if there is an issue with it's behavior. The breed should only be a secondary consideration. Also, when determining if the dog is dangerous, the situation listed in the complaint should be replicated to the best of the court's ability to better understand the why behind what happened. Also, the owner should be penalized, not the dog who might not know any different than what they were taught. For those dogs removed from their owner, rehab should be attempted before resorting to euthanasia to avoid needlessly ending an animal's life.

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C32	R141*	7.11.19	80010	Check with other cities in Colorado that DO ALLOW Pit bulls/mix/ etc. and see why they DO allow citizens to own the breed of dogs in their cities. See what type of issues, is any, that they have had with allowing the breed.
C33	R143*	7.11.19	80011	listen to your own citizens! Two thirds want a pit bull ban. See the election results for 48ovember 2014. You are spitting in the face of those voters.
C34	R146*	7.11.19	80015	N/A
C35	R155*	7.11.19	80015	It should be mandatory for every person/family who adopts a dog from a shelter, rescue or breeder to have their pets sprayed or neutered AND take a basic training session. I met one of your Animal Control Officers at a public meeting. Was extremely impressed by his stand on the situation against this ban - they are doing their jobs but it's tough for them as well. Let's make everyone's lives easier.
C36	R157*	7.11.19	80216	No
C37	R158*	7.11.19	80013	Maintain consistent enforcement of the restricted breed code; a yearly inspection should take place to ensure the restricted breed owner is in compliance with the code.
C38	R160*	7.11.19	80015	Setting other protocols for Pitt bill owners instead of just resorting to a ban
C39	R162*	7.11.19	80012	Animal specific and not breed.
C40	R164*	7.11.19	80112	You have them in place by identifying dangerous dogs.

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C41	R170*	7.11.19	80021	Breed specific laws keep the general public safe and most importantly, keep children safe.
C42	R172*	7.11.19	80015	N/A
C43	R173*	7.11.19	80015	Penalize owners more not the animal!
C44	R174*	7.11.19	80013	No
C45	R176*	7.11.19	80538	Tethering should be illegal, unless done so on a temporary, limited basis. Tethering dogs creates aggressive dogs across all breeds! Also, for banned breeds there are certain things the city can do to help these breeds succeed. For instance, training class requirements, but this should also go for ALL breeds! These training documents should be a requirement when licensing a dog, ANY dog. The training classes should be REWARD based, and approved by the city.
C46	R181*	7.11.19	80214	More effective alternatives cited in studies point to improving the community's access to animal welfare resources. For instance, providing low-cost or free spay/neuter surgeries has been helpful in communities since dogs that are intact have an increase chance of demonstrating behavior challenges (https://alachuacounty.us/news/article/pages/Free-Neutering-Services-for-Male-Dogs-Weighing-40-or-More-Pounds.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2SIodcrG16S_i7tcxZWXRKAM2GGAX1quUvx5qzjHrVRofq4RxBxBbPwA). This practices increases the number of sterilized animals in the community which will hopefully contribute to the decrease in the number of animals that demonstrate behavior challenges that are considered unsafe to the community. Since each animal is an individual, it is also important to evaluate animals on a case-by-case basis. This regulation prohibits the ability to do this
C47	R182*	7.11.19	80012	See above – original comment:

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				The law should fully be dismissed, not changed from a prohibited breed to restricted breed. The breed of the animal is less relevant than the behavior of the animal. The law should apply to all breeds, not just pit bulls. This way the owners of any breed of dangerous animal can be remediated instead of just those breeds mentioned. Studies have shown that even animal control officers cant successfully identify between different breeds of dogs that share some characteristics and may be cross bred. For instance a mixed pit bull vs. A mixed boxer breed. Under this new law, an owner of a labrador retriever that has been deemed dangerous would not be required to attend training or provide proof the animal is being monitored etc. But the Pitt bull owner would be. I say this because the only time my son was nearly attacked by a dog, it was a labrador retriever.
C48	R188*	7.10.19	80012	Pitbull spayed and neutering license to prevent overpopulation
C49	R189*	7.10.19	80013	The existing ban should remain in full effect. Look at the original reasons for the ban. Protecting the citizens of Aurora is the goal.
C50	R190*	7.10.19	80013	Yes, I would like to address the practice of baiting animals, such as squirrels and rabbits, into traps that are unchecked up to 9 hours. While I don't like the idea of baiting or trapping the beautiful wildlife in our neighborhoods, in fairness, I understand that other homeowners find them pests. However, it becomes an issue of cruelty to leave them in traps in the heat of summer for such a long time, without access to water or shade. I would also like to see language added that would provide for alternate solutions and a requirement to make other attempts to protect property before the use of traps or lethal means. I would like to see the requirement that traps are checked every 3 hours, to reduce the suffering of an animal in the heat of summer or the cold of winter.
C51	R191*	7.10.19	80013	No
C52	R194*	7.10.19	80012	Add a way to report an aggressive animal even if it hasn't attacked someone yet. Make owners show proof that the animal is trained and is not a danger if it gets too many complaints.
C53	R195*	7.10.19	80011	Judge the animal.as.an individual not because it is a pit bull. A neighbors chiwawa attack my husband in our garage while he was under the car.so no matter the size or breed they have their own personality and should be judged that ways. Make the owners answer for the actiontion.
C54	R202*	7.10.19	80013	No
C55	R203*	7.10.19	80013	No
C56	R208*	7.10.19	80018	Yes, get rid of the section entirely.
C57	R210*	7.10.19	80018	Abolish this term (Restricted Breed). Abolish this definition.
C58	R212*	7.10.19	80010	Many other cities have lifted pit bull bans and are good examples to follow. https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/23/world/americas/pit-bull-ban-montreal.html
C59	R214*	7.10.19	80012	no breed restriction
C60	R220*	7.10.19	80012	No thank you
C61	R221*	7.10.19	80016	No
C62	R224*	7.10.19	80010	Review other state laws regarding aggressive of dangerous animals non-breed specific.
C62	R226*	7.10.19	80013	Dangerous dog laws
C64	R227*	7.10.19	80012	Charging people with failure to pay fees when they don't have enough cash on them for the fees incurred when they pick up their dog from the shelter. Don't criminalize being poor, or even just leaving your wallet at home.
C65	R229*	7.10.19	80015	If a restricted animal is restricted it means just that. Do not allow that breed period. No matter what the reason.

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C66	R230*	7.10.19	80013	Smithsonian Magazine: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/owners-not-breeds-predict-whether-dog-will-be-aggressive-180949962/ ASPCS https://www.asPCA.org/about-us/aspca-policy-and-position-statements/position-statement-pit-bulls
C67	R231*	7.10.19	80013	Section 14-6(a). I would like to see a definition of reasonable medical care. With advances in care available to pets (hip replacements, dialysis, etc) it becomes less acceptable to let pets die from natural causes. The City should be careful about getting involved in neighborly spats over how a pet was allowed to decline and eventually die.
C68	R233*	7.10.19	80241	Maybe do some research on how many people in this state own a dog like that and therefor how many people you are not allowing to live in your city, which is a great cheaper option to Denver.
C69	R234*	7.10.19	80015	The vote from the voters is the best practice that needs to be followed.
C70	R235*	7.10.19	80012	Dont judge a dog by its breed because of bad owners, they are lovers and are great family dogs
C71	R236*	7.10.19	80122	Owners should be punished if their dog attacks someone, is aggressive consistently, etc. A fine should be implemented for these types of owners who are not responsible.
C72	R238*	7.10.19	80013	Drop the breed ban!!
C73	R240*	7.10.19	80013	Changing you policy or "section" on what you do with these poor dogs when you take them from people's homes. They get taken to the pound and killed. Its completly inhumane and wrong. Maybe look into something else like pit rescues.
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C74	R241*	7.10.19	80018	Stronger breed-neutral ordinance to hold ALL humans and dogs accountable.
C75	R243*	7.9.49	80016	Repeal the ban in its entirety.
C76	R245*	7.12.19	80013	I gave up and just started checking "no opinion". I did read the proposed ordinance that theoretically addresses these sections, but that is not part of the survey that I can tell. Additionally, there are so many contradictory definitions and statements between the Ordinance and the Chapter 14 proposed changes, I don't know how anyone would know what takes affect. Additionally, if the Ordinance passes, but Chapter 14 changes pass AFTER the Ordinance, the breed ban effectively gets restored in a single election. Some of the conflicts include: definitions - some are removed from one document but not the other; impound times are changed, I think, but from one it changes from 3 to 7 days, but the same line states 3 days immediately following. [Dangerous Dog Ordinance Section 14-4 (b)]. There is another reference that takes 3 days to 5 days, not 7 days.
C77	R246*	7.9.19	80013	Animal control and legislative approaches to protecting a community from dangerous dogs should not be based on breed, but instead on promoting responsible pet ownership and developing methods to rapidly identify and respond to owners whose dogs present an actual risk. The AVMA recommends the following strategies for dog bite prevention: 1) Enforcement of generic, non-breed-specific dangerous dog laws, with an emphasis on chronically irresponsible owners 2) Enforcement of animal control ordinances such as leash laws, by trained animal care and control officers 3) Prohibition of dog fighting 4) Encouraging neutering for dogs not intended for breeding 5) School-based and adult education programs that teach pet selection strategies, pet care and responsibility, and bite prevention

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C78	R249*	7.9.19	80013	If they are banned because of bite force or temper or anything else sience wise then y aren't german shepherds banned or chihuahuas I belive you should review stuff and just look at them as a dog like other dogs that were used for fighting way back when
C79	R253	7.9.19	80013	Make an owner of an aggressive dog take owner and training classes, along with the fines, jail time, restitution, and confiscation of the animal.
C80	R255*	7.9.19	80015	No
C81	R259*	7.9.19	80015	Na
C82	R260*	7.9.19	80013	Have general aggressive animals. Responsible ownership
C83	R261*	7.9.19	54209	Calgery model. Non breed specific laws
C84	R268*	7.9.19	80011	Add a definition to what constitutes an aggressive animal for enforcement.
C85	R269*	7.9.19	80013	I believe that it is disingenuous to make changes to the breed restriction without conducting another Open House.
C86	R275*	7.9.19	80014	The Castle Rock model seems to be the most appropriate. Breed does not determine an animals aggressiveness toward others. The owner needs to be in control of their animals.
C87	R279*	7.4.19	80013	Ban ALL AGGRESSIVE/VIOLENT species or none at all. Find better ways to treat these cases. For example if the dog is being trained to be violent.
C88	R282*	6.26.19	80013	No.
C89	R285*	6.26.19	80013	I think that viewing dogs based on their actions instead of their breeds is the best approach.

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C90	R287*	6.26.19	80014	I say no too long leashes that are 5 and 6 ft long there is no reason why a dog needs to be on a leash that long it provides an opportunity for the dog to be in trouble or to be aggressive toward another animal or person I would also like to see that anybody who owns a dog or adopt a dog has basic training on how to handle a dog especially since Colorado adopts a lot of dogs that have behavioral problems already.
C91	R291*	6.25.19	80011	Please go visit some pit bulls siting in local shelters. Please. It's only right you meet the breed of animal you discriminate against and demonize in city policy. Don't be blind, please make this decision based on personal accounts and experiences. If those experiences were poor, please go visit some shelter pit bulls anyway. Even by changing policy away from kill shelters will still result in many of this breed ending up in shelters due to being a restricted breed and furthermore far less likely to be adopted locally if they remain restricted. By remaining restricted, someone not living in Aurora would have to rescue the pit bull. Considering we are 3 million person metro-population and the number of surrounding shelters, it's highly unlikely someone from Arvada or other legal pit bull territory would come to Aurora to adopt.
C92	R299*	6.15.19	80138	State Law seems to work well for judging dog temperament.
C93	R301*	6.13.19	80017	All dog owners should be held responsible for the behavior of their dogs, regardless of the breed. If a person has an aggressive dog, they should not be putting their dog, other animals, or other people at risk. That is on the owner, not on the dog.
C94	R303*	6.13.19	80011	no. No pit bulls or restricted breeds. Too many at large dogs anyways.

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C98	R306*	6.9.19	80013	Dogs showing proof of unprovoked aggression should try to be retrained and if that is unsuccessful then putting them down. Allow other dogs who have no records or issues to remain with there families and loved ones.
C99	R313*	6.6.19	80013	Need to reference what can be done for dogs or cats, etc in a car on hot days. I normally go into the store and ask for them to make an announcement. But I would also like to call police or animal shelter. I the dog is in distress I will break a window. The owner also needs a warning in writing or a violation. In Animal Services area there is no reference to restricted breeds. The only reference in under Ordinances and Enforcement. Today the only way I was able to see that page was by search. If I move to Aurora and don't see anything on restricted breeds on the animal service why would I look anywhere else. Restricted breed information should be right in your face under Animal Services. I'm sure this caused some folks to not even know about the ordinance. Really a horrible mistake to not put info on animal services.
C100	R314*	6.5.19	80013	Please review the recommendations of the HSUS, ASPCA, AVMA and even the CDC which do NOT support the use of breed bans as an effective tool to keep communities safe. The American Bar Association urges all state, territorial, and local legislative bodies and governmental agencies to adopt comprehensive breed-neutral dangerous dog/reckless owner laws that ensure due process protections for owners, encourage responsible pet ownership and focus on the behavior of both dog owners and dogs, and to repeal any breed discriminatory or breed specific provisions.

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C101	R329*	6.4.19	80013	Look to Parker and/or Castle Rock who no longer have BSL in place and look at their statistics involving bites or "aggressive instances." I think it would be fine with having to register any "pitbull" and looking at that individual dogs history as to specific case by case requirements i.e muzzle, leash length, etc.
C102	R333*	6.3.19	80010	Yes, look into what breeds that long term service dog organizations actually use. They often do not use pit bulls or several other breeds due to bred proclivities.
C103	R344*	6.3.19	80014	No
C104	R346*	6.3.19	80014	Again only restrict a dog that is a problem – not the breed. Much more severe penalties for the people who raise the aggressive dog
C105	R368*	6.3.19	80012	Required training classes and permit held for restricted breeds?
C106	R373*	6.3.19	80013	What are the steps to get this breed ban back on the ballot for another vote to keep or discard it? Its been 5 years since the last vote, I say we let our community speak again on the issue.
C107	R374*	6.3.19	80014	None, thank you.
C108	R382*	6.3.19	80017	Any dog that exhibits aggressive behavior, regardless of breed, should be banned. Owners should take ownership of their animals.
C109	R387*	6.2.19	80015	Repeal the ban on bully breeds.
C110	R400*	5.31.19	80013	Look towards aggressive dog language that does not focus or even mention specific breeds at all.
C111	R401*	5.31.19	80013	I would like to propose that you take a good look at Parker's "aggressive dog" legislation. It puts the responsibility of the dog's behavior on the owner, and does not call out any specific breed as bad or banned.

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C112	R402	5.31.19	80010	<p>Accreditation by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is the highest standard of accreditation for service dog organizations. They (via Handi-Dogs) recommend, " 2). Pit types can be genetically dog aggressive, and this may not show in the dog's temperament until it becomes an adult." Clear Path for Veterans say, "BREED RESTRICTIONS FOR SERVICE DOG PLACEMENT AND TRAINING Not all breeds are recommended for service dog training. Bully breeds or mixes can be a social barrier in providing a neutral bridge between the Veteran and the community. Bully breeds include but may not be limited to: American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier, American Bulldog and Bull Mastiff. Clear Path does not take a stance against bully breeds; however, these breeds are NOT recommended in our training program." The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners - IAADP, says, "Breeds classified as Guard Dogs, Flock Guardians or Fighting Dogs have aggression related breed traits that are particularly worrisome. Assistance dog partners who do not have previous experience handling a dog with a strong Protection drive, a fierce Territorial instinct or a hereditary dog aggression problem should not attempt a partnership with one of these breeds. Those who do choose to work with one of these breeds must respect the darker side of its nature, learn how to avoid triggering it and never ignore the potential for a misunderstanding. Occasionally one hears of a Doberman or German Shepherd or a Rottweiler that seems to lack the normal hereditary breed traits that earned such dogs the reputation of being formidable guard dogs. But atypical specimens like that are extremely difficult to find, nor do they come with a lifetime guarantee. Realistically, your odds on a pup from those breeds growing up to be an adult that lacks his breed's guard dog instinct is very slim. Hereditary breed traits should always be considered part of the package when making a breed choice." Also, "Service Dog Society - Information Source Do not choose (continued)</p> <p>breeds like Huskies, Rottweilers, Bull Breeds, or other breeds that are notoriously hard to train. You want to set yourself up for success. Successfully training a service dog is hard enough. It's crucial that you find a breed that matches your ability level to help stack the odds in your favor... If you're looking for a psychiatric prospect that narrows down your options quite a bit. You don't want any breed prone to developing protective instincts (think German Shepherds, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Livestock Guardians, and other breeds known for their protective nature). The trouble with protective breeds is that often that instinct doesn't kick in until the dog has matured. Therefore, you could put around 2 years of training into a dog just to have an otherwise amazing service dog in training become extremely protective and subsequently have to be washed out. You'd end up losing two years of time and money and gain a lot of heartbreak. It simply isn't worth the risk. See case study: Pit Bulls 4 Patriots was launched in 2011 as a specialty group only training rescued pit bulls to help military vets with PTSD. However, in less than a year, their pilot program fully broke down due to problems with the pit bull breed. By 2012, the group resurfaced under the name, Hounds 4 Heroes, specializing in only using rescued greyhounds to help military vets with PTSD. Both sites are now offline, but we captured their "explanation" before they shut down Pit Bulls 4 Patriots. If you look at the dog types most commonly used by therapy and guide dog organizations any of the restricted breeds are not there, "America's VetDogs - Accredited by ADI Guide Dog Foundation dogs learn how to lead a person in a straight line, find and follow a clear path, maneuver around obstacles (both on the ground and overhead), and stop at changes in elevation, such as curbs and stairs. They are also trained to be extremely well behaved when in public places. We use Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador/Golden crosses. Standard Poodles are available for individuals or their immediate family member's with documented allergies. Southeast Guide Dogs -</p>
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C113	R407*	5.30.19	80016	I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion but my neighbors were not even aware that there was a feedback request.
C114	R409*	5.30.19	80011	BSL serves no purpose to the City or it's citizens. Funding, time and resources could be used elsewhere - like in abuse, neglect or actual dangerous dog incidents.
C115	R410*	5.29.19	80014	I would like there to be literature from EXPERTS, not from Betty next door who once was sniffed by a pit bull and was scared. There is tons of literature out there for animal behavior, including pit bulls. I also think there needs to be some sort of dog training classes for people to understand how to handle animals. There are plenty of bad owners out there. Animals do not deserve to be abused. If people had a better understanding of animal behavior, there could be a curb in the abuse that we do see. Ban the owner, not a breed.
C116	R415*	5.25.19	80013	American Bar Associate Standards, AVA Standards, etc.
C117	R417*	5.24.19	80013	They need to learn their dog breeds better.
C118	R420*	5.24.19	80010	No

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Section 14-75 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R7*	7.15.19	80919	I would like the elimination of ‘pit bull type’ dogs from being restricted and make restrictions on a case-by-case basis only pertaining to behavior, not breed (or perceived breed type)
C2	R13*	7.15.19	80012	No
C3	R18*	7.15.19	80013	Remove all banned language and replace it with language that shows that the dog’s behavior will determine whether it can live in city limits or not
C4	R19*	7.15.19	80013	Retain the specific breed designation of pit bull. Should read “American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and restricted breeds.” Also, restore the deleted jail time under penalty.
C5	R22*	7.15.19	80017	THE OWNER needs to be held accountable and responsible, NO MATTER the breed.
C6	R24*	7.15.19	80011	English
C7	R25*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see the entire ordinance removed.
C8	R28*	7.14.19	80013	Restricted should be crossed out and replaced with dangerous dog of any breed.
C9	R31*	7.14.19	80033	None, just elimination of breed specific legislation

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C10	R35*	7.14.19	80010	Keep bsl
C11	R41*	7.14.19	80011	No
C12	R52*	7.12.19	80012	Continue the ban on pit bulls
C13	R53*	7.12.19	80016	Please be clear on what you mean by restrictive breeds!
C14	R55*	7.12.19	80017	Remove “restricted breeds” and work more on animals that are vicious.
C15	R67*	7.12.19	80015	Only defining how a support animal is certified.
C16	R69*	7.12.19	80010	Something similar to this: “No dogs are restricted based on their appearance. Restrictions are now based on dog behavior, and are identified in a two-tiered system defining potentially dangerous dogs, and dangerous dogs. A dog need not bite to be determined as potentially dangerous. A potentially dangerous dog may be allowed to remain in the Town under court ordered restrictions. A dog determined to be a dangerous dog is not allowed in the Town.” Taken from the Castle Rock Animal Ordinance.
C17	R70*	7.12.19	80013	No
C18	R71*	7.12.19	60647	Add other fighting/guarding breeds like Inu Tosa, Cane Corso, Dogo Argentino, and Fila Brasileiro
C19	R72*	7.12.19	80012	14a – remove the word intentional. An animal can easily feel threatened or in danger without the provocation being intentional. The determination of if provocation existed should be determined on a case by case basis.
C20	R76*	7.12.19	80015	No breed restrictions especially on pit bulls as they are the sweetest breed of dog I have ever known when in the hands of the right owner.
C21	R82*	7.11.19	80018	Pit bulls should be allowed in Aurora. Pit bulls are loving dogs.
C22	R92*	7.11.19	80016	I would like to see pit bull removed from section.

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C23	R101*	7.11.19	80014	I would like to see 14-75: Restricted Breeds removed entirely.
C24	R107*	7.11.19	80018	No
C25	R113*	7.11.19	80011	14-75 should just be removed to not have restricted breeds.
C26	R115*	7.11.19	80017	No
C27	R116*	7.11.19	80013	Pit bulls should never be allowed in the city.
C28	R126*	7.11.19	80012	No
C29	R132*	7.11.19	80010	Instead of “restricted breed” use “individual dog”. Do not list ANY breed as that only leads to prejudice against the entire breed, or breed mixes, instead of focusing on the individual.
C30	R141*	7.11.19	80010	City Prohibits ANY Vicious animals with-in city limits. List what is consider vicious. 1)Attacks/Bites/Mauls, without provocation ANY Human off of their property(situations could vary on why attack/bite occurred). 2) Attacks another animal 3 different times without provocation off their property, again depending on circumstances
C31	R143*	7.11.19	80011	keep dangerous dog bans in place that were aready voted on 5 years ago.....or have a NEW PUBLIC VOTE.....or be corrupt and deceitful.....(I already know which you'll do) B
C32	R146*	7.11.19	80015	No
C33	R155*	7.11.19	80015	Dangerous versus breed specific.
C34	R157*	7.11.19	80216	No

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C35	R158*	7.11.19	80013	Yearly inspections should occur and the restricted breed owner should pay fees for this inspection.
C36	R162*	7.11.19	80012	I would like any specific breed be stricken from the changes.
C37	R164*	7.11.19	80112	N/A
C38	R170*	7.11.19	80021	Keep the ban!
C39	R172*	7.11.19	80015	No
C40	R173*	7.11.19	80015	N/a
C41	R174*	7.11.19	80013	no
C42	R181*	7.11.19	80214	I would like to see the section completely eliminated.
C43	R182*	7.11.19	80012	See above – original comment: The law should fully be dismissed, not changed from a prohibited breed to restricted breed. The breed of the animal is less relevant than the behavior of the animal. The law should apply to all breeds, not just pit bulls. This way the owners of any breed of dangerous animal can be remediated instead of just those breeds mentioned. Studies have shown that even animal control officers cant successfully identify between different breeds of dogs that share some characteristics and may be cross bred. For instance a mixed pit bull vs. A mixed boxer breed. Under this new law, an owner of a labrador retriever that has been deemed dangerous would not be required to attend training or provide proof the animal is being monitored etc. But the Pitt bull owner would be. I say this because the only time my son was nearly attacked by a dog, it was a labrador retriever.

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C44	R189*	7.10.19	80013	Keep 14-75 and Remove: That section 14-75 is hereby repealed in its entirety. DO NOT REPEAL ANY PART OF THE DANGEROUS BREEDS BAN.
C45	R190*	7.10.19	80013	Definitely language to allow dogs of all breeds in Aurora, and for dogs to be restricted based on their individual histories of aggressive behavior. Also, I would like to see more strict ordinances against breeding. This is especially true of breeding "bully breed" puppies, which as we all know, are dying in disproportional numbers in shelters. Breeding any dog that is banned in the State of Colorado should be banned in Aurora. People wanting to breed any dog should be held to strict expectations, such as not breeding more often than once a year, ensuring the parents aren't living in "puppy mill" conditions and are given adequate care and socialization. I'm concerned about the proposal for the wolf hybrid dogs. While I understand that wolf hybrids are less predictable than fully domesticated dogs, a wolf hybrid that has shown no history of problems should not be restricted based on what might be a very small amount of wolf DNA. Perhaps a minimum percentage of wolf DNA should be allowed. Having witnessed a brutal killing of a coyote by an officer, I would like to see standards in place for the humane euthanization of wild animals when, and only when, they are a danger to others or to put it out of its suffering. Being killed with a shovel is not a humane way to die. I understand that officers in the field may need to euthanize an animal at the place where it's found, but a procedure that is quick and painless should be in place and used as the first response.
C46	R191*	7.10.19	80013	No
C47	R202*	7.10.19	80013	No
C48	R203*	7.10.19	80013	No

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C49	R208*	7.10.19	80018	"No dog is restricted from living in the city of Aurora"
C50	R210*	7.10.19	80018	Incorporate a section for Aggressive Behaving Animals. Define city ordinance/terms/rules related to animals displaying aggressive behavior (irregardless of genetic makeup) will be dealt with.
C51	R211*	7.10.19	80010	I would like all breeds to be welcome.
C52	R212*	7.10.19	80010	Removal of restricted breeds entirely and a new section about aggressive animals and how they can be taken away by the city based on behavior, not breed.
C53	R220*	7.10.19	80012	Instead of just discussing lifting the ban on "American Bullies", lift on pit bulls as well.
C54	R221*	7.10.19	80016	no
C55	R224*	7.10.19	80010	The ordinance changed to an aggressive dangerous animal rather than a restricted breed. Use of the word Animal rather than a dog so as to be applicable to any other dangerous or aggressive animals.
C56	R226*	7.10.19	80013	No
C57	R227*	7.10.19	80012	Just generally, you need to consider if your local municipal court can handle some of the new charges you want to add to your ordinances. Can your prosecutors effectively prosecute dog fighting rings? Or sex with animals? Why would you want to put that in municipal court when the state courts (judges and prosecutors) are better equipped to handle those charges?
C58	R229*	7.10.19	80015	Pit bull may not be included as service or emotional support animals

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C59	R230*	7.10.19	80013	Eliminating all breed specific rules, and instead focus them on aggressive animals and the owners that do not train them well.
C60	R231*	7.10.19	80013	Replace restricted breed language with an outright ban on those breeds. I know pit bull supports are pests who keep beating the drum of support for their friendly and peaceful pit bulls, but I support the City banning them. Seriously, a lot of people support a ban and maybe they are best reached through polling instead of gauging a causes support by who shows up for council meetings.
C61	R233*	7.10.19	80241	Take away breed restrictions
C62	R236*	7.10.19	80122	N/A
C63	R238*	7.10.19	80013	Put in place aggressive dog bans... not a full breed
C64	R241*	7.10.19	80018	END BSL
C65	R243*	7.9.19	80016	No, striking section 14-75 in its entirety is the only choice.
C66	R245*	7.12.19	80013	Keeping ANY definition of "restricted breeds" just leaves the issue simple to reinvoke by listing a breed. The only true resolution is to remove the entire concept of "restricted breeds" from the ordinance. Next week the breed may be "Husky" (the breed I was bit by and stood bleeding in the middle of a road in Aurora, CO while both APD and Aurora Animal Services failed to dispatch to multiple calls).
C67	R246*	7.9.19	80013	Owners reported to have a vicious dog that has physically harmed another person while not on the owner's property shall be held liable on all counts for any injuries.
C68	R249*	7.9.19	80013	I would like them to be seen as a dog not a beast
C69	R253*	7.9.19	80013	No

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C70	R255*	7.9.19	80015	English
C71	R259*	7.9.19	80015	Na
C72	R261*	7.9.19	54209	"Bully breed dogs are now welcome in our city"
C73	R268*	7.9.19	80011	Removal of the term 'pit bull' is great. The specific breeds may still be listed it looks like; if so, remove and restate as restricted breeds include those which are deemed aggressive (define)
C74	R275*	7.9.19	80014	"Aggressive animals" not breed specific.
C75	R279*	7.5.19	80013	A listing of all violent/aggressive breeds and the ban for all of them OR eliminate all of this section and replace it with a step treatment program. If ANY DOG, attacks a child under the age of 12 that results in multiple lacerations, dog bites and permanent disfigurement the dog will be either banned or euthanized. If the dog bites another dog and it results in death or disfigurement and it can be proven that the dog did not do this out of fear, harm or to protect its owner or fellow dog then the dog will be banned from the city or euthanized. If the dog is involved in two minor dog bite incidents to human or dog, the owner will pay medical fees and be required to submit dog to training (recommended by city) and be required to wear a mouth guard when outside if the home at all times going forward. Dog will be required to be licensed as an aggressive dog and wear appropriate tags. Licensed must be renewed every two years at the expense of the owner.
C76	R282*	6.26.19	80013	No.

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C77	R286*	6.26.19	80013	use dangerous dog policy proposed instead of just swapping pitbull to restricted breed
C78	R291*	6.25.19	80011	Please remove Restricted Breed and replace with Dangerous Dog. Dangerous Dog label should be given to dogs who have truly committed offense to humans or other living beings within their direct community.
C79	R297*	6.16.19	80016	“restricted breeds” needs to be removed completely. I think this section needs to just address aggressive dogs or dogs who show aggressive behaviors.
C80	R299*	6.15.19	80138	I'd like the breed-specific restriction removed.
C81	R301*	6.13.19	80017	I would like to see all “restricted breed” language removed.
C82	R303*	6.13.19	80011	not really
C83	R306*	6.9.19	80013	Pitbull ban lifted - breed specific banning does not work - intentional aggressive breeding, selling, and fighting is unacceptable for any animal and will be followed with full prosecution of the law. Animals taken/ seized from these environments will be spayed/neutered and vaccines given. Rehoming will be available on a case by case bases unless the animal is unable to be rehabilitated.
C84	R314*	6.5.19	80013	Please see recommendations from the American Bar Association!
C85	R324*	6.4.19	80015	I want them to remove this ban.
C86	R333*	6.3.19	80010	Make no exceptions for pit bull service dogs or emotional support animals.
C87	R344*	6.3.19	80014	No
C88	R346*	6.3.19	80014	Dog restrictions based on behavior not breed

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C89	R355*	6.3.19	80010	I think at least the top 5 aggressive dog breeds (according to insurance statistics) should be mentioned.
C90	R359*	6.3.19	80011	REMOVE the restricted breed section altogether. The aggressive animal section covers this and is not based on breed. The restricted breed section is wrong and NOT okay.
C91	R373*	6.3.19	80013	No, keep it as is. Any changes would be unjust and very unclear.
C92	R374*	6.3.19	80014	No, thank you.
C93	R400*	5.31.19	80013	The breed ban language and the breed ban itself should be removed entirely and language should instead focus on actual aggressive behaviors and dog training should be used instead.
C94	R401*	5.31.19	80013	The breed ban language, and the breed ban itself, should be removed entirely, and language/rules regarding "aggressive dogs" put in it's place.
C95	R402*	5.31.19	80010	Revoke this section as it will lead to an increase in banned breeds with no legal remedy for city oversight.
C96	R410*	5.29.19	80014	I think that pets need to be deemed “dangerous” on a case by case basis. There was an incident in my neighborhood where two full-sized German Shepherds attacked my neighbors dog. Had we not been there to pull those dogs off, they would have killed his puppy. German Shepherds are not restricted, but they can be dangerous. So can Chihuahuas.
C97	R420*	5.24.19	80010	Urban farming verbiage and wrap around ordinance

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Section 14-101 Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R128*	7.11.19	80247	Cats running at large are at an exponentially increased risk of death or being subjected to cruelty from neighbors who don't want them near their property. The cats should be kept inside or confined to the owners property
C2	R166*	7.11.19	80013	Cats should not be allowed to roam at large. They are a nuisance to neighbors and decimate bird populations.
C3	R186*	7.10.19	80013	There are too many cats that cause a nuacance pooping in sand boxes and planter beds. Removing this section basically says that anyone can have their cats running around and don't have to take any responsibility for them.
C4	R206*	7.10.19	80013	Please keep the ban on pit bulls and other dangerous dogs
C5	R288*	6.26.19	80011	Why are can people have only 3 dogs, but 5 cats? The numbers should be the same. 3 dogs or cats seems fair and manageable in our densely populated environment (with the exceptions provided for fanciers, etc.) I strongly disagree with removing the cats running at large section; cats should have to be kept on the owners property just like dogs do.
C6	R305*	6.9.19	80017	Cats kill migratory and local birds. Cats do not have to roam the neighborhood. Dogs go crazy and start barking to chase them out of their yards. Cats should have the same restrictions as dogs.

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C7	R324*	6.4.19	80015	Cats should be taken to the shelter just like dogs if they aren't on their property. I don't think cats should be able to roam free.
C8	R329*	6.4.19	80013	I dont believe it is right to punish an entire breed of dogs due to its reputation or specific isolated incidents. To me that is like saying "because he/she is of this race/ethnicity he/she is deemed aggressive and is banned from this city." I believe the responsibility of dog aggression should be put on the owner and each case looked at through the same lens regardless of the breed, "an aggressive dog is an aggressive dog" no matter the breed.
C9	R341*	6.3.19	80010	It's such a nuance that it has almost broke me, I've spent so much money in systems and chemicals that will keep them away and nothing works because my neighbor keeps feeding them but my front and back yard have become a giant litter box for those felines.
C10	R347*	6.3.19	80013	This needs to remain in force. Cats should not be allowed to run at large. I'm tired of chasing neighborhood cats away from my parrot avairy and cleaning there waste from my gardens.
C11	R355*	6.3.19	80010	Cat owners need to keep their cats at home, especially if they love them like they say they do. It's not safe and it's not fair for someone who doesn't have a cat, clean up after one.
C12	R395	6.2.19	80015	There is a misguided notion that keeping cats indoors is somehow cruel. Leaving cats to run loose outdoors not only endangers the cat in several ways, it also has an impact on local wildlife. Owners should face consequences if they willingly and purposely let their cat run at large.

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Section 14-101 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R329*	6.4.19	80013	Look to Parker and/or Castle Rock who no longer have BSL and look at their statistics. I would also think it fine to register any "pitbull" in Aurora and look at each case individually to set any guidelines such as muzzle use, leash length, etc.
C2	R341*	6.3.19	80010	The city should relocate them or euthanize them, because some of them don't look to be in healthy shape.
C3	R347*	6.3.19	80013	Cats are natural hunters and as Colorado had a large population of wildlife that carries the plague, cats should be kept indoors for their safety.

Section 14-101 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R287*	6.26.19	80014	There are no laws about what type of animal can be a service dog or an emotional support dog. For those people who want to train their dogs to be a service dog or an emotional support dog they need to have qualified certified train people to help them with their dog doing what they need the dog to do I think it's far too lax in-laws and you can tell when there is a dog that has a vest on that is not a service dog I say no to getting online and being able to buy papers that say your dog is a service dog when they're not. Also I don't think that any animal unless it's a service animal be allowed in any public establishment, store Coffee shop etc. Pets should not be tied up somewhere outside of the store before they go in in Denver Aurora or Colorado I've had my service dog nine years and we've been attacked nine times. Buy dogs that are off leash or have no training and the people that have the dogs do not care. I moved to a house and bought in Aurora to be safe from other people's dogs and inappropriate behavior from the Handler and the dog/dogs. I would also like to see that when there is a dog in public with their Handler when they're walking is within a certain amount of legal space like a service animal
C2	R329*	6.4.19	80013	No
C3	R355*	6.3.19	80010	Keep your cats at home.

Section 14-102 Please provide your general comments about this section.

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Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R41*	7.14.19	80011	I think it's very important to help the cats around aurora. There are many colonies that are being taken care of by residents. There are many that need help in the high line canal trail near the train and police station. Near n sable Blvd and the target. There is a female that has had at least two litters of kittens
C2	R298*	6.15.19	80013	This program is proven to not be the long term solution for this problem. I get the current way we handle feral cats in not ideal, but it beats the other methods. It has been proven in other areas that do this type of program that the cats destroy surrounding eco systems. Usually the areas birds. And in drastic cases rabbits and chickens.
C3	R305*	6.9.19	80017	If you catch feral cats put them down. As stated prior they kill migratory and local birds and rile up dogs. While I want all animals taken care of, feral cats are a nuisance.
C4	R331*	6.4.19	80010	I have quite a number (the number varies) of cats that are always in my yard. I've found dead kittens & cats. If I could capture them and get them fixed for free, or at least low cost as I'm on Social Security, that would be great.

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C5	R336	6.3.19	80019	This program has proven to work well for groups such as Alley Cat Allies, and more of the Denver metro area and surrounding suburbs can benefit greatly from it. Community cats provide a service to us humans by keeping unwanted rodents under control. The spa/neuter procedure will help keep colony size in check, and the vaccinations will help them live healthier lives.
C6	R353	6.3.19	80010	I think the shelter, neuter, release program is a great program but I would like to be sure I can drop off a feral cat to the shelter that won't be deposited back into the community as an outdoor cat. I have a big issue with cats using my whole yard as their litter box. The neighbor has fed them in the past so there were lots of cats. I have discussed this with them and used the city to intervene but want to be sure this option isn't taken away if they start feeding all outdoor cats again.
C7	R368*	6.3.19	80012	What if a lost cat is taken in and released again?
C8	R384*	6.3.19	80016	I greatly support the idea of a SNR programs.
C9	R403*	5.31.19	80010	The dumb friends league provides free spay and neuter already

Section 14-102 Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R41*	7.14.19	80011	Making sure the traps are set safely so it doesn't further injure the animal when trapped.
C2	R384*	6.3.19	80016	I am curious of where the money will come from to help fund the spays/neuters if they are provided to the organizations for free. The only document linked to this topic is regarding neighborhood beautification grants, which doesn't seem like a relevant funding source.
C3	R403*	5.31.19	80010	Cat colony "managers" do usually get their colony fixed which includes shots etc. Without them there would be more cats running around expanding and being sick and spreading it to other healthy cats or peoples personal cats who like to go outside once in awhile. When someone helps with a colony they get threatened or cited by the city. Animal control not animal care in not very liked in the city of Aurora or respected. You need to work with the people and not against them. It appears the people care more about animals then Animal control. Read comments on next door once in awhile!

Section 14-102 Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R41*	7.14.19	80011	No
C2	R298*	6.15.19	80013	Keep it the way it is.

Various Sections – Penalties Please provide your general comments about this section.

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R364*	6.3.19	80017	Sec. 14-43. - Sale in public places. A person shall not display any dog or cat in a public place for the purpose of selling or giving the animal away. The term "public place" shall include but not be limited to streets, highways, areas exterior to shops or businesses, carnivals, sidewalks and flea markets. This section does not apply to a registered rescue group PACFA licensed rescue organization, or animal welfare a PACFA licensed humane society or a PACFA licensed shelter. Please change this section to cover ALL animals. Not just dogs and cats. Small turtles (under the federally and state required 4 inches) are constantly being sold along the roadways in Aurora. Changing the law to all animals would protect others, besides dogs and cats, like these turtles.

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Various Sections – Penalties Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

No comments were received in the survey.

Various Sections – Penalties Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

Comment #	Respondent #	Date	Zip code	Comment
C1	R364*	6.3.19	80017	Instead of: "A person shall not display any dog or cat in a public place for the purpose of selling or giving the animal away." I would like to see "A person shall not display any animal in a public place for the purpose of selling or giving the animal away."

Survey Overall Comments

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C1	R14*	7.15.19	80017	I am really happy to see positive changes to the laws concerning Aurora's animal population and feel this is a major step to move toward a better reflection on Aurora Animal Shelter and its workers. During the past few years, I have often been embarrassed by their actions and seemingly lack of caring concerning our animal population and pet owners. Although I am not happy with the lack of proposed changes in laws concerning "restricted breeds", I feel the proposed changes in many other sections of this show a more progressive attitude. It took a lot of work to come up with these sections and I thank you. I do wish there had been more notifications of the meetings you had because I would have attended. Thank you.
C2	R16	7.15.19	80010	Thank you for having the good sense to review rules and regulations that may not make sense anymore or need public input.
C3	R19*	7.15.19	80013	Disagree with deletion of the word custodian - if owner is not around, the person that has been left in charge of the animal should be accountable. Disagree with replacement of the word destroy with euthanize, it restricts responding agents actions - could read "euthanize or destroy". Euthanize means "to kill something that is very sick or injured in order to prevent any more suffering", if an animal is attacking or rabid - the

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				responding agent should be able to take immediate lethal action. The definition section of the ordinance was revised but not available for specific input.
C4	R25*	7.15.19	80011	Overall I think many of the proposed changes make sense with a few exceptions. I appreciate the opportunity for the public to voice their opinions and the manner at which the city made it easy to participate. The web form as well as having multiple public open houses were well thought out. I hope to see more openness about changes in the future.
C5	R43	7.13.19	80013	Poorly set up to view ordinance and reply at same time, especially if done on a cell phone
C6	R45	7.13.19	80010	Please consider additional vigilance on trails – there are numerous large off leash dogs that encroach on private property adjacent to the trail and pose a risk to children. Thank you!
C7	R51	7.13.19	80013	Thank you for reviewing the Pit Bull ban. I think it is time for this and I do hope Aurora is able to lift the ban. It is sad the events and people that led to this ban as Pit Bulls are some of the sweetest dog breeds and I would love to see them able to join loving families in Aurora.
C8	R58*	7.12.19	80014	I strongly urge the Council to vote against the proposed ordinance repealing the pit bull ban and replacing it with aggressive animals. The only part of that ordinance people will hear is that they can have pit bulls: they aren't going to read 20 pages of regulations. Also, I suspect very few pit bull owners will say their dog is potentially an aggressive animal. The proposed aggressive animal ordinance does not solve the problem that owners don't train their pit bulls. In addition, this proposed ordinance requires much more policing on the part of the City regarding compliance. Under the current ordinance, the City monitors ownership of pit bulls. Under the proposed ordinance after monitoring ownership, the City has to monitor compliance with the numerous "aggressive animal" regulations. My experience with pit bulls was a few years ago when my neighbors rented their house to a man with 2 pit bulls. After only a few months those dogs had destroyed the lovely backyard. When the dogs started to chew the fence between our yards and I could see their snouts coming through, I called the City's Animal Control. I have 2 small dogs who would have been easy prey. In addition, we live across the street from an elementary school. Those dogs were aggressive. If they'd gotten through the fence and attacked the children, the penalties in the proposed ordinance would never compensate the families of those children. Did the owner think his dogs were aggressive? No, he thought they were friendly.
C9	R62	7.12.19	80016	Please lift the breed ban for pit bulls.
C10	R66	7.12.19	80013	My feedback is specifically to Aurora pit bull ban. I believe the city of Aurora should have protocols that we as responsible residents should abide to. I truly believe and have witnessed that dogs behavior is the end product of its environment. I believe for the longest time pit bulls have been punished for the wrong doings of their owners. Pit bulls just like any other dog need affection, exercise, and a sense of a safe environment. Please lift the ban on pitbulls and punish those individuals that treat this beautiful animals unfairly.
C11	R72*	7.12.19	80012	The restriction of any breed of dog, with the exception of a wolf hybrid with a high percentage of wolf (over 50%), is ridiculous. No breed should be banned, ever.
C12	R76*	7.12.19	80015	Please provide more information in the revisions as some parts are missing. Also, I don't believe that you should have to license every single animal you own if you're already vaccinating them. This is just one other way to get money out of people.
C13	R81*	7.11.19	80015	get rid of 14-75 and replace it with the dangerous animal section

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C14	R84	7.11.19	80014	Pitbulls are good loving dogs. If they are made to be aggressive or protective then the problem is the owner of the dog
C15	R99*	7.11.19	80011	GET RID OF THE BREED BAN.
C16	R102	7.11.19	80017	Definition of Dangerous Animal I would like to amend part a of the definition of Dangerous Animal to include a clause to the effect of: "Bites any person or animal without justification or provocation" This is important because a dog biting someone who was threatening them or their family should not be condemned as "dangerous" any more than a human defending their life and property should. The definition of aggressive animal should be changed to remove the clause "whether under the control of the owner or not". If the owner points and says "Kill", it shouldn't come down on the animal for following what it was trained to do. Animal Shelter in Section 14-4(a) could use verbiage around preventing the euthanasia of any animal in the care of facility. Further definitions on 14-4(b) of "disposed of in a humane manner" are necessary. Euthanization for existing is not humane, no matter the method of delivery of euthanasia. This is expanded on in later sub-sections but needs more elaboration here. Concerns with 14-4(h)(3) fee: If the appeal goes longer than 30 days, it isn't exactly right to force the owner to pay a fee for it unless the delay has been caused by them (which is rarely the case). This will give the city motivation to prioritize and move on these proceedings, rather than letting the animal rot in detention. Section 14-7I(2): the requirement for aggressive or potentially dangerous animals to be muzzled at all times is a bit too strict. The definition for Potentially Dangerous is highly subjective. Section 14-7I(3) The forced sterilization of the animal serves 0 purpose and propagates the misunderstanding that aggression is born into animals, rather than taught. It's unnecessary and cruel. Just because daddy is a cage fighter doesn't mean son will be. I disagree with 14-7(g)(3) and (4). To keep an animal on house arrest because it bit someone – once – is unnecessary and damaging. It is proven that socialized animals are less prone to acts of aggression. This sort of confinement does not allow the animals to be socialized properly to prevent further incidents of aggression and snowballs the issue for that one particular animal. 14-7(g)(10) – see comments regarding Section 14-7I(3). 14-7(j)(m) – further definition around "control" is necessary. I've seen cops shoot dogs inside homes for just being excited and barking and jumping in a non-threatening manner. Better wording or better training. Both would be best. I STRONGLY agree with the repeal of 14-75. Ones genetics should not damn their existence.
C17	R114	7.11.19	80017	Please remove the ban on pitbulls and all other animals. I feel like it's really unreasonable, stupid and cruel to ban a living animal because you can't hide your animal like you can hide a gun. Start charging the owners if an animal attacks, causes injury, and/or kills. The owner should go to jail for a minimum of 1 year plus 3 years probation if your animal attacks, but doesn't cause injury, min 5 years if their pet causes injury, and if there's death as a result of pet owner negligence, then you get life with no chance of parole. That will make people control their pets, and take the time to train them.
C18	R117	7.11.19	80010	I am in support of revising the ordinance as proposed. Any dog in any breed can be dangerous and aggressive. Proper training of both the animal and owner is required for a dog showing aggression. I only suggest providing funds to supply the public with information on how to train your dog. Thank you!
C19	R118	7.11.19	80010	I think having a dangerous owner and animal protection better serves the public than a pitbull ban and appreciate all of the proposed changes

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C20	R130	7.11.19	80015	My daughter and son-in-law have two pit bulls and they are the sweetest most loving dogs in the world!!! All they want it love and attention. It's not the dog who is mean, but the way they are raised and trained by the human that makes them mean! You should allow pit bulls in Aurora!!
C21	R139	7.11.19	80013	Why are we removing the required "water" for dogs left outside? A 6ft tether should have a time limit. A 10ft tether is better for permanent tethers. All non venomous snakes should be allowed when securely housed, the keeping of squirrels, raccoons, domesticated foxes and Bengal cats should be allowed. This ordinance still bans all pit bull type breeds which I had hoped was being removed. Finally, the ordinance which limits numbers of dogs; puppies are only allowed to be over limit when the dam is present? Take that back out. As a former foster, I have received several litters where mom was no longer in the picture.
C22	R154	7.11.19	47960	It is about time that breed specific banning STOPS. It is people who are behind problems with a dog. Not a certain breed. Dogs judged on their behavior is a fair way to evaluate problems. Thank you.
C23	R163	7.11.19	80015	There are reasons Pitbulls have been banned in Aurora. No matter their care, upbringing and ownership, it is in their lineage to be potentially dangerous animals. On Wednesday July 3rd, 2019 my two dogs and I were at the Grandview dog park in Aurora (where on the gate leading into the park it states that aggressive breeds and aggressive breed mixes are not allowed.) We were walking around the park and came upon an American bulldog/pitbull mix and tried to walk past them. The pitbull mix, would not leave my two dogs alone and would not let us pass. At that point, my dogs and I were unable to turn the other way because he continued to taunt them. My rodesian ridgeback politely tried to decline interaction with the pitbull mix, and the pitbull mix did not have social skills to understand, that this was not an invitation to play. My rodesian ridgeback and the pitbull then engaged in a aggressive and vicious barking session as the other owner and I tried to separate the two. In the scuffle, the pitbull mix nipped at my rodesian's back, chest and neck, before he latched on and bit my ridgebacks shoulder and WOULD NOT LET GO. This is a problem with their LINEAGE, it is ingrained in pitbulls to lock their jaws and not let go. Had he latched on to my dogs neck in this same manner, she would have been dead. The other owner tried multiple times to get his dog to release my dog and ended up having to knee him hard in the chest while pulling his jaws apart to get him to release my dog. My dog suffered a huge laceration spanning from the top of her back to the top of her leg, which also included about 6 inches in diameter her skin being torn away from the muscle. She currently has 36 Staples and is under heavy pain medication and strong antibiotics. When I called Aurora animal services, they came and interviewed me, and basically said there is nothing the city or I could do even when I was able to give them the owners contact information because we were inside the park. This is unacceptable, especially noting the written notice on the gate of the park warning about aggressive breeds. The animal service officer said we assume all risk at a dog park and I agree with that when I'm assuming risk of dogs that ARE NOT aggressive and are allowed to be in the park. This pitbull mix, would have killed my small terrior, and very well could have killed my rodesian ridgeback had we not been able to get him to release his jaw. As far as I know, the owner was not given a citation inspite of giving all of his contact information including his address, to the officer. He wasn't cited because I didn't have a picture of the dog. Because the owner did not answer the animal service officer's phone call, NOTHING could be done. I understand this is a very difficult thing to prove, and it is an even more difficult thing to patrol, but if no phone calls are returned there is nothing else to do? I have pictures and a vet bill that proves that this dog is an aggressive breed and should at least be note with animal services, and towards the 3 strikes you're out system that

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				aurora currently has in place. I would hate for another innocent animal to get hurt by this dog that had previously been reported with no consequence. If there is a 3 strikes in 24 months rule in place, how is that managed and maintained if nothing is done when someone does have a complaint. I can't file a complaint if I don't have a picture of the dog but I have everything else? That's unjust to the people who do follow the dog park rules and do not bring aggressive breeds to an unleashed park, who then suffer much bigger consequences do to others aggressive and violent behaviors.
C24	R175	7.11.19	33483	Please lift the ban of bully breeds. Punish the deed, not the breed. Discrimination, of animals based solely upon appearance is unacceptable. Bully breeds statistically do not bite the most. Hold pet owners accountable for being irresponsible. It is time for the city to move forward and increase the revenue and thrive and boost the economy and be more pet friendly. I have family in Aurora, but would NEVER live there myself, ONLY bc of this ban. I would NEVER leave my babies behind. Your city is awesome minus this ban so I am hoping the ban will be lifted.Thank you.
C25	R176*	7.11.19	80538	Tethering of animals needs to go away. It creates aggressive animals across all breeds, and should not be allowed.
C26	R181*	7.11.19	80214	This is Aurora's chance to step up and be a leader in the animal welfare community. I am very happy to see the effort being put forth to bring about positive change in this area. Amending and improving outdated and inaccurate legislature is important work. There are many of us hoping Aurora will use this as an opportunity to educate the community and set an example for other communities. I am thankful to all the individuals that serve this city and as well as to the citizens that get involved, voice their concerns, and contribute their ideas.

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C27	R184*	7.10.19	80018	I feel the labeling of dangerous dog has too broad of a definition. It says if they have attacked an animal but has not defined animal. Some people have dogs that chase and attack wild rabbits. Does this mean they are dangerous? How about squirrels or mice? In addition, on the matter of encroachment, some of us back up to open space and have people or dogs that come to the fence line to harass their pets. If a pet bit through the fence, I feel that is not the animals fault.
C28	R190*	7.10.19	80013	I love that the City of Aurora is considering proposals that promote the welfare of animals. There are many animal-lovers and advocates in our city that are cheering on these changes! Please keep in mind the importance of spay and neuter requirements. Laws requiring sterilization make all the difference between cities that are overrun with strays, and cities with reasonable numbers in shelters and people seeking out dogs from shelters and rescues. Also important are protections from abuse and neglect. While property rights are important, welfare officers should have all they need to investigate complaints of cruelty and neglect to intervene and prosecute. People who abuse animals are more likely to abuse people, so protecting animals can also lead to the identification and prevention of abuse to people. And all efforts to end the practice of dog fighting and the training and breeding methods involved with fighting should be vigorously pursued. I LOVE your proposal for Catch and Release for cat colonies with the city covering the

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				cost. This will make a huge difference to the number of feral cats that continue to multiply in some areas, and the disease, starvation, and environmental factors that come with the colonies. Thank you for all you're doing to seek public opinion on these issues, and for your efforts to protect the welfare of animals in our city.
C29	R218	7.10.19	80018	Breed specific bans don't truly address the problem & are time consuming and difficult to enforce. I strongly support removal of all breed specific (even wolf hybrid) wording and punishing the owner for owning a dangerous animal.
C30	R222	7.10.19	80012	Breed-specific bans and restrictions on dogs are ineffective and reactionary. Pit bulls are just as likely as any other dog to be aggressive; make it an aggressive animal restriction. Bats are pollinators and also help control pest insects, such as mosquitos. They should not be included as an exception to the poisoning rule.
C31	R234*	7.10.19	80015	I have read all the proposed changes. The language of the changes does not match the language used by counsel member Richardson. There is less accountability not more. Fines can be waived, irresponsible owners can reapply for licenses, the owner can claim financial hardship to have the insurance requirement waived. A breed ban and the enforcement activity around it was approved by the voters. Our directives to counsel need to be respected. We ended up with an attempt to overturn the ban based on the wishes of one counsel person who insisted on the change. Now we have Richardson who wants to overturn the will of the voters based on nothing more than his unscientific beliefs that times have changed. The statistical evidence proves him wrong. We need to consider banning more breeds including all those on the lists of banned breeds that every homeowners insurance company has. My wife was bitten by pit bull. I was cornered by a pair of pit bulls. In both cases, the dogs were from homes of responsible pet owners who claim that there was never a problem with the dog... until, of course, there was.

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C32	R241*	7.10.19	80018	The ban is an embarrassment to our city. Please end it soon.
C33	R242	7.9.19	80014	I would like the ordinance to remain to prohibit Aurora residents from having a pit bull.I was almost bitten by one up the street from me.It was a very terrifying situation.The animal was extremely vicious and was caught by the owner at the last minute.They are vicious and I saw it first hand and I'm very lucky I'm alive
C34	R245*	7.12.19	80013	This entire process, while I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment, seems like a merry go round. There are so many conflicts in definitions and inconsistencies in languages, that just providing my feedback could be contradicting my own opinion. I think if you read my comments regarding the restricted breeds you will get the gist. At this point I cannot see value in spending additional time "editing" and "proofing" these documents when I'm not sure the entire process isn't a smoke screen to make us "think" we are making improvements.
C35	R266	7.9.19	80017	Well written and has my full support in all sections of the amended changes.
C36	R276*	7.9.19	80018	TNR is the ultimate cruelty. Cats spread disease, they have no business roaming freely. Stop listening to these self proclaimed fly by night rescuers who don't have a clue. Get back to the reality of it all. Cats don't belong outside. Those that engage in this horrid practice are hoarders in essence, outside hoarding. Real

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				rescuers bring those cats in and work with them. PUBLIC SAFETY should be your concern, not saving them all.
C37	R281	6.27.19	80013	I think the shelter should be required (or at least consider) to post an "at risk for euthanasia" at least 5 days (or another reasonable timeline of 3 days or greater) on their website/social media to try to reduce the number of dogs/cats/etc that are euthanized by the shelter. This way the animals can be networked through the public and increase the overall percentage to above no-kill standards. 14-4(b) language should be updated in the following section to be less confusing. The change to 7 days but then the next sentence says 3 days is difficult to understand.
C38	R283*	6.26.19	80011	I would like to know why there is no opportunity to comment on the dangerous dog or the bully breed proposal?
C39	R284*	6.26.19	80015	I also think that Aurora residents should be allowed to have more than 3 dogs. Many other nearby cities allow up to 5. I have 3 in my home and I would like to foster 1 dog at a time to help other dogs find homes.
C40	R285*	6.26.19	80013	Thank you reevaluating those outdated rules and allowing the public to provide feedback.
C41	R286	6.26.19	80013	I would appreciate a clearer explanation of how to change shelter policies/support the shelter in it's work. Since everything is housed exclusively through the aurora gov website, the shelter is difficult to find information about and get to know via the internet. I want to be able to support the adoption of animals possibly through social media or ways to support the shelter (donation of toys, beds, blankets, leashes, etc). The volunteer platform used by the city of Aurora is very glitch and difficult. I support the use of a dangerous dog ordinance to replace the "restricted breed" language replacement of pitbull. It would be incredibly disappointing to see the continued restriction of particular breeds when it often comes down to bad training. As a child, I was attacked by a cocker spaniel. Doesn't mean I want all cocker spaniels banned from the city. I would appreciate a public hearing after the council has had a chance to review the community feedback.

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C42	R286*	6.26.19	80013	Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the animal ordinance! I wish it were possible to enforce the leash law while in public areas and parks. I regularly encounter unleashed dogs in the Jewell Wetlands area, Sand Creek Park, and Morrison Nature Center/Star K Ranch. My leashed dog has been attacked twice in the last 6 months while walking in Aurora open spaces. As the population continues to grow, this problem inevitably will too.
C43	R290*	6.25.19	80015	I think immediate inspection allows for misuse by the City of Aurora. 48 hrs. is more reasonable unless it is an obvious hoarding situation or you can see animals that are in danger.
C44	R299*	6.15.19	80138	I am not a current Aurora resident but I am house hunting and the breed ban is a significant deterrent for me.
C45	R311*	6.7.19	80011	My specific neighborhood has a strong feral Cat problem. No one wants to take responsibility for them yet they are being fed by someone who won't fess up. These Cats have attacked my Dogs on my own property

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				for no reason, they have ruined my property, and more. Something has to be done so that those of us fed up don't resort to poison in order to save our property and animals.
C46	R319*	6.5.19	80011	There are way to many puppies and kittens being breed, people should focus on ADOPTING!
C47	R320*	6.5.19	80014	Aside from the comments I previously made, I would agree strongly with most of the proposed changes. I feel like this is generally a step in a good direction. Sure, pitbulls are dangerous in many cases, but they aren't the only potentially dangerous dogs, which is why I feel a blanket law covering any "dangerous dog" could be beneficial.
C48	R328	6.4.19	80010	Pit bulls should not be banned in Aurora, there needs to be a license for the owners and dog classes that owners can take and pay a fee to have this breed in Aurora. Most of these pit bulls are wonderful.
C49	R344*	6.3.19	80014	I am especially happy about the SNR ordinance 14-102, but it also saddens me because their lives are so difficult and fraught with danger. I hope the shelter considers taking them to farms when possible so they can be barn cats.
C50	R347*	6.3.19	80013	The web page will not let me connect on more than one subject, even though I picked 'yes' to provide more feedback. It just took me back to the first revision choice to make remarks.
C51	R371*	6.3.19	80011	Overall, I think these changes look great. I don't currently have pets, but I have had them in the past here in Aurora and I think these updates make us a better place to live and raise families (with pets!)
C52	R375*	6.3.19	80013	Currently, there is not statue in place that allows a home owner to bring charges against their neighbor with the intent to inflict harm or provoke aggressive behavior or barking. I would like to see something drafted that allows for the pet owner to take action against their neighbor.
C53	R385	6.3.19	80011	I would like to see changes in the ordinances to allow goats like Denver allows. There doesn't seem to be much change to this section.

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C54	R388	6.2.19	80011	I agree with the proposed changes to Section 14-15. Beekeeping as it is unsatisfactory in residential areas to resolve honey bee colony aggressiveness/defensiveness by simple queen replacement. Colony/hive removal is better because queen replacement does not produce colony behavioral change for at least a complete worker bee life cycle, potentially five weeks in the warmer months. The only trouble with the proposed change is that aggressiveness is somewhat subjective -- it would be "nice" to have some experienced third party observer or arbitrator. Still, euthanization or removal of a honey bee colony is the better default choice, coming from me as a beekeeper of over 10 years experience.
C55	R392	6.2.19	80011	(1)There needs to be a defined clarification to "any other animal" to separate local wildlife and the common allowed pets language used... (2) Section 14-101 Cats; Excessive number prohibited... needs to include Caretakers and Caregivers under the inclusion of the proposed Community Cats to 'separate' actual personal housecat pets from 'Community Cats' who are not adoptable definition under their care that could be at their residence/property and the 'option' to install approved 'Community Cat Enclosures' upon their

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				<p>residence and/or as a suggestion a permitted location option that would satisfy/ follow mandated ordinances/ inspections to code and to address general public concerns? Under the care by a local cat rescue(s) and volunteers/ public and volunteer professionals that would fund, and accept donations/ charity programs in accordance with the laws pertaining to the project, registration/ licensing, fees, and maintain it? (3) Section 14-1 - Definitions: Concerning Community Cat caretaker; the exclusion not to include caretaker's residence/property if the Community Cats are indeed residing on their property on their own free will for which the resident volunteer; take responsibility to provide basic needs defined as a caretaker/ caregiver needs to be addressed for inclusion knowing that Community Cats can exist outside anyone's legal residence or rural region etc.? (4) Section 14-102 SHELTER-NEUTER-RETURN (SNR) PROGRAM... There is no added language for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as TNR is mainly done by a community of cat rescue organizations, other local volunteers, and volunteer veterinarians that provides the service and I do understand SNR that is basically on par to TNR conducted by local licensed or municipal animal shelters... I do understand under Sec. 14-102 is to have proprietary control to ensure the new ordinance revision is being followed by all parties but shouldn't TNR also be included into Sec. 14-102? I am a volunteer for Aurora's only cat rescue; Forgotten Felines Rescue since 2016 as I got involved of a cat colony issue in my neighborhood and I am a caretaker as well... I had to do intense research as I never dealt with cats or feral cats and community cats as I only had dogs throughout my life and I have also collaborated with Aurora Animal Control in the past to have trapped local cats that would overwhelm Aurora Shelter's capacity and had to transfer cats to Denver Dumb Friends League in Denver... I was referred by Aurora Animal Shelter staff to contact Forgotten Felines Rescue for help which I am so grateful and since I am retired I do volunteer to help out in Aurora and Denver with the cat population as I can see positive news online how TNR/SNR is working across America and the strong support is gaining momentum. I am glad that Aurora is taking this step knowing Denver had conducted a 3-year program for TNR/SNR that was privately funded with success! With best regards, John Baldwin</p>
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C56	R399	6.1.19	80014	I have a senior medically exempt from rabies shots canine. I want to be sure his status is protected. In the new ordinance and I could not see it there.
C57	R403*	5.31.19	80010	animal control in Aurora is one of the most talked about agencies in the metro area and none of it is good. I had proof a neighbor was killing animals and nothing was done, but I have a stray cat come to my porch and wham you guys are there harassing me. I was told once by control officers that if we don't feed the stray cats, they will either go somewhere else or mostly likely die off and that would be fine. Really? Unacceptable. You guys have more rules for cats & dogs then raccoons, skunks and squirrels. Why don't you guys do something about them chewing through wires causing damage etc and leave the cats and dogs alone.
C58	R410*	5.29.19	80014	I don't understand the intent behind changing the wolf hybrid ordinance.
C59	R413*	5.27.19	80227	thank you for your time and consideration on the pigs as pets issue. Hoghavenfarm.org

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Bully Breed - Please provide your general comments about this proposal.

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C1	R4	7.15.19	80011	Lift the ban on pit bull type dogs. Current research supports that communities have a lower incidence of dog bites when responsibility is placed on the animal owner and not on specific breeds. The City Of Castle Rock has been successful in lifting breed specific bans.
C2	R5*	7.15.19	80012	As a dog behaviorist and trainer of almost 20 years, I can attest to the fact that it is simply not true that there is ANY aggressive breed (also "Pit Bull" is not a breed). Aggression is a symptom of an underlying problem, and while I appreciate the attempt to remove the American Bully from the "dangerous dog" list (semantics, btw), there is still a great disservice being done. Education is the key, for the citizens AND the ACO's.
C3	R6*	7.15.19	81212	I feel that the bully breed gets a bad rap its not the breed its the owner who trains the dog to be mean r aggressive bully were originally breed to be nanny's for children I own nulllys and Ivan tell you mine are

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				trained properly and there just awesome breeds.there's alot of other breeds more visions than bulls and you allow them to be everywhere no restrictions so don't blame the breeds blame the owners...
C4	R7	7.15.19	80018	These dog's are not at fault for what their owners raise them to be. It is unfortunate that they have gained a bad reputation due to the irresponsibility and abuse of people that use them as fight dogs. Pit bulls deserve a chance to happiness with responsible families, just like any other breed of dog.
C5	R11*	7.15.19	80017	The focus needs to be on the responsibility of the owner and not the type of dog. Dogs who have done nothing wrong but look a certain way are automatically deemed dangerous. Dog aggression is not breed specific and bad/irresponsible owners should be held responsible for their lack of caring and managing their dog no matter what type. To increase public safety is to hold all owners and breeds to the same standard.
C6	R12*	7.15.19	80013	Pit bulls are no more dangerous than other breeds. It's if they are bred to be aggressive. That is similar to any other breed such as Rottweiler, chow, shepherd etc. It is unreasonable to assume that every one of them is aggressive. It's no different than with anything in life. Every race has folks that are not the best. You don't lump everyone into one basket and say that all of them are bad that's where racism comes in. This is the equivalent of that. You are saying that all of them are bad when they are not. If you dug deeper into the animal it self you would find many many stories of people who have this beautiful path that has protected their family their children etc. It's all what you focus on and it appears that the majority of your folks want to focus on the handful that have been bred to be aggressive. If you are going to look at this you need to be open and look at both sides and review as many stories with positive results as you do the negative.
C7	R13*	7.15.19	80138	I am in favor of ending Breed Specific Bans.
C8	R14	7.15.19	80010	Dogs are trained to be aggressive
C9	R16	7.15.19	80012	I would like to see there not be a ban on any specific breed.

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C10	R17*	7.15.19	80013	I don't believe that there should be any breed bans in Aurora. Especially where pit bulls are concerned. Being in animal welfare, these dogs are not aggressive. We have worked with dogs who have been used as bait dogs as well as abused pit bulls. None of them needed to be put down due to behavior issues. They have been rehabilitated and are all in loving homes with children. Never had any bites, attacks or issues with these dogs. I have been bitten by 74hihuahuas, huskys and German Shepherds. Never by a "Bully breed" this ban is outdated and needs to be reversed. We are blaming the wrong end of the leash.
C11	R19	7.15.19	80016	My opinion is that the bully ban should be lifted, bully breeds should not be discrimination against. It is a owner issue not a dog issue.
C12	R20*	7.15.19	80017	Certain breeds should not be banned - dog owners need to be the ones responsible for the actions
C13	R21*	7.15.19	80016	American Bully breeds should have just as much of a right to live in the area as any other animal.

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C14	R22*	7.15.19	80013	I do not wish to see the ban lifted. There are just too many irresponsible dog owners. Our community has a long way to go before this ban should be lifted. It would be nice to see efforts being made towards stronger penalties to current neglectful pet owners.
C15	R23	7.14.19	80016	This ban should be repealed. Perhaps irresponsible owners should be banned.
C16	R26	7.14.19	80543	It's not the dogs fault if it's mean, animals are a product of their owners. They are only what you make them to be! As a pit bull owner, I also have a chihuahua and a jack russell. Let me tell you my chihuahua is way meaner than any other breed of dog I have owned. My pit is the sweetest thing, and the most loving dog. Punish bad pet owners case by case, don't be breed specific.
C17	R27*	7.14.19	80010	I thought we voted not to long ago to ban the pit bull breed and that was supposed to be the final proposal. Most of the people I have seen with the pit bull breed are reckless with the animal, don't have insurance on them, don't care about the neighborhood. I used to be a mail carrier, this is a bad decision. Just think about the fireworks ban and how well that's not going.
C18	R28*	7.14.19	80516	Pit Bulls may be fine with their owners, but unlike other breeds they will bite and not let go. My 4 month old puppy was attacked by one at a dog park. It took 6 people to make him let go of our puppy! It was a miracle the pit did not kill her since the puncture wounds were so deep. The owner just said " he never did that before". Famous last words. I don't trust the breed and neither should anyone else despite what owners say.
C19	R29*	7.14.19	80014	Voters approved the ban by something like a 80% margin. Council should represent their constituents who overwhelming support a pit bull ban! The minority are vocal opponents but the majority in favor of the ban actually vote. Leave the ban and the current vicious, dangerous, aggressive animal ordinance alone!
C20	R30	7.14.19	80012	I would love to see the owners of dangerous dogs held responsible for their animals behavior, not a ban on a specific breed
C21	R33*	7.14.19	80010	I think pit bull breeds should continue to be banned. Just because of this one incident, the City jumps through hoops! Don't cave in. This is an aggressive breed of dog, no doubt about it. We, the REST of the public, need to be protected.

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C22	R34	7.14.19	80013	Pit bulls are kind and loving dogs. Good with babies and children an 99% do not have any aggression. This should b a case by case decision as with any breed of dog!!
C23	R35*	7.14.19	80014	Do not reverse ordinance. Keep the children and citizens of Aurora safer by not allowing pit bulls and aggressive animals in our city.
C24	R37*	7.13.19	80249	They are bred as fighting dogs, they are dangerous to children and animals, there is no good reason not to choose another breed of dog to own that is much less dangerous. Keep them banned.
C25	R39*	7.13.19	80239	I have never personally had an issue with any bully breeds. To think we are still living in a day and time where we can ban certain breeds/races of dogs when we did the same to people not too long ago is sickening. Instead, temperament should be tested for each individual dog. I have met many aggressive and

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				vicious Australian shepherds and border collies and huskies, which seem to be the most popular breed in Colorado.
C26	R40*	7.13.19	80014	Lift the ban
C27	R41*	7.13.19	80012	The vast majority of the "bully" breeds that I've encountered have not been aggressive and having the owners responsible for their animals is justice.
C28	R42*	7.13.19	30004	Bully breeds are inherently good...there are no bad dogs just bad or abusive owners.
C29	R44*	7.13.19	80014	There should be no ban on Pit Bulls or the American Bull Dog. Some of the sweetest dogs are these breeds. People make these animals mean (or any animal, for that matter). Lift the ban!
C30	R45*	7.13.19	80017	I think the pit bull ban should stay in effect in Aurora. My daughter had a pitbull for years. It was loving. One day she was walking him and he attacked and killed a little dog. It was an unprovoked attack.
C31	R46	7.13.19	80015	Strongly agree with the changes. Any breed can be aggressive, not just pit bulls.
C32	R48*	7.12.19	80013	Ban should be lifted Its not the dog breeds fault its the owners
C33	R49*	7.12.19	80210	I would like to change to aggressive animal rather than targeting specific breeds
C34	R50*	7.12.19	80012	The breed has to remain banned, and the number of killings by this breed shows it. The UK banned them and enforces the rule, and the rate of death by dogs and serious injuries by dog is much lower, and it is not a coincidence. It might not be a gangster's dog anymore, but too many people adopt them without knowing the breed or training it properly, and this results in surprise attacks and deaths of children, elderly, and vulnerable people. Allowing these dogs again is like letting trickle in ticking time bombs in our people's homes, and children and vulnerable ones will die
C35	R51*	7.12.19	80212	Let me be allowed pitbull is not breed
C36	R53*	7.12.19	80014	No pit bulls period. They are unpredictably dangerous.
C37	R55*	7.12.19	80018	Pit Bulls need to stay as a banned breed in Aurora. I have a friend who was attacked by a neighbors Pit Bull and has permanent damage to her right leg.
C38	R56	7.12.19	80010	I was nearly attacked by a pit bull years ago. I have not walked my dog since. I carry mace and stick if I walk at all. Leave well enough alone.
C39	R57*	7.12.19	80014	I believe the ban should be lifted, pit bulls are not the only dogs that bite and if pit bulls have the right owners the are the sweetest dogs, make the owners responsible.

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C40	R59	7.12.19	80209	I am so proud of Aurora for considering lifting this ban. I grew up in Aurora (I live in Denver now) and was so sad when the ban was put in place. I think the ban is unfair to a breed of dog that is perceived to be aggressive. I strongly believe it is humans who train any animal to be aggressive. The breed itself is not aggressive or dangerous (https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/07/pit-bull-ban-aggressive-dog-breed-bronwen-dickey/). I hope Aurora lifts this ban and Denver follows suit. This just feels like common sense.

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C41	R60*	7.12.19	80016	I think the proposal should clearly state there are no breed bans within the city limits of Aurora. Instead, dogs who are aggressive and bite should have a report filed and request to ban that specific dog. I think this is reasonable due to it being the owners responsibility to train dogs to not have aggressive behaviors. Moreover, it is inaccurate to state that specific breeds have innate aggressive behavior.
C42	R61	7.12.19	94122	BSL does nothing to keep anyone safe, and is opposed by every reputable organization involved with animal welfare and human health. The best way to keep people safe from dangerous dogs is to go after dangerous behavior, not by labelling an entire breed (including thousands of well-behaved family pets) as dangerous.
C43	R62	7.12.19	80231	Breed bans should be lifted.
C44	R63*	7.12.19	80233	I've had my pit bull for 3 years now and she is the sweetest dog I've ever known. I have such a hard time finding places to live because of this ban. I currently live 45 mins away from work to live in a city that allows her. I refuse to give her up for anything and I believe the owner is responsible for the behavior of the dog. I would move to aurora immediately if I could have her there.
C45	R64	7.12.19	80210	Animals are only aggressive because of their owners. Whether they taught their dogs to be aggressive, or simply lack training in the dog, it is the owners responsibility for how their dog behaves. Breed has nothing to do with it, and these dogs should not be discriminated against solely for their breed. They are AMERICAN dogs they should be allowed to live here. Many people will tell you their American bullyies are sweet, affectionate, loyal and fantastic family dogs. They don't deserve to be put down or taken away from their homes based on their breed. This is borderline racism, and if we were talking about humans there would be an outrage. American Bully breeds should NOT be banned.
C46	R66*	7.12.19	80015	Much better to put responsibility on humans RATHER than honing in on one specific type of breed.
C47	R67	7.12.19	80012	I support this ordinance change 100%. Not only is it unfair and ignorant to label all pit bulls as dangerous but it also gives a false sense of security for all other breeds.
C48	R68*	7.12.19	80010	Remove the ban. It's fucked up to ban a dog based on breed.
C49	R69	7.12.19	80138	The breed has nothing to do with aggressiveness. It is strictly how the dog is trained and how the owner treats the dog.
C50	R70*	7.12.19	80014	This breed is not dangerous and should be allowed in Aurora

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C51	R71*	7.12.19	80014	Attitudes have NOT changed as Richardson suggests. Dog owners in my neighborhood of Aurora dare anyone to mention their dog not being leashed much less object to their dog's breed. All reputable web sites even of veterinary associations show pit bull breeds responsible for over 70% of deaths from dog attacks when they only make up about 7% of dog ownership. Do we have to go back to the pre-ban days and witness a child viciously mauled or killed before we deem a dog dangerous? I don't believe for a minute that that people who want or have pit bulls are unaware of the dangers and consequent bans. Everyone knows that with a few clicks on a cell phone, anyone can check for a ban.

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C52	R72*	7.12.19	80010	I fully support amending the Aurora Animal Ordinance to exempt the American Bully breed(s) from the restricted breeds ban! Dogs should be judged based upon their behavior, not their breed or appearance, and negligent owners should take MORE responsibility for their unruly and disruptive dogs. BSL is outdated and cruel, and it is time for the City of Aurora to rid itself of these breed-specific bans.
C53	R73	7.12.19	80033	Good. Want to see ban lifted. PUNISH SEVERELY bad dog owners, not the responsible owners because of the breed they own.
C54	R74	7.12.19	80013	As a pediatric nurse I have seen bad dog bites on children from pit bulls. I think the current law should remain in place.
C55	R75*	7.12.19	80202	I think Pit Bulls are great dogs. I have had interactions with many from family and friends to strangers. They're just like any other dog where you need to be respectful of their space when you first meet them. It is a respect issue not a dog issue.
C56	R77*	7.12.19	45056	The American Bully breed is directly descended from Pit Bulls and Bulldogs. They are still involved in many attacks and are not significantly different than other aggressive, dangerous bully breeds.
C57	R78*	7.12.19	80014	I would love to remove the pit bull ban, or really any specific breed ban. It makes it very difficult to adopt out a restricted breed to families that just want a good dog, regardless of it's breed. A dog should not be punished because of it's breed. Aggressive dogs can be any kind of dog, including small ones. It doesn't matter what they look like.
C58	R79*	7.12.19	80014	I believe it is long over due, and animal can be "aggressive" or "dangerous" it's not the animals fault but the owners.
C59	R80	7.12.19	80012	I think this proposal should be lifted (allow pitbulls). There are so many misconceptions about the breed. For starters, pitbull is NOT a breed, they do NOT have locking jaw and other dogs have a higher bite pressure than "pitbulls". These dogs are sweet and loyal. Any dog can be dog aggressive towards other dogs. It's the owners who make certain dogs purposefully mean. 90% of the time, the news only shows BAD stories, which gives them a bad wrap. It's not fair to kill dogs just because. That is stereotyping. I think with ANY breed of dog, the person should be responsible and held accountable SHOULD something happen.
C60	R81	7.12.19	48375	Alaunts (the predecessor of the pitbull) had a reputation for killing their masters and never showed any type of aggression, they just full on bite and tear flesh apart. Pitbulls and mixes certainly have this trait no matter the training. Most pitbull attacks today are sudden with no signs of aggression beforehand.

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C61	R82*	7.12.19	80014	It's always a good idea to punish the owner or party responsible for an animal that is causing problems or injuries. These incidents must NOT be tolerated!
C62	R83*	7.12.19	80013	I very much like this proposal it looks at a dogs temperament on an individual level not the whole breed.
C63	R84*	7.12.19	80014	Targeting certain breeds to ban is providing false safety. Any breed of dog can be aggressive and dangerous. The law should cover the deed not the breed.
C64	R85*	7.12.19	80013	This ban needs to be lifted, it should have never been put in place, it just makes it more dangerous.

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C65	R86*	7.11.19	80017	I believe ANY dog can be aggressive it's not up to the breed. I believe how they're raised has a lot to do with their temperament. I think the owners should be punished in an incident because it's not the dogs fault they were taught aggression. I also believe socializing and classes are Beneficial.
C66	R89*	7.11.19	80016	Pit bulls are no more innately aggressive than any other breed of dog. The ban should be lifted.
C67	R90*	7.11.19	80011	This breed deserve as much love as any other breed.
C68	R92*	7.11.19	80014	I think we should drop the ban and look at the individual case per animal
C69	R94*	7.11.19	80012	I am almost 73 and have owned dogs and cats most of my life. I am firmly against "breed specific" bans because they punish/condemn animals that are not vicious or aggressive.
C70	R96*	7.11.19	80017	I would really appreciate if this proposal will be passed, due to the fact that my American Bully is my EMS animal! Having this proposal being passed, I would no longer have to worry about if someone will report my "aggressive ", which he is not, and have him taken away from me!
C71	R98	7.11.19	80013	I think the American Bully breed should not be on restricted list. Sadly its not the dogs to watch but the people who have them.
C72	R99*	7.11.19	80013	I don't feel the breed is dangerous, they are called babysitter dogs. Many other cities and states have discovered that pitbulls are not the problem, it is owners that train their dogs to be aggressive or they abuse the dogs. Any pitbull I have ever met was sweet and friendly. All the news stories focus on bad pit bulls, but don't tell about bad German shepherds or Rottweilers which can also be taught to be aggressive. Give the dogs a break and stop the stereotyping. Make the owner responsible. A straw poll on my next door neighbor site showed 88% of those who voted wanted the ban lifted. That is 25 more votes to lift the ban.
C73	R101*	7.11.19	80017	I love that Breed-Specific Legislation is being repealed. Ones genetics should not damn them from existence. Pit Bulls are some of the sweetest nanny dogs ever. I understand the idea was to prevent illegal dog fighting, but rather than propegate a stigma around a specific breed, steeper penalties for dog fighting (including and up to the death penalty) might serve as more effective measures while allowing people to still love their furry companions.
C74	R105	7.11.19	80013	Little dogs are far more aggressive than any of the bully breeds. When I lived in California I own 2 pit bull mixes. Walking in a park one day a chihuahua dog was off leash, charged at me and nipped at my ankles. Owner was apologetic about what there dog has done. It is the owners that raise there animals. The animals don't raise the owners. Any dog, cat, bird, reptile, ECT. Can be aggressive. It is how you raise them that matters. Any dog will be protective towards there owners if they feel that they are being attacked. I am 100 percent for the removal of the ban against the bully breeds. Thank you for you time and consideration.
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C75	R106*	7.11.19	85019	I think going to a more non-breed specific legislation is good. I have worked in the animal field for 26yrs both as a volunteer and now employed as an animal shelter associate; I have been trained and worked with veterinarians, animal control officers, humane investigators, vet techs, behaviorists, and trainers. The one thing that is all agreed upon is that like any human, any animal can latch on and bite. For any animal both human or animal is training and socialization. Like children, animals need social skills, rules, structure, and guidance so they can grow and be productive members of society. Concentrating on irresponsible pet

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				parents, breeding (back yard, puppy mills, limits on professional breeders) for money, spay and neutering, and hefty fines and jail time for animal abuse and cruelty should be top priorities. I am glad to see that Colorado is trying to move into the 21st century with these more humane proposals.
C76	R107*	7.11.19	80012	I am against specific breed discrimination in Aurora.
C77	R108	7.11.19	80013	If dogs are bred responsibly, treated without cruelty, and trained properly there is no dog that is violent. Of course this must include an emphasis on owner responsibility and also an emphasis on people to teach their children about approaching animals. I am a former pit bull owner and he was as gentle a dog as I could hope to have in my family.
C78	R109*	7.11.19	80012	Hard to read/comprehend for the average citizen. Need to be clear regarding repealing a "ban" on dogs based on characteristics of Bully, Staffordshire American Bull terrier
C79	R111*	7.11.19	80917	It's about time. I've had a pit lab mix for 12 years before he passed that I rescued and he was amazing.
C80	R112*	7.11.19	80017	I feel that pit bulls should stay banned. Here are my reasons: According to dogsbite.org, 36 U.S. dog bite-related fatalities occurred in 2018. Despite being regulated in over 900 U.S. cities, pit bulls contributed to 72% of these deaths, but only make up about 7% of the total U.S. dog population. These statistics are verifiable on the fatalities citations link on their website. I walk my dogs every day in Aurora, and have to carry a walking stick to fend off loose dogs. I have called animal control several times. Most recently, a few weeks ago, three loose dogs at once threatened me and my dogs. I could barely speak for two days after all the screaming I did at them. I think there are too many people who are not responsible enough when it comes to securing their dogs or leashing their dogs. The risk is too great to allow full blooded pit bulls back into Aurora. People say pit bulls are so sweet if raised right, but so are most other breeds who are statistically less likely to maim or kill. Pit bulls come from thousands of years of mastiff type dogs that were selectively bred to be aggressive, protective and fight. Sometimes, despite being raised with kindness and love, they snap and revert back to what they are genetically predisposed to do. I used to work for an insurance company, so I come from a background of statistics. The injuries, long term emotional trauma, reconstructive surgeries, especially on children, are too horrendous to describe.
C81	R113*	7.11.19	80013	I support the current ban on pitbulls. I can imagine how difficult it would be to have an aggressive, threatening animal removed from a residence and the lengthy process involved. How does allowing pitbulls enhance living in Aurora or improve the city's image?
C82	R114*	7.11.19	80011	I think it is absolutely HORRIBLE that you refer to this breed, the Pit Bulls, as a BULLY BREED!!! They are NOT!!! It is the humans that turn these sweet loving, fun, friendly, goof ball dogs into bullies!!!! THEY ARE NOT BRED THAT WAY!!!! From the very get go of this ban I felt ashamed to say I live in this city!!!! SHAME ON YOU!!!! Educate yourselves, watch Pit Bulls and Parolees and you will see where the true problem lies!!!!!!
C83	R115	7.11.19	80012	Pit bulls are amazing, sweet, gentle dogs who deserve to live legally with their owners in the city of Aurora. It is not the breed as a whole that is dangerous, it is the irresponsible owners that make individual dogs (of all breeds) dangerous.
C84	R116*	7.11.19	80010	I believe there should be no BREED Specific ordinance. I believe there should be an aggressive dog ordinance that would look at specific interactions not just BREED.
C85	R117	7.11.19	80013	No dog should be outlawed. It all comes down to the owner.

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C86	R119*	7.11.19	80011	I agree to lift the ban on bullys. Each dog has their own personality, it's not the breed itself. I personally own 2 american Bulldogs, the most sweetest dogs I've ever owned.
C87	R120*	7.11.19	80014	I like the idea of dropping the ban on breeds and looking into behavior of said animal.
C88	R121*	7.11.19	80020	American Bullies are NOT American Pit Bull terriers, have different breed structure and history, and are just flat out different dogs. But no dog should be illegal based on breed.
C89	R123*	7.11.19	28078	Bully breed animals are simply animals, and ending the law to ban them would be the best thing for the residents and owners
C90	R124*	7.11.19	80013	Pit Bulls are killer dogs, they are properly described as extremely aggressive as known to attack and at time have killed. Do not permit them to be considered legal within the city of Aurora, a sad, sad mistake to believe otherwise.
C91	R127*	7.11.19	80013	I believe the ban should be repealed
C92	R128	7.11.19	80014	I do not believe owning an animal should be prohibited solely on the basis of their breed.
C93	R132*	7.11.19	80013	I think its a great idea and the American bully ban should no longer have a ban. They should be treated equally with the rest and owners should be the ones to have consequences.
C94	R133*	7.11.19	80018	Each dog should be evaluated based on personality, not breed. Pit bulls and other Bully Breed dogs are wonderful. It is a shame to label all dogs of this breed as aggressive.
C95	R134*	7.11.19	80915	Breed does not define aggression. I fully support Pitbull and Pitbull Breeds to be allowed all over CO. I am a CO Native and this is nothing more than Breed discrimination. Please allow the ban to be lifted. I traveled through Denver/Aurora up to WY last week and was afraid to even stop because I had my dogs with me. And my dogs are well trained. The discrimination needs to stop and aggression should be accessed on a case by case basis. Not a breed basis. Thank you for taking the time to read my feedback. Coloradans love and supports Pits and Bully breeds. Please hear us.
C96	R135	7.11.19	80015	I think that this is progress, but I think way more needs to be done here. I have an American Staffordshire Terrier, and she is considered a restricted breed. I would love for you to have the chance to meet her and see what a lovebug she is. She wants to be friends with every dog and every person she meets. She has not ever been aggressive toward another dog or person. She has passed her Canine Good Citizen test, and I've had many people - including professionals - suggest that I train her to be a therapy dog because of her gentle and loving demeanor. This ban needs to be lifted. It isn't the dogs, it's the people who own them.
C97	R136*	7.11.19	80012	I think these changes are overdue and necessary to progress further as an inclusive community.
C98	R137*	7.11.19	80012	I agree

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C99	R139	7.11.19	80015	I have been a volunteer in animal welfare and rescue for decades.....I handled Pit Bulls that had been abused, been used as bait dogs, and had a lot of fear....EVERYONE OF THESE DOGS WAS GENTLE, LOVING, INTELLIGENT, AND JUST WANTED TO BE LOVED.
C100	R140*	7.11.19	80012	I think the full repeal of the breed specific ban should be the priority, which would negate the need to have an exemption for American Bully.

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C101	R142*	7.11.19	80014	I work with pitbulls every single day and they are amazing dogs and not at all aggressive. The people should be punished, not the innocent dogs and it's not fair to target an entire breed for irresponsible people.
C102	R144	7.11.19	80124	I would love to see the pit bull ban reversed
C103	R145*	7.11.19	80206	I agree that the breed discrimination law should be repealed. Petey from Little Rascals = pitbull. Pit Bulls used to be family dogs. It's all about the owners and how they treat and maintain
C104	R146*	7.11.19	80027	I fully support the effort to remove Aurora's discriminatory breed-specific ordinance. I'm a Network Engineer and when I moved to Colorado a few years ago, I had considered buying a home in Aurora but quickly decided not to when I realized that my 2 well-behaved dogs would not be welcome in Aurora because of their appearance. Instead, I purchased a home in Superior which welcomes all dogs (regardless of appearance/breed) and follows Boulder County's effective breed-neutral regulations which impact irresponsible owners and aggressive/dangerous dogs (based on behavior, not appearance) which I believe is the appropriate, equitable, and best approach for public safety. Therefore, I strongly support your effort to implement effective breed-neutral regulations (like Castle Rock) and to remove obsolete, ineffective, and discriminatory breed-specific ordinances. Thank you for considering my comments.
C105	R149	7.11.19	71112	Breed specific legislation is not an effective "safety" law. Just banning dogs that look like an American Bully is unfair. It's not the dog - it's human holding the leash.
C106	R150	7.11.19	80017	I believe the ban should be lifted on the Bully/Pitbull breed in Aurora. It is not the breed that is the danger, it is the way the person raises and handles the dog. Proper education to breed specific owners may help.
C107	R151	7.11.19	N/A	Thank you. As a bully owner I 100% agree with this. There are dogs at the dog park more aggressive than my dog. I hope this proposal is passed!
C108	R152*	7.11.19	80012	I work at a non profit animal shelter and we see more pit bull type dog breeds than any other. We are able to adopt them out to patrons that live in legal cities. I have very rarely come across a bully breed dog that is aggressive. We have so many patrons coming in that would adopt a bully breed dog but can't due to where they live. At the Dumb Friends League, we evaluate dogs on their medical and behavioral health. We make sure that the dogs that are adopted out are safe for the community, regardless of their breed.
C109	R153*	7.11.19	80017	I volunteer with animals, and have done so for many years, and frequently come across pit bulls and adamantly believe the stigma associated with these dogs is unjust. To ban this breed in an entire city due to irresponsible owners puts so many sweet, harmless dogs in need of homes at a significant disadvantage simply because their pool of potential responsible adopters is significantly reduced. My experience with pit bulls tells me they are like any other breed, individuals with their own sweet personalities that can't be lumped into one overall generalization based on the extreme inhumanity, greed, and abuses inflicted on them by people. Thank you sincerely for considering overturning this ban.
C110	R154*	7.11.19	80134	I am ecstatic that this proposal has reached Aurora. I moved out of the city due to the ban many years ago and severely miss living in Southlands. I would be so excited to move back into Aurora if the ban was lifted.
C111	R155*	7.11.19	80011	Should be repeal and breed ban lifted. Not only is it unenforceable but we shouldn't prevent innocent dogs from getting homes or put the blame on them, but the owner.
C112	R156*	7.11.19	80013	Love it. It keeps bad owners in line but allows good owners to own an amazing breed.
C113	R158*	7.11.19	80011	I believe that revisions should be made to the policy banning breeds across the board.

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C114	R160	7.11.19	85257	While not a resident of Aurora, I do have a bully breed that travels with us whenever possible. I was recently considering a trip to Colorado, but BSL is definitely a deterrent to spending my tourism dollars there. My dog is very well socialized to humans and dogs alike. He's passed the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test as well. This dog is so loving it both hurts and angers me that so many similar dogs are punished because of a select group of horrible people who absolutely should not have a pet of any kind. I absolutely agree with punishing owners of dogs of any breed that pose a threat to people and other pets. I don't believe BSL is the answer. Even if you are able to achieve 100% enforcement, those people that breed dogs for aggression will just find another breed to exploit. Promoting and requiring responsible pet ownership should be the focus. Thank you for considering my comments even though I am a non-resident. I hope, someday, to be able to visit your beautiful city.
C115	R161*	7.11.19	80015	I believe Aurora should lift the Pit bull ban. Pit bulls by nature are not aggressive. Neglectful and abusive owners cause behavior traits in their dogs. Any dog breed can be aggressive when taught to behave like that. I have been bit more by small breed dogs, IE- Chihuahuas than any other breed. Pit bulls were bred to be nanny dogs in the 19th century. They watched over children and kept them out of trouble. Only in the last 30 years or so has the view of the breed changed.
C116	163*	7.11.19	80016	That it isn't the breed but the treatment and training of the breed. It is the responsibility of the owner to be kind to any animal.
C117	164	7.11.19	80013	I most definitely think the ban should be repealed. It's based on nothing but misinformation and unfounded fears. I'm a CPDT of over 30 years and have worked with bully breeds many times. Their natural temperament is very friendly...even more so than some of the most common, beloved breeds. Instead the focus needs to be on bad owners who abuse and/or take the basic steps to train their dogs properly.
C118	165	7.11.19	80011	I believe this is a great idea. All breeds can be aggressive, and we shouldn't ban just one. I agree with if a dog is behind a fence acting aggressively that nothing will happen unless attacked.
C119	166	7.11.19	80113	These are extremely kind-hearted animals that have been trained to do evil things you can't stop people from training animals whether there's an ordinance for them to be banned or not people are still going to do things the people that do love these animals and animals that do have living homes deserve to live where they are I truly believe Aurora should lift the band in Denver

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C120	R167	7.11.19	33948	Breed specific legislation needs to end now! No one breed of dog is more aggressive than another. It is not the Bully breeds fault for their bad reputation, it is the fault of humans! Humans who have overbred them! Humans who have mistreated and abused them! Humans who have forced them to fight! Why should this breed be punished for what humans have turned it into? Why should responsible dog owners who love this breed be punished by not being allowed to own one? Go to any animal shelter and the breed you will see there the most is the bully breed. If more cities and states lifted the ban on the bully breeds people would be

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				able to adopt them and reduce the shelter population. As I said above I don't believe this breed should be punished for what humans have done to it! Lift the ban!
C121	R168*	7.11.19	80016	I dont think there should be a pitbull ban. Dog attacks should be on the owner, not a breed in general
C122	R169*	7.11.19	80015	I do NOT believe any breed should be restricted. Each dog should be judged individually not punish a whole group of dogs.
C123	R170*	7.11.19	80011	I support it!
C124	R172*	7.11.19	85253	I am grateful it is being repealed.
C125	R173*	7.11.19	80013	I strongly do not want pit bull ownership allowed
C126	R174*	7.11.19	80013	I support this bill 100%. A dog should not be judged on his appearance, but his behavior.
C127	R175*	7.11.19	80017	I do not think breeds should be ban! The owners need to be held accountable! I know many pit bull owners and never had issues with any of their dogs!
C128	R176*	7.11.19	80017	I think the ban should be lifted. I personally see it as discrimination. Dogs are born inherently good!
C129	R177*	7.11.19	80016	I think it is an absolutely WONDERFUL, FANTASTIC, and forward thinking idea to repeal the ban on any Pit bull type dogs. Frankly, the current legislation is archaic and not well supported by research or the citizens of the city. I am thrilled to see the City of Aurora making such progressive steps in allowing our wonderful animals to live where they should be allowed.
C130	R178*	7.11.19	80014	I am in favor of the proposed changes from breed restrictions to aggressive animal restriction.
C131	R179*	7.11.19	80013	I am completely AGAINST allowing Pitbulls within city limits. The few I have seen (illegally mind you) at dog parks or in yards have been completely aggressive. Their owners follow suit; appearing to not care that laws exist. As a general rule if you give non law-abiding citizens an inch they'll take 10 miles. I feel if the type of people who like these animals are allowed to posses them we will have HUGE problems up to and including extreme violence. I am an Aurora native and a HUGE animal lover but I do not feel this breed can be trusted and it is because of HUMANS that the breed even has a bad rap. Now you're proposing these HUMANS be allowed to own, breed, fight, and basically "show off" their aggressive breed???? You know the statistics, CHILDREN HAVE DIED AT THE JAWS OF THIS BREED. ADULTS HAVE BEEN MAULED BY THIS BREED. OTHER ANIMALS HAVE BEEN BOTH MAULED AND KILLED BY THIS BREED. I own a dog and I enjoy going to dog parks and other places to exercise my dog. If this ban is lifted I will no longer feel comfortable supporting the city dog parks. It's bad enough I have 3 (THREE) Marijuana dispensaries in my neighborhood who bring shady, unlawful and filthy people around my house but now you want those same people to own and "show-off" their aggressive dogs? Again, I'm an animal lover but there and hundreds of breeds that are legal...leave this breed off the list of acceptable pets to own.

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C132	R180*	7.11.19	80013	I believe in abolishing these breed specific laws. As a pet owner, animal lover and someone who educates themselves about animals and animal behavior I believe bully breeds should NOT be banned. Socialization of an animal is a direct reflection of the owner. Owners should be held accountable for the actions of their pets. The only thing these creatures are guilty of is excelling at everything they do. Whatever you teach them, they will be the best at it. Euthanizing these dogs solely based on their breed is completely

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				inhumane. You are condemning them without them committing an offense. So many go to shelters and are euthanized because of the inaccurate stigma people have.
C133	R181	7.11.19	80013	I think the ban should be lifted, saying all Pit bulls are bad is like says all white people or all black people are bad
C134	R182*	7.11.19	80015	I like it the ban needs to be lifted!
C135	R183*	7.11.19	80013	Get rid of the BSL. It's the owner, and how the dog is raised, not the breed itself. I've grown up with bully breeds my whole life, including two pit bulls. The only dog that's ever bitten me is a corgi.
C136	R184*	7.11.19	80011	Should all humans go to jail or receive the death penalty because one individual committed a crime? So I do we discriminate based on breed? Dogs from different breeds have different behaviors and different personalities. That does not mean that they are all aggressive. Like humans each case should be analyzed individually and not as a group. We are failing these amazing dogs if we don't lift this ban.
C137	R185*	7.11.19	80013	I'm all for it. Pit bulls when raised correctly are very friendly dogs and great with kids.
C138	R187	7.11.19	80013	Punishment should be on the owners not the dogs. Breed specific ordinances do not treat the problem. I have met more aggressive Australian shepherds than pitbulls.
C139	R188	7.11.19	80016	Im a strong supporter of this change. I owned a dog training business for several years and agree it should be based on the individual dog not a breed as a whole. The demeanor of a dog is greatly influenced by its owner and placing a label on an entire breed because a group of people use the dog for evil things is not the breeds fault. Focusing on holding owners responsible for their dog and it's behavior regardless of breed is the way to go. Glad to see progress towards eliminating the ban on an entire breed of dog because of human actions.
C140	R189	7.11.19	80014	Unfortunately, when certain breeds attack for the first time it can be the last time life was normal for the victim. Irresponsible bully owners can cause more heartache than irresponsible retriever owners. The devastating damage done by these dogs cannot be overstated. Thank
C141	R190*	7.11.19	80701	Thank you for adding more nuanced to how Aurora is defining "pit bulls". It is heartening to see that the characteristics of the American bully are being taken into consideration.
C142	R191*	7.11.19	80017	I wholeheartedly support this proposal. While any pet could become aggressive, I do believe no bred, or in the case of pits, a combination of breeds with certain traits, should be banned for a potentially higher threat. Responsible owners will be cautious regarding the statistics and of their pets. My dog, a chihuahua mix, may be well known for being "yappy" and annoying loud, however, she rarely barks and yips after proper training.
C143	R192*	7.11.19	80014	Any aggressive or dangerous animal should be evaluated on an individual basis. Dogs should not be banned because of breed only.
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C145	R193*	7.11.19	97206	American Bully breeds belong to the family of pits that are responsible for 78% of all reported dog attack fatalities in the US and Canada. They are not companion animals.
C146	R194*	7.11.19	66441	Having worked in Veterinary medicine for years, I learned one important fact: ALL dogs bite, it's just a matter of WHEN. The ban needs to be lifted and humans held accountable and responsible.

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C147	R197*	7.11.19	80013	I honestly can't imagine why this breed was chosen for exemption. They are a breed who spend a miserable life of sedation due to over- and improper breeding. They are prone to numerous medical issues such as Hip and Elbow Dysplasia. They are mutilated by their breeders and owners with ear crops and tail docks. They are the newest "trendy" dog created to get around breed specific laws, yet they are bred from breeds that form the cornerstone of breed specific laws. Believing YouTube videos that they have a different temperament than similar dogs is just marketing talk from backyard breeders trying to make a profit.
C148	R199	7.10.19	80127	At age 5, I was attacked by a dog (mixed breed) at an adoption event at a Petsmart store. A dog lover for life, I have an American Bulldog/Pitbull mix currently. She is a rescue and is absolutely one of the most lovable, playful and friendly dogs. She was attacked by a GOLDEN RETRIEVER at daycare and severely injured, yet did not injure the attacker. My husband and I looked to purchase a home two years ago in several Colorado cities. Unfortunately because of the ban, we couldn't bring our family (including our beloved pup), to Aurora. Instead we happily live with our pup in Littleton. It has been proven time and time again that it is not the breed, but the training, exercise and breed awareness that creates either good or bad temperament in dogs. There are good and bad in all creatures, including humans. It has been statistically shown that white middle aged men are the most prominent of serial killers...do we ban white middle aged men from our communities?
C149	R200	7.10.19	80013	Please lift the ban.
C150	R201*	7.10.19	80017	I approve of the idea of removing breed-specific legislation. Judge an animal by it's behavior, not it's appearance.
C151	R202*	7.10.19	80016	Please please repeal this ban. I've volunteered at rescues and had hundreds of "pit bulls" rescued and rehomed without a single one being anything but an angel. I've been attacked by an Irish setter and bit by a husky, both pure bred. Saying it's one breed is like saying one race of people is responsible for all crime and aggression (and cannot change) which is not true either.
C152	R203*	7.10.19	80304	I support repealing the ban on bully breeds. From the Humane Society of the U.S., "Breed-based policies aren't founded on science or credible data, but on myths and misinformation surrounding different breeds." I personally have a dog who could be considered a bully breed based on the subjective nature of these bans. She is the last aggressive dog that I know. In fact, SHE has been attacked by another dog that was not of the same breed. ANY dog can be vicious if allowed to be, not just certain breeds.
C153	R204*	7.10.19	80014	Keep the ban on pit bull breeds. We don't need more issues in Aurora, no one wants to be afraid of these animals.
C154	R205	7.10.19	80016	The ban needs to be lifted from all pitbull breeds.
C155	R207	7.10.19	80013	Lift the ban!! Any dog can bite! Pit bulls are the sweetest dogs!

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C156	R208*	7.10.19	80012	I agree that there should not be a breed specific ban. I have seen more aggressive behavior from small breeds (such as poodles and chihuahuas) than I have from large breeds (such as pit bulls, rottweilers, etc). Unfortunately, only large breeds are targeted as a danger,

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C157	R209*	7.10.19	80224	I just had to move back to Colorado after my roommate's pit bull attacked myself and my 2 service dogs in CA. Between my own medical bills and the vet bills for my pets I've had for 13yrs, the total came to just over \$8,000. I used to think pit bulls should be given a benefit of a doubt, but these are extremely aggressive breeds that have extremely strong jaws and sharp teeth. Even the vet that treated my animals said they while they love pit bulls, they do cause the most damage when they snap. This dog was well behaved but would snap over the simplest of things, a fly flew too close to its ear, someone drops a cell phone on the floor etc. the owner tried to do the best she could to keep the animal under control but to no avail. The dog attacked 4 other people besides myself. They can not be trusted and should only be owned by highly trained, well aware people. Not the general public. My pets and I will now have scars for the rest of our lives because we gave a single pit bull a chance. Never again.
C158	R210*	7.10.19	80013	I think that the city would be well served with an ordinance that addresses aggressive behavior by an animal rather than a breed specific ban. The ban has not served the purpose as originally described.
C159	R211*	7.10.19	80013	I support the proposal to lift the ban on the American Bully breed. Rather than restrict the breed, I am fully in support of prosecuting those who display irresponsible animal ownership. I am also for stricter fines and even jail time for any animal owner who does not take the proper measures to train and keep their animal under their control, command and supervision. I am in support of strict fining and jail time for any individual who chooses to use the bully breed for unlawful purposes. As a previous owner of this breed I know first hand with good ownership any problems with this breed are no greater than other breeds.
C160	R213*	7.10.19	80015	Bully breeds do not pose any more risk than any other breed and should not be banned.
C161	R215	7.10.19	80013	Banning a breed doesn't prevent injuries due to aggressive behaviors. It just results in dogs not getting adopted as easily because there are fewer people who are able to adopt them. I've met aggressive dogs, and there wasn't a pattern to what breeds were aggressive. The pit bulls and other banned breeds I've met have been gentle and eager to please. So much depends on the humans who are caring for and training these animals. It would make more sense to put restrictions on the humans and not the dog breeds.
C162	R216	7.10.19	80013	Ban should be lifted. Each animal should be evaluated on a individual basis not by breed.
C162	R218*	7.10.19	80013	I firmly believe that this law should be eliminated.
C163	R219*	7.10.19	80012	IT'S TIME TO REPEAL BREED DISCRIMINATION LAWS!
C164	R220*	7.10.19	80013	I believe this is finally a wise decision on the part of the City of Aurora. Judge a dog not by its breed but individually. Any dog can be dangerous if raised in the wrong circumstances.
C165	R221	7.10.19	80013	The ban needs to be lifted. End of story. They are great dogs. Very smart and great family pets. They require training like all dogs do!! I've had nothing but great encounters with pit bulls!
C166	R222	7.10.19	80014	Pit bulls are nice dogs. I am a volunteer in the DumbFriendsLeague, and I see many dogs of this breed there. They are never aggressive. The ban against the pit bulls should be lifted. The wrong handling of this breed is the reason of their bad reputation.

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C167	R223	7.10.19	80247	Lift the ban, there are so many mixed breeds that can't be adopted or housed because of it. It also unnecessarily stigmatizes dogs that have a good demeanor.
C168	R224	7.10.19	80015	American Staffordshire terriers are wonderful dogs. Studies show that plenty of other breeds have higher instances of aggressive behavior. Humans should be punished for not taking care of their dogs. Staffys are incredibly smart and loyal. There are a lot of bad owners who don't take care of dogs. Aggressive behavior is not unique to any breed. Repealing this ban would be a huge step forward!
C169	R226*	7.10.19	80013	I fully support removing American bully breeds from the restricted breeds
C170	R227*	7.10.19	80017	I am totally against any ordinance or law which considers a dogs' breed when establishing guilt. Just as I would be against an ordinance or law which considers a persons' ethnicity when establishing that persons' guilt.
C171	R228*	7.10.19	80013	I agree that the ban on restricted breeds should be lifted. In my personal experience, the behavior a dog portrays does not reflect a specific breed.
C172	R230	7.10.19	80013	Repeal the dog breed ban
C173	R231*	7.10.19	80013	I think we should remove this ban, it's unjust and is used for all the wrong reasons
C174	R233*	7.10.19	80016	It doesn't go far enough. We should remove the ban on bully breeds because breeds aren't completely responsible for aggression. Any dog breed can be more aggressivr due to upbringing and less So due to breed. While some breeds are more prone to being aggressive, that doesn't mean they always are.
C175	R236*	7.10.19	80013	Keep the ban
C176	R237	7.10.19	80013	I believe that the breed is not bad it is the owners that raise them to be aggressive. I have met many pit bulls and mixes of the breed and have nothing but positive things to say.
C177	R239	7.10.19	80013	The pit bull ban is long over due to be repealed. I agree that the wording should be changed to dangerous.
C178	R241	7.10.19	80013	I wish we could educate more of the public regarding "Pit Bulls" Unfortunately the bred has become fallen into a stereo type it does not deserve. American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terriers are not the same breed or have the same characteristics as the American Pit Bull Terrier, they should be exempt from this ban just lik the American Bully breed.
C179	R243*	7.10.19	80010	Banning a breed doesnt stop the behavior
C180	R244*	7.10.19	80011	I believe that the "American Bully Breed" ban should be repealed. The issue in majority of cases involving the Bully breed are the owners fault for not properly training the dog not the dog itself. There are more cases proving that these dogs can be more loving and kind if treated and trained well than not.
C181	R245*	7.10.19	80013	Would like to see the Ban lifted
C182	R246*	7.10.19	80016	Breed Specific Legislation is a poor use of money and resources. With personal experience in animal welfare, dog behavior and keeping up to date on the latest studies and example cities there are much better ways to reduce dog aggression. The safety of Aurora residents and their pets is important and to rely on an outdated practice is concerning.
C183	R247	7.10.19	80013	I think Aurora should stop the ban on pit bulls. It is not the dog but the owner that makes the dog mean

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C184	R253	7.10.19	80013	Making the owners responsible for ALL breeds is much better than banning breeds. All of the pits/pit mixes I have ever encountered are very mild mannered dogs but I have encountered many small dogs that are apt to bite.
C185	R254*	7.10.19	80011	I believe that the ban should be lifted the breed is a good dog its all about how it is raised.
C186	R256*	7.10.19	98253	"American Bully" is a nickname recently introduced by pit bull fanciers to disguise pit bulls of the Johnson fighting line, originally developed by John D. Johnson in the 1940s-1970s. Wrote Johnson of his dogs, to Stodghill's Animal Research Magazine in 1980, "The American Bulldog is the same dog that was developed in England in the 12th century by the meat packers, to catch large bulls to kill for meat... Then they started bull baiting with them, and they then were called 'Bull Baiting Dogs.' Later, they were registered as 'English Bulldogs.' They also were 'pit' fought over there [England], against each other, badgers, lions, and anything that would fight. They were brought over here [America] in the 17th century...In the 18th century, England outlawed all types of fighting, and they were no longer needed in their present form, so they bred them down in size...We kept our bulldogs in the [original] large state, and I have developed them even larger." The "American Bully," in short, also called an "Ambull," is a dog historically bred and used to kill, and turns up quite often in fatality and disfigurement cases--much more often now, in truth, than in John D. Johnson's time.
C187	R258*	7.10.19	80011	I support having the BSL removed
C188	R259*	7.10.19	80012	Breed-discriminatory laws like the current "pit bull" ban violate our property rights. They've also been scientifically proven to be totally ineffective at reducing dog bites, and they cost a ton of tax dollars to enforce
C189	R261*	7.10.19	80013	It's not the dogs its the irresponsible owners. The dogs can be trained to be docile. Since we cannot control the owner to be responsible for their pets, the ban should not be rescinded but expanded. I was recently jumped by my neighbors dog which broke through a wooden fence and it happens to be a German shepherd. Luckily only its head made it through. Any dog can be aggressive and dangerous if neglected or trained to be. As a compromise, remove the ban but add that all large breed dogs (over 50Lbs maybe) should require a special license with more responsibility on the owner included in the language for their dog(s) behavior / misdeeds.
C190	R263	7.10.19	80013	Pit bulls should not be banned! Sweetest dogs ever. Lift the ban please!
C191	R264*	7.10.19	80013	I believe that every animal should be assessed as an individual, not as a breed or type. In my 17+ years as a veterinary technician, I have met many pit bulls and pit bull "type" dogs that are very social and good tempered. They have proven to be some of the most trustworthy, affectionate and intelligent breeds I have had the pleasure of working with. I have dealt with a good number of aggressive animals – there is a difference between aggression and fear or territorial behaviors.
C192	R265*	7.10.19	80016	Let's be honest and American bully is just another word for pitbull and it is very easy to do some research and realize that bully breed dogs are disproportionately higher in bites disfigurement and deaths

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C193	R266*	7.11.19	80010	No species of any animal should be illegal. The animals are not the problem some owners are but that is never the animals fault.
C194	R267*	7.10.19	80010	I like the proposal as it truly targets bad owners and not just the stereotype of how a dog looks. There are so many aggressive dogs but yet, people fear the "pit bull" more because of the stereotype. Bad owners prey on this ignorance. I feel that bad owners have the mentality that since they do not have a pit bull, they do not have to be vigilant and mindful of how they raise their dogs.
C195	R268*	7.10.19	80135	Breed bans are ineffective for several reasons. Dangerous dog laws should be made to address specific cases and behaviors not directed at any one breed or group of dogs.
C196	R270*	7.10.19	80015	Breed specific legislation is harmful to animals and the families that love them. The city's animal ordinance should put the public safety of our community first, ahead of everything else. That's exactly why our dog law should be breed-neutral and focused on the behavior of every dog and owner.
C197	R271*	7.10.19	80045	Breed specific bans are archaic.
C198	R272*	7.10.19	80013	i don't believe you should have a breed wide ban. I have friends that have bullies and they are gentle and sweet. It really just depends on the owners themselves and how well they treat and take care of the dogs themselves. Just like any other breed.
C199	R273*	7.10.19	80013	Over the years, different dog breeds have been identified as "dangerous, aggressive, etc." only years later, to have been "dropped" with this distinction. I believe the same is true in this case. It is largely due to how the owner treats the dog and NOT due to the dog itself. The "bullies" I have met are some of the most warm and loving dogs there are. Perhaps we should put a "ban" on mean people.
C200	R274*	7.10.19	80013	BSL don't work to stop dog bites. The breed is less important than how a dog is raised and socialized. I was bit by a black lab but I would never expect them to be banned.
C201	R275	7.10.19	80013	Breed specific legislation does not protect the public from dangerous animals or bites/injuries. It succeeds in people hiding their dogs from public areas and a healthy lifestyle. This type of legislation also places pressure on other area shelters to house pit bulls. Please lift the ban.
C202	R276	7.10.19	80018	How many times do Aurora voters have to tell pit bull owners that we don't want their dogs here? Aurora voters have voted twice for an overwhelming majority to have or keep the pit bull ban in place. This is because the lovers of this breed have failed to convince people like me that the good dogs are worth the risk of the few that will kill other dogs, children or even adults. The majority of these attacks are by first time offender dogs, so they do not have a violent history. Also, the best seeming owner can have a violent dog-I Cote an example of a woman who's family pit bull, after no history of violence, ripped her neighbor's infant son from her arms as she was babysitting and killed him in front of her. I can't find this specific example because Google provides so many more examples of infants killed by pit bulls. How many children have to die before pit bull advocates admit that vicious behavior can't always be loved away? I would also like to tell the councilman I would also vote to ban his Cane Corso.

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C203	R278*	7.10.19	80013	I believe it is not the breed, but how they are raised. I have been in contact with several Bully breeds and have found them all to be loving, playful, and loyal pets.
C204	R279*	7.10.19	80010	The American Bully breed is nothing more than a different name for a pit bull. All "Fighting Breeds" should be banned - especially Presa Canarios!
C205	R280	7.10.19	80013	Banning an entire breed based on statistics from across an entire country is completely inaccurate and unfair, as it does not address each incident specifically. In most instances it was how an animal was kept/trained/disciplined/abused/neglected that comes into the play. Any dog, regardless of breed, has the potential to attack and injure or even kill another dog or person. People are so quick to judge an entire breed of dog based on incidents blown out of proportion by the media most of the time. Punish the deed NOT the breed. If a child does something wrong then the child and parent are held accountable, not the entire city of parents. Dog owners are advocates of their dogs. They should be held responsible for the actions of their dog and in that sense, the dog itself. Not an entire breed of dog, as it punishes good dog owner and good dogs of this breed.
C206	R281	7.10.19	80433	Responsible owners of all pets are the key, not banning breeds.
C207	R282*	7.10.19	80003	as rescue/ owner of bully breeds since the 80s , I am appalled at the perception and treatment of the breed , in all my years of rescue / ownership I have never come across vicious pit bull , however I have been bitten twice by cocker spaniels and once by a boxer, threatened by a grand pyrenes my rescues KNOW I SAVED THEM AND THEIR GRATITUDE IS AMAZING . as a lifelong dog owner, now 75 yrs old , I never saw this loyalty or personality in any other breed , my regret is I did not discover this sooner so I could save more. the enemy here is human ignorance, I vow to protect my dogs from humans everyday, love them everyday and if you want a vicious watchdog this breed is not for you this breed is a companion for life.
C208	R283*	7.10.19	80013	I think it's time that owners are responsible for the pets they own. I have only come across one aggressive pittie - and that was because of the irresponsible owner...not the breed.
C209	R284	7.10.19	80015	I believe ending the ban on bully breeds/pit bulls is the right thing to do. As someone who has worked in animal rescue for 10 years, I have interacted with hundreds of pit bulls and found them to be sweet, loving animals. The rate at which they are euthanized is devastating, and breed bans only exacerbate this tragedy.
C210	R287	7.10.19	80011	I think the entirety of section 14-75 should be stricken from the municipal code, as opposed to merely revising the language to exempt "bully breed."
C211	R288*	7.10.19	80210	I believe that it the owner not the animal. I have worked in shelters previously and the only animals that came in with behavioral issues were because of how the previous owners, or lack thereof, treated them.
C212	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Pit bulls or dog breeds in general should not be banned in cities. A dog's temperament is how the owners train and raise the dog. Owners should be punished if their dog attacks someone, is aggressive consistently, etc.
C213	R290*	7.10.19	62269	Its observed! Pitt bulls are just like others. How their raised, treated or exc.

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C214	R291*	7.10.19	80239	I think its important to focus on problem owners rather than breeds. There are dangerous individual dogs of all breeds and to discriminate against an an entire breed causes undue harm to countless friendly family dogs.
C215	R292*	7.10.19	81635	I've been a pitbull owner since i was a child. None of my dogs have ever hurt anything or anyone, always getting positive feedback on how great my dogs are. I'm currently sharing a blanket on the couch with my female red nose pitbull, shes asleep with her head on my lap. Dont punish the breed, punish the bad owner.
C216	R293*	7.10.19	80016	The ban should go away. The owner should be held responsible not an entire breed. I do not have a pit bull but most that I have been around have been sweet and gentle. I see them around the city anyways nothing has stopped people from owning that breed.
C217	R294*	7.10.19	80014	I agree the ban should not be lifted.
C218	R295	7.10.19	80017	I believe that the ban should be lifted. Pit Bulls are wonderful animals and the owners should be held responsible for their animal.
C219	R296*	7.10.19	85140	A blanket breed ban is ignorant and archaic. So-called bully breeds have been grossly misrepresented by the media. I have been a dog rescuer for 11 years and have had zero incidents with any bully breeds. There are no bad dogs, only bad dog owners. Look up the statistics on aggression by breed.
C220	R299*	7.10.19	80011	I am against the city relaxing the current pit bull law.
C221	R301*	7.10.19	94804	Judge the deed not the breed
C222	R302*	7.10.19	80013	No pitbulls should be allowed in the city.
C223	R303*	7.10.19	80016	Please keep the ban on pit bulls in Aurora!
C224	R304*	7.10.19	80015	Eliminate breed specific bans. Hold the pet owner accountable.
C225	R305	7.10.19	87063	Pit bull breeds get an extremely bad rap. I have owned the breed for years and they are loving dedicated family pets. Let's ban people the bully or attack other people. Let's ban people the abuse any animal. An animal is not born vicious The wrong treatment of any animal or a person can cause issues. Don't make everyone suffer because of the wrongs of others. True Bully breed owners respectfully know how to raise and treat there pets.
C226	R306*	7.10.19	80013	Love this. We are doing the same to our dogs as we do to people. Judging them based on appearance, and the stereotypes that follow rather than judge the dog on an individual basis.
C227	R308*	7.10.19	80017	My dog was attacked and killed by a Pit Bull. The owner was irresponsible by supposedly securing the dog to a vehicle bumper. If the dog would have been a poodle, my dog would be alive today. Now the debate is the dog had a bad owner. Agreed, but like I said, when a poodle has a bad owner it does not become a viscous killer. You cant stop a bird dog from pointing.
C228	R309*	7.10.19	80013	You realize that the banned breed ordinance is not really enforced unless an issue arises. I see banned dogs almost every day. Now every pit bull around will be called an American bull dog by the pit bull owners. If it is enforced who is really going to want to make that determination.

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C229	R313	7.10.19	39364	I visited our shelter in MS and rescued two Staffordshire Terriers. One was soo abused! They said she was a BAIT dog!
C230	R314	7.10.19	80010	We should definitely get rid of breed specific bans.
C231	R315*	7.10.19	80011	The American Bully Bread has truly been linked to a very Biased base of aggressive animals. Furthermore I hope this language gets reversed in the Aurora City Charter. They are some of the most Loyal family oriented dog breeds that any Human beings could have as a pet.
C232	R316*	7.9.19	80010	I am so happy to see that we are trying to make changes to be more inclusive. They are beautiful wonderful and sweet animals. They've been given a label they don't deserve.
C233	R318*	7.9.19	80017	I believe that the ban should be lifted off of the city because of many reasons a few are as followed. One being, the breed is not born aggressive, it is how they are raised to determine their behavior as age progresses, and two, I have been around pitbull and pitbull mixes my whole life and I have NEVER had any issues with them trying to attack or harm me or others.
C234	R319*	7.9.19	80516	Lift the ban. The owners are the problem, not the breed
C235	R320*	7.9.19	80013	I think we should do away with the ban, and go after the owners. Any dog can be bad and any dog can be good.
C236	R321*	7.9.19	80017	I am in favor of repealing the section regarding the ban on specific bully breeds.
C237	R324*	7.9.19	80014	I believe that it's not a breed it's the owners and how they are raised just because a dog looks like a certain breed does not mean the dog is aggressive or dangerous it's basically stereotyping which isn't fair any animal can be aggressive if one is banned they all should be I know of a lot of little breed dogs that are way more aggressive than the bully breed
C238	R325	7.9.19	80015	Take the ban off, I have met many Pitbulls and found them very loving and sweet, it depends on how you raise them, just like any other dog.
C239	R326*	7.9.19	80205	The ban on pitbulls is outdated and unreasonable. Aggressive pit bulls have been trained to be that way (which can happen with any breed and should mean consequences for the owner), but the pitbulls by nature are loveable and sweet. Don't punish an entire breed because of a small percentage of bad owners.
C240	R327*	7.9.19	80111	I do not support pitbull bans. I have been a responsible pitbull owner for over 13 years with not one incident. This breed is very loving and ALL aggressive dog breeds have the capability of doing harm under the supervision of an irresponsible owner, and includes Rottweilers, Dobermans, German Shepard's, chows, cane Corso, etc and is unfair to discriminate against the bully breed. Either ban all aggressive dog breeds or none at all.
C241	R328*	7.9.19	80012	The ban should have never occurred in the first place, so it is definitely time to lift the ban. I agree the focus should be on punishing people who abuse animals, which includes raising them in such a manner that makes aggressive behavior more likely.
C242	R329	7.9.19	80010	Please keep the ban in place. I'm a senior and walk with my dog and granddaughter in the neighborhood. I'd feel safer knowing there are no stray pit bulls wandering about...dogs can escape. No hysteria, just concern. Thank you for your time

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C243	R331*	7.9.19	80011	I believe the ban on owning a pit bull in Aurora should be removed. They are not a dangerous breed unless the person who owns them teaches them to be at a young age.
C244	R332	7.9.19	80016	No breed should be banned. ALL dogs can be mean but the owners and how the dog is treated are usually to blame.
C245	R333	7.9.19	80015	I truly believe that it is the owner. Not the animal.
C246	R334	7.9.19	55432	It is very unfair to target a certain breed of dog. Pitbulls can be the most sweet loving dogs for people and families provided they are educated on how to properly train and handle their dogs. Any breed of dog has a potential to be vicious if not trained and socialized correctly.
C247	R335*	7.9.19	80013	I am in favor of lifting the ban. We need stricter punishment for backyard breeding and animal abuse. I think the the "pit bull" term is just a term and is associated with a stereotype. I've met many of the bully breeds and have never come across an aggressive bully. These dogs are loving and family friendly and one has helped me so much with PTSD. The value of these dogs are immeasurable. As with any dog it's up to the owners to be educated in the breed they choose. I think a more suitable ban would be to make sure that these dogs are spayed and neutered as these dogs are over breed. I also am an advocate for not cropping the ears as they do not need to be cropped unless for medical and show dog practices. The stigma of these and other big dogs need to be stopped and the public needs to be educated. Thank you
C247	R336	7.9.19	80134	The ban should be lifted. Animals should not be deemed dangerous just because of their breed.
C248	R338*	7.10.19	80014	American Bully breeds are time bombs. Read the statistics and you will KNOW the facts.
C249	R339*	7.9.19	80013	The band on the American bully breed should be lifted. Dogs of all breeds can be aggressive and not all American bullies are aggressive. Pit bulls are a very loving breed. Banning dogs because of breed is like banning people because of race.
C250	R340*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C251	R341*	7.9.19	80018	I am an animal lover but this breed should still be banned. There are too many bad owners out there. On our new block we have already had two attacks in a month by a pitbull and they owners still walk there dog around others. They are a dangerous breed and too powerful for most owners to handle.
C252	R344	7.9.19	80012	The voters have overwhelmingly spoken in favor of restrictions on specific breeds, keep the ban. I would allow exceptions for highly trained service dogs, NOT untrained comfort dogs. They need to be under the control of their owners.
C253	R345	7.9.19	80012	It's the owners fault when they act in violent ways not the breed.
C254	R346*	7.9.19	80016	This is very smart legislation the American Bully breed was developed to be the ultimate family dog.
C255	R347*	7.9.19	80022	I feel that if this was lifted off a specific breed and to any dangerous dog would have more people move into the neighborhoods. it keeps me from going to places they do not allow my dog .
C256	R349*	7.9.19	80018	I believe dogs are a product of the environment and training or lack there of. Owners should be held responsible

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C257	R350	7.9.19	80011	The breed is not necessarily an indication of aggressive or bully actions. Many pitbulls are the most gentle Giants. My granddaughter worked at the Weld County Animal Shelter. They had many pitbulls. It was her job to determine if they could be adopted out or if they were aggressive and dangerous. After taking in more then you would care to mention, not a one was unadoptable. In fact, she and her fiance adopted a beautiful Pitbull who believes he's a lap dog, he loves cats. Hates Thunder and tries to hide under the bed. A beautiful amazing dog. My grandfather raised pitbulls, never having any trouble with a single one. The master of this amazing breed needs to train his dog. Of course from time to time there aggressive animals. But not are they always a Pitbull, Chow Chow, Mastiff or any other large breed. We had a long hair Chihuahua that could scare anybody. And had a tendency to bite. Please consider the animal itself, not just the breed. Thank you for your time
C258	R351	7.9.19	34120	I've had pitbulls all my life and they are wonderful. They shouldn't be discriminated.
C259	R354*	7.9.19	80010	The bill should be change it about how you train you animals.
C260	R358*	7.9.19	80016	I think the new wording of the ordinance is elusive and and leaves animal owners at a disadvantage if their dog "looks like" a banned dog. The 50% or less rule should be the standard practice as it has been.
C261	R361	7.9.19	80010	No dog breeds should be banned, only their owners.
C262	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Breed restriction is wrong. No bad dogs, just bad owners.
C263	R364*	7.7.19	80016	I believe that any breed can be trained to be aggressive, and targeting a specific breed is bound to punish friendly animals without cause.
C264	R365*	7.6.19	80016	Please keep the ban of Pit bulls and pit bull mixes. Our dog was attacked and had to get staples in her neck due to a pit bull mix that attacked her. This dog was claimed as "very friendly" by her owner. Issue was the just snapped. They bite and lock jaws on the victim's. Pits and unpredictability run hand in hand. Not worth risking our children or fur babies.
C265	R369*	7.5.19	80016	I love that you're no longer needlessly going after pitbulls. Too many sweet dogs have been lost to this biased ban and this will hopefully clear out some room in shelters now that they can be owned in the area!
C266	R370	7.5.19	80016	I would like to see the ban repealed. These dogs are not the problem, bad owners are.
C267	R372*	7.5.19	80018	Yes...just eliminate it in its entirety! I mean, just removing the breed specs of the UKC makes no difference unless you're still planning to ban the breed(s).
C268	R373*	7.5.19	80016	I feel that "bully" breeds are a product of their environment and how they are raised. These dogs are not inherently born to be aggressive but are taught, just like humans. I have had many friends who have been but by Labradors and tiny dogs far more than any other breed, yet they are considered safe.
C269	R374	7.4.19	80018	As long as it makes it legal to own a pit bull in Aurora, I am fine with it
C270	R375*	7.4.19	80016	I believe the American Bully Ban should be removed. They are amazing dogs and not aggressive by nature.
C271	R376	7.4.19	80016	I have experienced an unprovoked aggressive pit bull that tried to attack myself and my dogs while on a .neighborhood walk and I would like to keep the ban

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C272	R378*	7.4.19	80013	American bulldogs should not be on the breed ban list. In fact, there should not be a breed ban list. It's about the owners, not the breed of dog!!!
C273	R379*	7.4.19	80013	American bulldogs should not be designated as a banned breed.
C274	R381	6.29.19	80102	Breed Specific Laws are ineffective. Dogs should be evaluated on their individual behavior not their looks.
C275	R382	6.27.19	80109	Repealing the pitbull ban and replacing it with the 2-tiered potentially dangerous and dangerous dog ordinance is exactly what the City of Aurora should do. I was heavily involved with the Town of Castle Rock attorneys for two years working on replacing our pitbull ban with the 2 tiered system. I ran the public movement End Castle Rock BSL www.endcastlerockbsl.com . The two-tiered system allowed for the municipal prosecutor and the judge to view each case as its own and issue rehabilitative, restrictive or additional preventative measures in the sentencing of a potentially dangerous dog. With the new system, they are able to take into account the circumstances of the incident as well. Owners are given chances to correct issues before the escalate. Our Animal Control officers (one of which used to work in for Aurora) were in full support of the breed ban replacement and also on the committee for the new ordinance. 2/3rds of residents of Castle Rock supported the replacement of the ban with the two-tiered system (this is public documents). Our Town Council voted unanimously for the replacement as well. Aurora's town council voted the ban it, and it should be up to them to vote to do away with it. You can find all the Town Council meetings related to the replacement of the pitbull ban in Castle Rock here: March 6th, 2018- http://castlerock-co.granicus.com/player/clip/632?view_id=3 April 17th, 2018 - 1st Reading: http://castlerock-co.granicus.com/player/clip/686?view_id=3 May 1, 2018- Second Reading and Final vote: http://castlerock-co.granicus.com/player/clip/696?view_id=3 84 pitbulls over the past 8 years were removed from Castle Rock and not a single one was due to any incident, but rather someone reporting there was a pitbull. Not a single one. The attorneys of Castle Rock presented these statistics at a Town Council meeting. I have requested 2017 and 2018 and 2019 TYD dog bites statistics from Castle Rock Police Department, as well as the statistics of every potentially dangerous dog conviction since our new ordinance went into effect on June 1, 2018. I will be delivering these reports to the City Council of Aurora as well. What you will see if how effective the potentially dangerous portion is and how removing the breed ban did not impact public safety at all. The City of Aurora AS also uses the Wisdom panel for DNA testing to determine if a dog is more than 50% pitbull (the included breeds). Unfortunately, those DNA tests can never be admitted as evidence in a court of law 1) as the Wisdom Panel will never send the actual DNA examiner to testify on the accuracy of their results which is required by law for any DNA evidence to be admitted, 2) the owner of the dog on the Wisdom Panel result is listed as Jan Shipman, the former AC director and not the actual owner 3) the collection is not completed by the testing company and 4) finally, the chain of custody of the sample does not meet federal guidelines. "To produce biological evidence that is admissible in court in criminal cases, forensic investigators must be well trained in the collection and handling of biological samples for DNA analysis. They should take care to minimize the risk of contamination and ensure that possible sources of DNA are well preserved and properly identified. As in any forensic work, they must attend to the essentials of preserving specimens, labeling, and the

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			<p>chain of custody and to any constitutional or statutory requirements that regulate the collection and handling of samples. The Fourth Amendment provides much of the legal framework for the gathering of DNA samples from suspects or private places, and court orders are sometimes needed in this connection." https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK234535/ The City of Aurora is in violation of the 4th Amendment in DNA testing the property of its residents (the dog) and using it against them to dispose of their dog when the DNA sample was not collected, nor controlled under 4th amendment guidelines. The owners of a banned breed that is determined by an illegal DNA test that can not be admitted into a court of law are having their dog unlawfully removed from their custody. The City of Aurora is lucky at this point that a well funded affected individual has not challenged the methods in a lawsuit, as the City our absolutely lose...specially due to precedent set forth in Frye v. United States, which has established the Frye test. I reached out to the Wisdom Panel attorneys and public relations regarding the use of the City of Aurora's DNA testing policy with their product and here is their statement: "Many countries and provinces have dog breed-specific ordinances and laws that may require special handling or prohibit the ownership of some dogs with a particular breed in their genetic background. Wisdom Health is not intended to be used by regulatory or animal control officials to determine whether a particular dog breed is legislated or banned in a particular country or province. Nor are the Wisdom Health Products intended to be used in any judicial proceedings. Rather, they are intended to be used as a tool or resource in determining a dog's genetic history." "We support reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs. Mars Petcare opposes any legislation that determines a breed of dog to be dangerous. Educating owners about how to socialize and train their dogs is one of the best ways to help prevent the issue of dangerous or aggressive dogs. We support a number of corporate and industry programs that aim to equip pet owners with the proper skills and training techniques that can help make dogs of any breed wonderful pets." Even the company that City of Aurora uses to enforce their breed is AGAINST breed bans. I highly encourage every member of Council and the public to listen to the Castle Rock attorney's and Animal Control's presentation at the Castle Rock Town Council meeting on March 6, 2018. http://castlerock-co.granicus.com/player/clip/632?view_id=3&meta_id=57552 I truly hope to see City of Aurora move to a more fair, judicial, and safer animal ordinance in regards to dogs. The two-tiered system actually does impact public safety by allowing AC officers and the court to prevent further incidences from a dog and not wasting their time and tax payer's money on a possible pitbull-type dog that has not had any incidences, but whose responsible owner is being punished because of the way their dog looks and not based upon its actions. Breed Specific Legislation is a massive violation of personal property rights. Our government being able to take a dog (private property) based solely on the way it looks is a scary thought and a very slippery slope. What else will the government try to come into our private homes to confiscate next? Thank you, Jen Dudley Organizer of End Castle Rock BSL endcastlerockbsl@gmail.com www.endcastlerockbsl.com www.facebook.com/endcastlerockbsl Castle Rock's BSL Ended May 1, 2018!</p>
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C276	R383*	6.27.19	80013	I don't think that restricting by breed is a good idea. These "breed" of dogs already exist and many aren't dangerous.
C277	R385*	6.27.19	80010	No animal breed should be banned, period! All animals should be treated equal.
C278	R386*	6.26.19	80015	Emphasis needs to be made on a dog's behavior, rather than a specific breed. Ultimately, the human should be accountable.
C279	R387*	6.26.19	80013	Thank you for taking a fresh look at this issue. I think that preventing responsible pet owners from owning specific breeds do to the actions of others is short sided. I think any animal can be trained and raised to be great or aggressive. I personally have known and played with pitbulls and when responsible taken care of they are the sweetest dogs and are amazing with children.
C280	R388*	6.26.19	80015	I would hope that the American Bully breed is no longer restricted.
C281	R389*	6.26.19	80011	I support this proposal. I have been around bully breeds for years and all have been great and loving family dogs. I believe any breed can be aggressive if they are trained to be. I believe there needs to be more laws and rules in place for owners that train their animals to be that way.
C282	R394*	6.26.19	80013	I fully support lifting breed bans. However, I think that this proposal would create a lot of extra work for staff to enforce in that an American Bully shares a lot of physical characteristics with other breeds that are still banned. It would be very difficult to distinguish on site alone. Therefore, it makes more sense to lift ALL breed bans and enforce rules that are based on behavior.
C283	R395	6.26.19	80017	I think removing pit bull and bull terrier breeds from the restricted list is a great idea!
C284	R396*	6.25.19	80011	Good start but not enough. American Bully's are great dogs, same as all other pit-bull related breeds including American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds.
C285	R397*	6.22.19	80016	I generally agree with the proposed changes. I would like to remove a judge's authority to destroy an animal.
C286	R398*	6.15.19	80017	I believe The American Bully should be aloud in Aurora, I also believe they should allow former Pitbull owners who complied with the law follow all the rules, and never had any problems, to be allowed to have Pitbull especially if their Pitbull passed away. Any animal could be vicious!! It's how the owner trains the animal that makes the animal friendly or not. I had my Pitbull for 13yrs. with the City of Aurora and never had a problem.
C287	R399*	6.14.19	80011	I believe that Aurora will have a stronger tool for enforcement of all incidents with the aggressive animal ordinance, not just breed specific ordinance.
C288	R401*	6.10.19	80138	This discriminatory rule against bully breed dogs should be rescinded. Any animal is capable of exhibiting aggression or inflicting harm and is not directly related to breed, but is situational and relies on proper socialization. Virtually every study shows this. It is simply unjust to punish law-abiding citizens with well mannered dogs that happen to be a bully breed. If a dog can demonstrate its ability to perform basic commands and is adequately socialized with humans as well as other dogs, its breed should not be a consideration.

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C289	R403*	6.9.18	80017	This is a good change.
C290	R404*	6.9.19	80013	I am so happy that this topic is being reviewed. As an avid bully lover it's heartbreaking to see how this breed can be so misunderstood. I foster dogs with Douglas County Canine Rescue and we save 100s of dogs every year from kill shelter in Texas and New Mexico. We see lots of different bully types and help them find forever homes. Unfortunately Aurora has the breed restrictions, and residents can not adopt them. I myself adopted a "lab mix" puppy a couple years ago from another organization. It was my every intention to have him forever. At about 2 years old he escaped from the backyard and was picked up by animal control. When I went to get him from the pound I was denied my dog because he had, "pitbull features". I was questioned about what kind of dog he was. I said that we had rescued him and he was listed as a lab mix. They informed me that he looked like a pit and he would not be released until I paid for a DNA test. I said ok I would do whatever it took to get him back. I was not able to take him home but I was allowed to come visit him. The visits did not happen how I imagined. They had him on quarantine and I was not allowed to get him out nor walk him. I could only talk to him and stick my fingers between the chain link cage to try to pet him. I questioned this seeing as he never bit anyone or showed ANY aggression towards anyone ever. I was told it was standard procedure because he was being considered a pitbull. This dog had never hurt a fly or had any issues with anyone in our home or neighborhood. It was heartbreaking to see him go thru this when he didn't deserve the way he was being treated. After 2.5 weeks we received the results of the DNA and he indeed came back 70% Stafford Bull Terrier. With that I lost all rights to him and I recieved fines and a court date for the possession of a prohibited dog breed. My family was devastated to learn that Ninja our family pet would never come home. I pleaded with them to please please not euthanize him. I was told he would be transferred elsewhere where pit bulls are allowed. I begged to please let me know when he got adopted. I understood they couldn't tell me where or who but I just wanted to know he was ok and found another family. Which was denied and to this day I can't even believe how it all happened and we were left wondering what ever happened to him. 1 day we had your family member and loyal pet, the next day being told we'll never see him again. When he never did anything to hurt anyone! All because he was a pitbull he lost his forever home. After the ticket fines, court costs, boarding fees, and DNA testing it was over \$2,000, and I still lost him. This is why this issue is so very close to my heart and I support the bully breed to the fullest. No dog is born bad they develop tendencies from the life they are given just as humans. I'm helping foster a blue nose pitbull who was obviously used and used for breeding, with scars all over her back, who was afraid of everything. But in the right environment she's learning to trust again and enjoys just being a dog. Despite all the abuse this dog has endured she is absolutely the sweetest dog. No food aggression, no territory aggression, she happily shares all her toys, and loves to be hugged. She's the perfect example that pitbulls are not bad dogs. I really hope the City of Aurora considers the change of this ordinance. I think we have to be more open minded about these dogs and not fall into the stigma of stereotypes. Thank you
C291	R405*	6.8.19	80015	I think getting rid of breed specific regulations is great. It should be a case by case decision.

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C292	R407	6.7.19	80012	American bull dog breeds should be allowed in all cities, including Aurora. They are not harmful and just have a bad reputation. They are sweet and loving and having this restriction causes many amazing dogs to be euthanized when it is not needed.
C293	R408*	7.15.19	80011	I am in support of any breed of dog being removed from a general breed ban. Breed bans do not work and do not keep anyone safe. I don't think the exemption goes far enough and all breeds of dogs should be removed from the breed ban.
C294	R411*	6.6.19	80013	we need to get rid of the restrictions
C295	R412*	6.6.19	80015	GET RID OF BREED SPECIFIC ORDINANCES!!
C296	R414*	6.6.19	80013	I like and approve this proposal
C297	R415	6.6.19	80302	I believe that the pit bull ban should be lifted. It has taken the lives of thousands of animals, and is completely unnecessary. Aggression in dogs is not a breed trait, it is a result of their upbringing, which is completely attributed to owners. The only dog I have ever been bitten by was a chihuahua x dachshund mix.
C298	R418	6.5.19	80016	It sounds awesome. There's no reason to judge a dog by breed. It makes no sense. Vicious dogs need to be dealt with. Those of all breeds. And good dogs and owners shouldn't be penalized.
C299	R420*	6.5.19	80015	It would be great if the Pitbull Ban was lifted in Aurora as it was in Castle Rock. There aren't bad dogs, there are bad owners.
C300	R422	6.5.19	80015	Remove the ban!
C301	R424	6.5.19	80538	I am for it 100%. I am a dog rescuer and foster mom and have fostered all breeds and sizes (Pitbulls mixes included). Being a dog owner and foster parent, I strongly believe any dogs behaviors depend on how they are trained. There is no "bad" breed.
C302	R426*	6.5.19	80911	There are no genetic links to aggression, only how the dog is treated and raised. Bullying breeds raised with kindness and respect exude the same with their families and people around them. Aggressive dogs reflect the owner's poor handling, not the dog's breed.
C303	R429*	6.5.19	80012	The Breed Specific Ban should NOT be repealed as I have read in the proposed changes
C304	R430*	6.5.19	80011	I'm fine with taking that breed off, but I don't think any pit bulls should be banned, I think if anything owners should be trained on how to handle their dogs and all breeding should be limited, there are already to many dogs of all breeds in shelters and rescue.
C305	R431	6.5.19	80014	If the breed-specific language stays in place, the American Bully should not be excluded from "pit bulls"
C306	R432*	6.5.19	80013	No "breed" should be banned from any city. Instead, irresponsible owners should be banned from owning pets
C307	R433*	6.4.19	80012	This proposal is a great step in the correct direction, but it is unclear whether it only applies to UKC/AKC Certified bully breeds.
C308	R434*	6.4.19	80018	I don't agree with exemption as it's very common for them (here) to be interbred with pitbulls or other bullies. It's very common for an owner to call their dog one instead of identifying it as a pitbull/type. They are very popular with the same set of folks that caused the pitbull issue
C309	R435*	6.4.19	80016	A picture of the breed would help to make a better decision

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C310	R437*	6.4.19	80019	I agree with this proposal. An American Bully is not an aggressive dog and make great family dogs. I have a friend who has one and it had never seen aggression to anyone in his family.
C311	R438*	6.4.19	80011	I think that adding this is redundant. If AAS needs a definition of what an American Bully is compared to the three banned breeds, then in house training should be conducted.
C312	R439*	6.4.19	80015	I wish this ordinance could be removed.
C313	R440	6.4.19	80014	I believe all dog breeds should be allowed.
C314	R441	6.4.19	80013	Bully's are very sweet dogs. I don't own one, but have been in contact with the dogs through strangers & friends. It is all up to the owner, to raise them as happy, loving dogs. Any dog can be raised by abusive owners to be potentially vicious dogs.
C315	R443*	6.3.19	80010	Breed bands don't work. See Canada's reversal of this.
C316	R444*	6.3.19	80015	I don't understand why this breed is going to be allowed, but not the other bully breeds? Breed restrictions are stupid and need to go away!!!
C317	R445*	6.3.19	80011	I am in agreement.
C318	R446*	6.3.19	80013	Remove all mention of specific breeds.
C319	R448*	6.3.19	80011	Until there is an aggressive dog complaint against a dog, the American Bully shouldn't be banned.
C320	R449*	6.3.19	80013	I believe the true proposal should be to remove entirely the breed restriction legislation that bans the pit bull breed in the city of Aurora.
C321	R450	6.3.19	80011	It is my personal belief that there is no such thing as a bad dog, but there are bad owners. Any owner who treats and trains a dog poorly or abusively, is at risk of producing a dangerous animal. At that point it is the owner who should be held responsible, not the breed.
C322	R452*	7.15.19	80015	Please change to dangerous and not breed specific.
C323	R458*	6.3.19	80016	If you are updating the aggressive animal clauses appropriately then can't you just remove the pit bull ban? Any dog can be aggressive, not sure why one breed is banned as an aggressive pit bull would be covered the same as any other aggressive dog under the changes to the dangerous animal clauses.
C324	R460*	6.3.16	80014	I agree with the proposed definition.
C325	R463*	6.2.19	80011	I've had to go to court on several occasions over two different neighbors and their pit bulls running loose, coming into my yard and being aggressive towards me and my dog who was on a chain in her own front yard. I don't care what language you use, the temperament of the majority of the pit bulls will always be the same. I don't want an aggressive, potentially dangerous dog living next to me.
C326	R464*	6.2.19	80012	I like the spirit of this, including different types of animals and breeds. I do NOT like that this will allow "pit bulls" in our city. I also don't like that people can get waivers. If they've been found guilty the time frames and restrictions should hold.

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C327	R466*	6.2.19	80012	As Aurora residents, we all voted rather overwhelming to ban pit/bully breeds in our city, and I really dislike the change in wording, making "bully breeds" "dangerous breeds". A Bully breed is specific, a dangerous breed could be anything from a heel-nipping Chihuahua to a group of huskies owned by a Game of Thrones fan. I rife the Highline Canal daily, and I've never had issues with tiny dogs. But people with Pits love to let them off leash, and I've had to smack one with a stick because it charged me out of nowhere. NOBODY muzzles. I have never seen a single muzzle in my 35 years as a resident. Do stores even sell muzzles here? People in apartments don't cage their animals inside either, they leave them out on the deck to bark and urinate through the slats. Again, I have never had this problem with any breed but pit. And people concealed carry while walking the path! Sooner or later someone is going to shoot a dog because they feel threatened. "Since the ban has been in place, bites are down 73 percent from pit bulls," said Cheryl Conway, a spokeswoman for the city's animal care division. She described various problems the city encountered before enacting the ban in 2005 that included irresponsible owners letting the dogs run at large, and owners using pit bulls to taunt pedestrians." Again, people are still using their dog to taunt runners and bikers, but nobody enforces these laws.
C328	R467*	6.1.19	80015	It's not the breed it's the irresponsible owners that should be punished.
C329	R470*	6.1.19	80015	I think any dog breed can be aggressive and a danger to the public if left unchecked. This is up to the owner and how the owner trains the dog. Banning specific breeds is no different than telling any person of a given race that they could not do a specific act or participate in an event just because of their given appearance. The dogs don't know anything except what their owner has trained them to do.
C330	R471*	6.1.19	80013	End any breed specific legislation! Every animal is different, just like every person is different. You can't make assumptions and put one group into a box. It's not right and it's not fair.
C331	R473*	6.1.19	80260	Truly bittersweet but is definitely a step in the right direction.
C332	R474*	5.31.19	80010	Pit bulls are responsible for almost 70% of dog attacks from 2005-1017. This is ignoring sound practice from the City of Denver and the voters wishes. This issue needs to be put to the voters. They turned down the ban repeal on the ballot. It is not up to the City Legislature to overturn this outside of voting.
C333	R478*	5.31.19	80013	I STRONGLY agree with this change, we need Aurora residents to be able to gain access to training and other responsible ownership opportunities that are currently prohibited to them if their dogs breed is one of the prohibited ones.

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Bully Breed - Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R5*	7.15.19	80012	ACO's should receive behaviorism training.
C2	R6*	7.15.19	81212	Allow bulls there a breed in hats definatly misinturpered and given a bad rap when its the fault of owners not the dogs so slow bulllys everywhere they have rights to and would say so if they could talk.
C3	R8	7.15.19	80010	American Bullies are the sweetest dogs I have ever encountered. I believe the way an owner treats a dog leads to how the dog behaves, much like a child. Promote good ownership and love of all dogs! I encourage the enforcement of good dog ownership practices, not judgement of the breed, but each dog independently.
C4	R12*	7.15.19	80017	If an animal truly has been aggressive and requires to be put down I would think you would look at where the animal comes from. What was it exposed to that created that environment? I equate this to similar situation when social services are involved with a child. Look at the people and penalize the owners.
C5	R13*	7.15.19	80138	More oversight of spay, neutering, and anti-tethering laws, and possibly more oversight regarding breeder licensing.
C6	R17*	7.15.19	80013	Do some educated research on these dogs.
C7	R20*	7.15.19	80017	Remove this old and outdated ordinance. Dogs behave how their owners allow and train. If a dog is aggressive - even down to a Yorkshire Terrier, the owner needs to be held accountable.
C8	R21*	7.15.19	80016	No
C9	R22*	7.15.19	80013	Perhaps requiring dangerous breed dog owners to keep insurance policies on their dogs.
C10	R29*	7.14.19	80014	Staff did extensive research and held many public hearings before recommending a ban.
C11	R33*	7.04.19	80010	I would like the ordinances strictly enforced!
C12	R39*	7.13.19	80239	Do individual temperament testing if you're going to "ban" a breed.
C13	R41*	7.13.19	80012	Animal abuse registry for repeat offenders so they're unable to own animals.
C14	R42*	7.13.19	30004	No more DISCRIMINATION
C15	R50*	7.12.19	80012	there are apps and judgement helping identify pitbulls if people complain about it being not a breed or whatever lies
C16	R51*	7.12.19	80212	Let pitbull be allowed it not the pitbull it the owners stop hating on them so much
C17	R55*	7.12.19	80018	If City Council approves to take the breed off the banned list, they should be able to be personnally part of any lawsuit of an attack in the city.
C18	R57*	7.12.19	80014	Check on the home the environment they will be in, just like they do when you adopt
C19	R60*	7.12.19	80016	if the dog is aggressive and biting, the city will require the option of court mandated dog training, or if the person(s) cannot afford dog training, they are required to regime the dog within 30 days outside of the city of Aurora. I have had English Stanfordshire bull terriers my entire life and they are very gentle. Aggressive dogs occurs when owners fail to address aggressive behavior, it is not a biological breed characteristic.

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C20	R63*	7.12.19	80233	I would like to see work on not allowing apartments/renters to be able to turn away people and there dogs for being any specific breed especially in a city that they aren't even banned from. Even now the city I live in allows her countless apartment complexes and renters turn me away because of her so not only am I limited to a city I'm limited within that city as well.
C21	R64*	7.12.19	80210	It should be changed so that the fault is the owners and not the dogs. Owners should get penalized for not taking responsibility of their dogs. Tighten leash laws.
C22	R68*	7.12.19	80010	Yeah. Throw the ban out. Yeet it over the hedge.
C23	R71*	7.12.19	80014	The increase in dog ownership requires an evermore diligence from public servants to protect the rights and safety of their citizens from dog attacks.
C24	R72*	7.12.19	80010	No.
C25	R77*	7.12.19	45056	No
C26	R79*	7.12.19	80014	The penalties should be heavy on the owners part to either get the proper training, higher fines, enforced leash handling, or surrender the animal to a proper rescue for assistance/re-home
C27	R82*	7.12.19	80014	Maybe a cited party could be given an animal behavior type training session. Many people are not able to properly train a pet - ANY pet! Many have dogs that are disobedient and unruly!
C28	R83*	7.12.19	80013	No
C29	R84*	7.12.19	80014	Continue to review and make changes as the city has over the years to come thus issue. Now is the time to remove BSL in Auroras.
C30	R85*	7.12.19	80013	Hold the owner responsible for all
C31	R86*	7.11.19	80017	No, I just believe the owner is at fault but giving these loving animals a second chance to be in a better home is the best thing to do. It would be hard to do but I feel that every dog owner should go through a class and background check before being able to adopt a dog to make sure they are actually going to treat the animal with love.
C32	R90*	7.11.19	80011	Majority of this breed protect children
C33	R92*	7.11.19	80014	Look more in to repeat animal abuse cases and take the first offense seriously
C34	R96*	7.11.19	80017	No
C35	R99*	7.1.19	80013	Make the owners responsible.
C36	R106*	7.11.19	85019	adopting spay and neuter programs. out reach programs for low income families, instilling training classes for both first time pet families, multiple dog or cat parents, and to help harder to reach animals.
C37	R109*	7.11.19	80012	Dogs and owners should not be targeted based on breed. DNA should not be relevant if an animal attacks and or injures a person or another animal. People should be held accountable. Proper training and education should be available at animal shelters when adopting out .
C38	R114*	7.11.19	80011	The humans who neglect, abandon, inflict cruel and harmful treatment on ANY animal needs to be held accountable, NOT the breed!!!! Are you aware that you are 10 times MORE likely to be bitten by a Chihuahua than you are a Pittie???? Seriously... look up the stats!!!!

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C39	R116*	7.11.19	80010	I believe an aggressive animal ordinance that looks a specific cases is more acceptable and leave BREEDS out of the equation.
C40	R123*	7.11.19	28078	Allowing owners to have their dogs, regardless of breeds!
C41	124*	7.11.19	80013	Simple keep them out of our city!!
C42	R127*	7.11.19	80013	No
C43	R132*	7.11.19	80013	Everything said is a great idea for the new law.
C44	R133*	7.11.19	80018	Dog owners are a huge component to the behavior of the dog. If the dog is mean, punish the owner not the dog or entire breed.
C45	R134*	7.11.19	80915	Look into the CA law that passed that no longer allows retail animal shops to buy from puppy mills and breeders but rather from shelters.
C46	R136*	7.11.19	80012	Ban declawing cats! It is inhumane and can lead to several health and mental health issues for cats.
C47	R145*	7.11.19	80206	Review reasons why people want to adopt a pit bull. For family and lifestyle purposes, great. Guard dogs or breeding or fighting, unacceptable.
C48	R146*	7.11.19	80027	Implement non-discriminatory breed-neutral regulations similar to Castle Rock's recently revised animal code for addressing aggressive/dangerous dogs. Breed-neutral regulations are more effective because they address all irresponsible owners and all aggressive/dangerous dogs - regardless of a dog's appearance or breed.
C49	R153*	7.11.19	80017	None, I sincerely appreciate all the services of the Aurora animal shelter and related departments.
C50	R154*	7.11.19	80134	A proposal that does not specify any type breed restrictions or breed classifications would be preferable. Situations that involve dog incidents should be determined on a case by case bases with specific levels of dog "aggression" evaluated. As suggested I would recommend that owners take specific classes, carry insurance and have the ability to demote their dogs from "aggression" levels based on testing similar to the green leash laws in Boulder.
C51	R158*	7.11.19	80011	N/A
C52	R163*	7.11.19	80016	I don't know their practices.
C53	R168*	7.11.19	80016	No
C54	R169*	7.11.19	80015	Any that do not involve punishing a whole breed.
C55	R170*	7.11.19	80011	No
C56	R172*	7.11.19	85253	Raising the cost of unfixed dogs to be registered as a incentive to get dogs fixed.
C57	R173*	7.11.19	80013	Ban the proposal
C58	R175*	7.11.19	80017	No
C59	R176*	7.11.19	80017	Animal cruelty and neglect laws should be strictly adhered to
C60	R177*	7.11.19	80016	No.

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C61	R179*	7.11.19	80013	I'm not real sure what this question means but could the City of Aurora start cleaning up the needles, packaging and general trash left behind by the pot-heads leaving the pot shops????? They pull off to the side of the road to get high and throw all of their trash out of their cars as they drive away stoned. I'M SICK OF IT! The City of Aurora is getting extremely trashy. If the pitbull ban is lifted I will consider moving away - Castle Rock still bans them. I'll pay THEM tax dollars.
C62	R180*	7.11.19	80013	Look at past hearings of people talking to city council about abolishing these laws. Contact those who spoke on behalf of these creatures. There are a great many statistics and studies about this breed and many other dog breeds and they can offer a plethora of knowledge.
C63	R182*	7.11.19	80015	I think this is plenty for now one thing at time
C64	R184*	7.11.19	80011	Rehabilitation should be included as an option. What does "aggressive" mean? Dogs behave differently and react differently to the same stimulus. Does that make them all "bad" or all "good"? In my opinion, most dogs behave in a certain way as a result to the way they are trained or treated.
C65	R185*	7.11.19	80013	Just end the ban
C66	R191*	7.11.19	80017	Not at this time.
C67	R193*	7.11.19	97206	Aggressive spay and neutering programs for pit breed dogs that overwhelm our shelters. Do not hide the aggression history of these dogs in order to get them adopted out, as has been done.
C68	R194*	7.11.19	66441	I would like to see the only animals available for rehiring in any business to be rescues. Adopt don't shop focus.
C69	R197*	7.11.19	80013	Accept the other ordinance which removes the 2006 ban entirely.
C70	R203*	7.10.19	80304	https://www.animalsheltering.org/page/pealing-breed-specific-legislation
C71	R204*	7.10.19	80014	Recall Charlie Richardson.
C72	R208*	7.10.19	80012	I think staff are on track for best practices.
C73	R210*	7.10.19	80013	Yes, address animal aggression and poor behavior rather than a ban on specific breeds as they serve no good service.
C74	R211*	7.10.19	80013	I would suggest the council work closely with the community to come up with solutions to successfully implement this. In addition, some continuous follow up with what has been implemented in efforts to proactively measure successes and address issues should be put in place.
C75	R219*	7.10.19	80012	THERE SHOULD BE A BAN ON CHAINING/TETHERING!
C76	R220*	7.10.19	80013	Not at this time.
C77	R222*	7.10.19	80014	N/a
C78	R224*	7.10.19	80015	Ensuring due process for the dog. Offering training classes for adoption. Programs to support owners and how to train their dog!
C79	R227*	7.10.19	80017	I would like the staff to consider the responsibility of the pet owner in an incident involving a persons pet.
C80	R228*	7.10.19	80013	I believe each case should be evaluated individually. Many outside factors determine the temperament of the dog, and breed is irrelevant.

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C81	R231*	7.10.19	80013	Just look for the animals behavior not how they look
C82	R233*	7.10.19	80016	Remove the ban! Make people liable for their dogs for attacks!
C83	R243*	7.10.19	80014	No
C84	R244*	7.10.19	80011	Punish the owner not the dog. If the owner gets more than 1 violation because of the dog, remove the dog from the owner and place it in a No-Kill animal shelter so it can have a chance to be placed in a home with people who will raise it properly and responsibly.
C85	R245*	7.10.19	80013	I think each case would depend on a responsible and caring pet parent
C86	R246*	7.10.19	80016	Spay and Neuter Programs Dog Training and Behavior Programs
C87	R256*	7.10.19	98253	Maintain a categorical prohibition of all bully breeds. Many other fighting pit bull lines have been renamed over the years to disguise their origins, e.g. the Colby line became the Staffordshire terrier, but the genetics have not changed, and the only safe rule to follow is that if a dog has the look of a pit bull, it is a pit bull.
C88	R258*	7.10.19	80011	none
C89	R266*	7.11.19	80010	If owners are not caring for keeping secure and being responsible they should be forced to be educated and second failure that owner no longer allowed to keep that type of animal.
C90	R267*	7.10.19	80010	I think to enhance the current aggressive dog law is a step forward.
C91	R268*	7.10.19	80135	Look at dangerous dog laws that do not specify breed. Put something in place that makes sense.
C92	R270*	7.10.19	80015	The International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), the preeminent organization representing municipal lawyers, recently introduced an updated model dangerous-dog ordinance. The model urges all cities to repeal and replace their breed-discriminatory and breed-specific laws and to focus instead on the behavior of all the dogs and owners in a community. We should listen to the experts.
C93	R272*	7.10.19	80013	You need to look at each case as a separate case and not try and lump them together just because they have the same breed of dog.
C94	R273*	7.10.19	80013	Too many to name here.
C95	R274*	7.10.19	80013	Remove the BSL
C96	R279*	7.10.19	80010	Talk to the National Association of Plastic Surgeons about their position on Pit Bulls and fighting breeds. Talk to DogsBite.org as they are the most sane stakeholder with the expertise you need to listen to.
C97	R282*	7.10.19	80003	spray and neuter laws enforced
C98	R283*	7.10.19	80013	If any dog is deemed aggressive or dangerous, then rules should be put in place - such as the owner has to have the dog muzzled at all times the dog is out in public. The dog should be on a "fixed" leash no longer than 6 feet (as opposed to a retractable leash).
C99	R288*	7.10.19	80210	A specific breed should not be restricted. Though dangerous animals in general should be looked in to on the basis of history of biting.
C100	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Owners should be punished if their dog attacks someone, is aggressive consistently, etc. A fine should be implemented for these types of owners who are not responsible.

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C101	R290*	7.10.19	62269	No
C102	R291*	7.10.19	80239	Provide education to change minds of breed discrimination. Provide education, support and training to new and existing dog owners in the community. Focus on problem owners, history of aggressive dog ownership/complaints, neglect, cruelty. Provide support for rehabilitation and integration of dogs who have mild to medium signs of problems.
C103	R293*	7.10.19	80016	N/A
C104	R296*	7.10.19	80017	Dogs should be reviewed on a case by case basis, not outright discounted as vicious because they fit into a ridiculously broad visual category.
C105	R299*	7.10.19	80011	Enforce the law as required.
C106	R301*	7.10.19	94804	Analyze aggression. Is the animal scared or abused?
C107	R304*	7.10.19	80015	No
C108	R3056*	7.10.19	80013	No
C109	R309*	7.10.19	80013	Enforce the law. It doesn't matter what is written if its not enforced.
C110	R318*	7.9.19	80017	Adopt out pitbulls from shelters under a certain circumstance to prevent dog fighting and or the dog being raised incorrectly, just as any other dog.
C111	R319*	7.9.19	80516	No
C112	R321*	7.9.19	80017	We have not had any issues with our dogs, so, no thank you.
C113	R327*	7.9.19	80111	Remove the breed specific ban, and revise law for harder penalties of irresponsible owners. An example is gun laws, we do not ban guns because they have capability of doing harm - we legalize guns and penalize irresponsible gun owners.
C114	R328*	7.9.19	80012	If a dog is removed from a home, then rescue organizations should be allowed the opportunity to rehabilitate the dog, if they choose.
C115	R334*	7.9.19	55432	N/a
C116	R335*	7.9.19	80013	Stricter punishment for back yard breeding and animal abuse.
C117	R338*	7.10.19	80014	If my City passes this change, PLEASE MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT ALL BULLY BREEDS, MALE & FEMALE, BE STERILIZED.
C118	R339*	7.9.19	80013	Where I come from to register a pit bull it had some higher requirements. They had to be fixed and I had to submit pictures of my dog. Also the fee was like 15.00 higher for the breed but they were allowed.
C119	R340*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C120	R341*	7.9.19	80018	Other aggressive breeds should be looked at for a ban as well.
C121	R346*	7.9.19	80016	Review the ABKC about the breed
C122	R354*	7.9.19	80010	Yes
C123	R358*	7.9.19	80016	Personally, I think if Americans are allowed to own guns but not dogs there's something wrong with the city. I propose dog licenses and dog safety classes for restricted breeds instead. Lets make the city money instead of losing it.

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C124	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Just lift the ban.
C125	R364*	7.7.19	80016	Perhaps review any data we have regarding reported aggressive animal issues and present that to the public so more informed decisions can be made.
C126	R372*	7.5.19	80018	Nope! Just lift the ban and get rid of this unnecessary definition ordinance.
C127	R373*	7.5.19	80016	it All starts with the owners. Dogs get and take their cues from their master. If the owner is bad and has ill intent then the dog will be raised as such. Don't punish the dog for the humans faults.
C128	R375*	7.4.19	80016	No
C129	R383*	6.27.19	80013	Dangerous dog ordinance instead
C130	R385*	6.27.19	80010	No one
C131	R389*	6.26.19	80011	More rules against bad dog owners. Not rules against specific breeds.
C132	R396*	6.25.19	80011	Consideration of resolving all breeds from being restricted and replace with a Dangerous Dog policy.
C133	R397*	6.22.19	80016	I would like to see the owner of an aggressive animal punished rather than the animal.
C134	R398*	6.15.19	80017	Please allow former Pitbull owners whom complied with the ordinance and have no criminal records to have another Pitbull.
C135	R401*	6.10.19	80138	A best practice would be to more honestly review the studies on animal aggression and not discriminate against a single breed.
C136	R405*	6.8.19	80015	Should be case by case. And look at the environment, owner before deciding a dog is aggressive.
C137	R408*	7.15.19	80011	I would like to see all breeds of dogs removed from the ordinance, not just the American Bully.
C138	R420*	6.5.19	80015	Not at this time.
C139	R426*	6.5.19	80911	NA
C140	R429*	6.5.19	80012	The changes regarding owning an aggressive dog were confusing. One area stated it was a violation to keep an aggressive dog and another stated the aggressive dog may be returned to the owner. Aggressive dogs should not be allowed in the city.
C141	R432*	6.5.19	80013	Don't assume an animal's Bree's by their looks. Also, the burden of proof should be on the city, not the owner. You know, innocent until proven guilty.
C142	R433*	6.4.19	80012	Not at this time
C143	R435*	6.4.19	80016	put the propose changes in a more simple way such as this is what the ordinance is now and this it what will change. just like in a voting pamphlet list both the for and against opinions.
C144	R438*	6.4.19	80011	When Aggressive Animal ordinance wipes out the banned breed ordinance, we wont need this clarification cluttering up wording.
C145	R443*	6.3.19	80010	However, Pitbull bites do require more surgery than others and the victims are often children. DON'T let them in stores with our kids! https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2210261217306417
C146	R444*	6.3.19	80015	Castle Rock just recently removed their "pit bull" restrictions. It's time Aurora followed suit.
C147	R446*	6.3.19	80013	Physical characteristics do not determine temperament.
C148	R452*	7.15.19	80015	Penalize the owners of repeat offenders of dog bites, etc.

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C149	R463*	6.2.19	80011	I don't want to see any dog destroyed, but there are people who don't care if their dog is legal or not. Some won't take them to a vet or register them because they don't want any one to know what their breed or part breed is. I think the first time a pit bull gets picked up, the owner should have to surrender them.
C150	R466*	6.2.19	80012	If you can set up a speed trap to catch poor or unsafe drivers, then you should also spend some time patrolling residential path systems like the Highline Canal, Powerline Trail, Cherry Creek Spillway at Horseshoe Park, etc. TICKET people. Otherwise nothing will be done, and eventually someone is going to get sued because they beat a charging pitbull to death in order to keep from being attacked.
C151	R467*	6.1.19	80015	Keep irresponsible owners accountable.
C152	R470*	6.1.19	80015	Aggressive dogs should be handled on a case by case basis regardless of breed. And the owner should be held accountable for the dogs actions.
C153	R471*	6.1.19	80013	The ASPCA, the Humane Society, the American Bar Association, and pretty much every other expert group out there is against breed restriction.
C154	R473*	6.1.19	80260	Lift BSL and enact a dangerous dog ordinance based on behavior. Public education and awareness is definitely needed. Animal owners need to be held accountable for their pets actions. I am praying to the good lord this would also help with the abuse and cruelty cases as well.
C155	R474*	5.31.19	80010	Yes. Look at overall bite and attack data. Individual accounts of dogs are not relevant here and in many cases Pit Bull attacks occur by family dogs in their own homes.
C156	R478*	5.31.19	80013	Yes, the ASPCA, The American Bar Association, the America Veterinary Association, and nearly all relevant professional groups agree that breed legislation does not make cities more safe.

Bully Breed - Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

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C1	R1*	7.15.19	80012	It seems ridiculous to bother with changing what the officers are called; there are much bigger issues. I'm disappointed that such a large part of this revision is simply invoking synonyms.
C2	R6*	7.15.19	81212	English were in america
C3	R12*	7.15.19	80013	It should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Rather than lumping all pitbull into one opinion.
C4	R13*	7.15.19	80138	No
C5	R15*	7.15.19	27958	Remove breed specific language. ALL OWNERS OF ALL DOGS NO MATTER THE TYPE MUST BE HELD TO ACCOUNT. BREED NEUTRAL ORDINANCE!!!
C6	R17*	7.15.19	80013	No breed should be restricted.
C7	R21*	7.15.19	80016	No
C8	R27*	7.14.19	80010	I would like the ordinance that we voted on to stand.

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C9	R29*	7.14.19	80014	The dangerous animal ord should not be revised, but if CM Richardson has his way, the existing verbiage on attacking domestic animals should not be deleted. Pit Bulls are more apt to attack small animals than people and I'm personally familiar with too many families who lost their dogs, cats and pet rabbits to pit bulls.
C10	R33*	7.14.19	80010	No
C11	R39*	7.13.19	80239	Aggressive and vicious dogs are not allowed- REGARDLESS OF BREED. Animal control officers to determine this by testing or if a complaint is filed about a dog
C12	R41*	7.13.19	80012	N/A
C13	R48*	7.12.19	80013	English
C14	R49*	7.12.19	80210	I would like the aggressive animal wording rather than breed specific
C15	R51*	7.12.19	80212	Pitbull should be able if your know your thoughts breed a pitbull is not a real a breed people love them stop the hate
C16	R55*	7.12.19	80018	Total ban forever of all Pit Bulls.
C17	R60*	7.12.19	80016	Clearly state "there are no breed bans in place within the city liumits of Aurora... "individual bans will occur when an individual files a complaint under the circumstances of an aggressive dog who has bitten other domestic animals or humans. Once the case has been reviewed, if the dog is aggressive and biting, the city will require the option of court mandated dog training, or if the person(s) cannot afford dog training, the dog must be re-homed outside the city of Aurora."
C18	R64*	7.12.19	80210	No
C19	R68*	7.12.19	80010	No
C20	R71*	7.12.19	80014	If anything, I would like to see the ordinance strengthened so that Animal Control Officers and other law enforcement can be confident and direct in carrying out their duties.
C21	R72*	7.12.19	80010	No.
C22	R77*	7.12.19	45056	No
C23	R78*	7.12.19	80014	Aggressive dogs that endanger people or other animals should still be reported, and dealt with, I just don't think banning a specific breed is good for anyone.
C24	R79*	7.12.19	80014	English
C25	R82*	7.12.19	80014	Please remove the label of the breed! Any large dog that is unruly and disobedient can be a huge problem! The legislation that is currently in place is simply racial profiling for canines!!!
C26	R83*	7.12.19	80013	No
C27	R84*	7.12.19	80014	Work with the animal welfare organizations such as Best Friends and follow their suggestions. There is much experience and knowledge of this issue in this organization that us able to help.
C28	R86*	7.11.19	80017	No
C29	R94*	7.11.19	80012	Not sure how to word it... just eliminate the whole concept of "breed specific" and deal with the individual problem animals.

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C30	R96*	7.11.19	80017	N/A
C31	R99*	7.11.19	80013	Just make sure the amendment is clear that the breed is no longer restricted in the City of Aurora or surrounding areas. Legalese gets confusing.
C32	R101*	7.11.19	80017	Definition of Dangerous Animal I would like to amend part a of the definition of Dangerous Animal to include a clause to the effect of: "Bites any person or animal without justification or provocation" This is important because a dog biting someone who was threatening them or their family should not be condemned as "dangerous" any more than a human defending their life and property should. The definition of aggressive animal should be changed to remove the clause "whether under the control of the owner or not". If the owner points and says "Kill", it shouldn't come down on the animal for following what it was trained to do. Animal Shelter in Section 14-4(a) could use verbiage around preventing the euthenasea of any animal in the care of facility. Further definitions on 14-4(b) of "disposed of in a humane manner" are necessary. Euthenization for existing is not humane, no matter the method of delivery of euthenasia. This is expaned on in later sub-sections but needs more elaboration here. Concerns with 14-4(h)(3) fee: If the appeal goes longer than 30 days, it isn't exactly right to force the owner to pay a fee for it unless the delay has been caused by them (which is rarely the case). This will give the city motivation to prioritize and move on these proceedings, rather than letting the animal rot in detention. Section 14-7(e)(2): the requirement for aggressive or potentially dangerous animals to be muzzled at all times is a bit too strict. The definition for Potentially Dangerous is highlylly subjective. Section 14-7(e)(3) The forced sterilization of the animal serves 0 purpose and propagates the misunderstanding that aggression is born into animals, rather than taught. It's unnessary and cruel. Just because daddy is a cage fighter doesn't mean son will be. I disagree with 14-7(g)(3) and (4). To keep an animal on house arrest because it bit someone - once - is unnessesary and damaging. It is proven that socialized animals are less prone to acts of aggression. This sort of confinement does not allow the animals to be socialized properly to prevent further incidents of aggression and snowballs the issue for that one particular animal. 14-7(g)(10) - see comments regarding Section 14-7(e)(3). 14-7(j)(m) - further definition around "control" is necessary. I've seen cops shoot dogs inside homes for just being excited and barking and jumping in a non-threatening manner. better wording or better training. Both would be best.
C33	R106*	7.11.19	85019	Always more specific fines and and felonies imposed on animal cruelty and abuse. Zero tolerance policy whether it is a first time or multiple time offender. Move away from considering animals as property.
C34	R109*	7.11.19	80012	" Owners of vicious animals are fully responsible for injury to life." People who own, breed or train animals for fighting will be fined, imprisoned and banned from owning any animals in the future. They must sign a registry as a "dangerous" person.
C35	R114*	7.11.19	80012	Drop the ban altogether and impose stricter fines and penalties on those that would cause harm of any sort to their pets!!!! So many other cities and states are imposing felony style charges now. Do the same!!!!!!

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C36	R116*	7.11.19	80010	I believe any language that refers to American Bully, Pit Bull , or ANY specific BREED should be removed.
C37	R121*	7.11.19	80020	Get rid of breed specific legislation period
C38	R124*	7.11.19	80013	No to pit bulls, no tp pit bulls, no to pit bulls.
C39	R127*	7.11.19	80013	Thought should be put into language about an owner providing an environment for an aggressive dog and all liability shall be placed onto the owner of the dog and not the breed
C40	R132*	7.11.19	80013	Nothing else should be added.
C41	R134*	7.11.19	80915	Allowing pitbulls and bully breeds in the county again. Not discriminating or claiming aggression based on breed alone. Puppy mill laws. Follow in suit with California. If you no longer allow people who retail animals out to ONLY get these animals from shelters and stoo breeding. Retraining or rehabilitation for aggressive animals. Or allowing them to be adopted into a no pet no child house hold if possible.
C42	R136*	7.11.19	80012	N/A
C43	R154*	7.11.19	80134	The removal of any "pitbull" "bully" or specific breed classification language.
C44	R155*	7.11.19	80011	Just get rid of it
C45	R163*	7.11.19	80016	No
C46	R168*	7.11.19	80016	Remove the pitbull ban
C47	R169*	7.11.19	80015	Each dog should be judged individually not punish a whole group of dogs.
C48	R170*	7.11.19	80011	No
C49	R175*	7.11.19	80017	No
C50	R176*	7.11.19	80017	No
C51	R177*	7.11.19	80016	No.
C52	R179*	7.11.19	80013	LEAVE THE LAW / BAN AS IS!
C53	R182*	7.11.19	80015	N/a
C54	R183*	7.11.19	80013	Punish owners for bad behaviors. I've met chihuahuas and mini dachshunds that wanted to rip my face off, but people don't take it seriously because they're smaller dogs. They can do just as much damage.
C55	R184*	7.11.19	80011	No.
C56	R185*	7.11.19	80013	Complete lift of the ban
C57	R190*	7.11.19	80701	Ideally removing "any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds" from the ordinance would be my preference. Due to the breed specific legislation and because I am an owner of mutts who could fall under the ban as displaying physical traits, I have never felt comfortable considering living in Aurora with my dogs.
C58	R191*	7.11.19	80017	Not at this time.
C59	R193*	7.11.19	97206	Fighting breed dogs present a constant risk to the public. They are bred for violence and may, at some point, act out on their genetic impulses. Because they maul and kill more than other breeds combined, we must stop breeding these dogs.

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C60	R197*	7.11.19	80013	If this change has a chance to pass, it should include all American Kennel Club breeds as well.
C61	R203*	7.10.19	80304	No
C62	R208*	7.10.19	80012	No.
C63	R210*	7.10.19	80013	Yes, but it is too lengthy to address in this survey
C64	R211*	7.10.19	80013	Not at this time. I will review and provide feedback
C65	R220*	7.10.19	80013	No.
C66	R222*	7.10.19	80014	No
C67	R224*	7.10.19	80015	Focus on behavior of the humans. Remove aggressive dogs from bad homes. Partner with local fostering and adoption places to ensure great dogs get a great home!
C68	R228*	7.10.19	80013	Not specifically, but to see pitbulls and bully breeds are no longer restricted and each dog owner is responsible for the behavior of their dog.
C69	R231*	7.10.19	80013	English
C70	R243*	7.10.19	80010	No
C71	R245*	7.10.19	80013	No
C72	R254*	7.10.19	80011	To allow the pit bull or bulltly breed
C73	R258*	7.10.19	80011	no
C74	R266*	7.11.19	80010	No
C75	R267*	7.10.19	80010	Remove anything that is breed specific. Maybe define characteristics of what defines aggressive behavior
C76	R271*	7.10.19	80045	An apology for perpetuating negative stereotypes of gentle animals. Historically, bully breeds have been known as NANNY dogs.
C77	R272*	7.10.19	80013	Not right this minute.
C78	R273*	7.10.19	80013	Please spell check the document prior to making it official - otherwise, no
C79	R279*	7.10.19	80010	All Presa Canarios are also banned.
C80	R282*	7.10.19	80003	vicious dogs are created by humans , and it is the humans who are the criminal, the dogs are the victims
C81	R287*	7.10.19	80011	A more specific definition of what falls under "American Bully Breed" - as the ordinance stands, it sounds like the aforementioned breeds are still banned, but a new and different dog "American Bully Breed" is excluded from the ban. May be confusing to citizens trying to decipher what they are permitted to do.
C82	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Nothing that I can think of.
C83	R290*	7.10.19	62269	No
C84	R291*	7.10.19	80239	Remove breed specific language, add language that includes penalties against owners with a history of neglect or owning aggressive dogs. Give opportunity for first time offenders to take advantage of dog training to modify their dogs behavior.
C85	R293*	7.10.19	80016	N/A
C86	R299*	7.10.19	80011	no

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C87	R301*	7.10.19	94804	No
C88	R304*	7.10.19	80015	No
C89	R306*	7.10.19	80013	No
C90	R319*	7.9.19	80516	No
C91	R321*	7.9.19	80017	No
C92	R324*	7.9.19	80014	That no matter the percentage or look of the dog it will not be banned
C93	R334*	7.9.19	55432	N/a
C94	R338*	7.10.19	80014	Keep the ban in place & enforce it. I think if this is passed, the City of Aurora should be considered liable for the actions of these breeds.
C95	R340*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C96	R346*	7.9.19	80016	N/A
C97	R349*	7.9.19	80018	No
C98	R354*	7.9.19	80010	No
C99	R358*	7.9.19	80016	Leave the language of the 50% rule or do away with this law instead.
C100	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Omaha has a muzzle law, where you can take a class for an exemption. I think that might be a nice transitional phase.
C101	R364*	7.7.79	80016	I would just like to see the proper animals punished regardless of breed, and not target animals that are innocent due to their breed.
C102	R372*	7.5.19	80018	Yep... How about [DELETE]
C103	R373	7.5.19	80016	All pit bulls are allowed to be owned by any Aurora resident if they own a home with a fence at least 4 ft high and register their pet with the City and get a pet license.
C104	R375*	7.4.19	80016	No
C105	R378*	7.4.19	80013	Do away with the specific breed bans!!
C106	R379*	7.4.19	80013	Language should be based on behavior not on breed.
C107	R383*	6.27.19	80013	If this ordinance has to stay, at least changing the language to restricted breed makes sense, I guess.
C108	R385*	6.27.19	80010	More specific
C109	R386*	6.26.19	80015	see above
C110	R389*	6.26.19	80011	No, I would just like these laws revised.
C111	R391*	6.26.19	80016	No specific breeds should be called out, it should be by defined behavior, not breed specific.
C112	R396*	6.25.19	80011	Removal of Restricted Breeds and Pit Bulls from the policy and replaced with a Dangerous Dog policy.
C113	R398*	6.15.19	80017	Allow former Pitbull owners to have another Pitbull
C114	R401*	6.10.19	80138	The entire document should be revised to punish those dog owners who mistreat or harm their animals in such a way that would cause them (regardless of breed) to be a public threat.
C115	R404*	6.9.19	80013	English

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C116	R405*	6.8.19	80015	Just leave out specific breeds
C117	R408*	7.15.19	80011	The American Bully, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits or genetic markers of any one or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds breed shall not be considered to fall under this definition.
C118	R420*	6.5.19	80015	No
C119	R426*	6.5.19	80911	Unsure
C120	R429*	6.5.19	80012	In the Sentinal article titled City is seeking input on new animal-related ordinances, no where did it state you were considering repealing the breed specific ban. It wasn't until I got online that I realized you plan to repeal the ban. That is NOT correctly informing Aurora citizens as to what your changes are. If you would have stated the breed specific ban is being repealed, you would have heard more voices opposed to it. I had to search for that information which not many people would do. You didn't inform that this was about a breed specific ban repeal.
C121	R432*	6.5.19	80013	The city/animal services is responsible for the costs incurred for providing DNA evidence if they are claiming that an animal is not a domesticated breed ie. wolf hybrid etc.
C122	R433*	6.4.19	80012	The language makes it clear that the section is being added due to information from the UKC, but is not clear about whether the dog must be certified to be exempt.
C123	R434*	6.4.19	80018	No exemption.
C134	R435*	6.4.19	80016	refer to #6 response (Comment # 1194)
C135	R437*	6.4.19	80019	No
C136	R438*	6.4.19	80011	I'd like to not see this at all.
C137	R439*	6.4.19	80015	If you have certain breeds (Pit Bulls, Dobermans, German Shepards, Rottweilers) you have to prove they have been trained and aren't aggressive.
C138	R443*	6.3.19	80010	NO pitbull service dogs in Aurora!
C139	R444*	6.3.19	80015	strike all the breed restriction language and get rid of "illegal" dog breeds.
C140	R449*	6.3.19	80013	"Removal of section 14-75 from the city code is proposed to allow for the lawful keeping of pit bulls in the city of Aurora."
C141	R452*	7.15.19	80015	Please change to dangerous and not breed specific.
C142	R453*	6.3.19	80010	No
C143	R458*	6.3.19	80016	Would like to see a push to remove the pit bull ban.
C144	R464*	6.2.19	80012	Yes, language to continue the ban for "pit bulls"
C145	R466*	6.2.19	80012	Keep the wording a "Bully dogs and other dangerous breeds of animal"; don't strike it and rewrite it completely so that it changes the meaning of "dangerous animal". I'm not afraid of being pecked by flightless birds.

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C146	R470*	6.1.19	80015	At this time no, as I have not read the language of the changes.
C147	R473*	6.1.19	80260	No breed specific language.
C148	R478*	5.31.19	80013	Removing breeds from the language.

Aggressive Animal - Please provide your general comments about this proposal.

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C1	R5*	7.15.19	80012	It's a start.
C2	R6*	7.15.19	81212	I feel its wrong and cruel to blame the bully's when its the owners whos fault it lies on
C3	R11*	7.15.19	80017	All dog breeds should be treated the same when it comes to assessing and deeming a dog dangerous. Simply going off looks is not effective and does not improve public safety. Dog owners need to be held more responsible. If someone truly wants to be a good owner they will do what is necessary.
C4	R12*	7.15.19	80013	I find it difficult to understand why pitbull's are signaled out in this Aurora area. Many breeds can be aggressive rottweiler, shepherd's etc. if an animal is bred to be aggressive it will be that way regardless of what breed it is. If you're going to look at this you have to be open to look at both sides. You will find many folks that have pitbull's that are loving kind and protective of their family including babies. Chihuahuas can be very aggressive. And when they are aggressive and needs to be reviewed of what the environment was that created it. My nature an animal is not that way. It is similar to people. Every race has people that are not great. You don't lump the entire race and say that they're bad otherwise that's racism but somehow this which is very similar to that is OK or justified? Again it should be a case-by-case situation with the animal and not ban every single one of them and lump them under that aggressive and dangerous category
C5	R13*	7.15.19	80138	I am in favor of holding irresponsible dog owners accountable. However, a dog should not be seized or euthanized without sufficient evidence presented, i.e. just because a neighbor complains that a dog acts in an aggressive manner behind a fence or a dog is provoked in any way to defend itself and its property should not suffice.
C6	R16*	7.15.19	80012	There shouldn't be a ban on any specific breed.
C7	R17*	7.15.19	80013	Bsl is ridiculous. It is an outdated ordinance. These dogs are not aggressive. I have been spent years working with this breed and never had an issues with them.
C8	R20*	7.15.19	80017	PLEASE PLEASE pass this and remove pitbulls from the list of banned breeds. They are a WONDERFUL dog, fantastic with children, the sweetest things. It is the OWNER's fault for any aggressive animal - punish the owner, not the breed as a whole.
C9	R21*	7.15.19	80016	Any animal can be aggressive. It is how they are raised

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C10	R22*	7.15.19	80013	I do not wish the ban be lifted without stiffer penalties against irresponsible owners. Maybe impose mandatory insurance policies for owners to pay for damages they allow their dogs to inflict.
C11	R28*	7.14.19	80516	I support this completely. Pit Bulls are a fighting breed designed to grab, bite, and not let go. Other breeds might bite, but not with the determination and resolve that these dogs exhibit.
C12	R29*	7.14.19	80014	Do not enact these proposed ordinance revisions. What is already on the books works well.
C13	R33*	7.14.19	80010	I think the pit bull ban needs to stay in place!
C14	R35*	7.14.19	80014	Please no not reverse ordinance. Keep pit bulls out of Aurora!
C15	R37*	7.13.19	80249	This is a good proposal, but it should be alongside bully's staying banned
C16	R40*	7.13.19	80014	Lift the ban
C17	R41*	7.13.19	80012	Owners should be responsible for their pets behavior, the breed shouldn't condemn the animal.
C18	R42*	7.13.19	30004	Same as about....these are inherently good animals who are discriminated against because of looks or ignorance
C19	R44*	7.13.19	80014	I think evaluating at an individual animal's behavior is the most fair rather than having an overall ban on a particular breed.
C20	R45*	7.13.19	80017	I am opposed to lifting the ban on pit bulls in Aurora.
C21	R50*	7.12.19	80012	If other breeds prove as violent as pitbulls, they can be added, but beside some huskies, only the pitbulls target children, and pitbulls over all cause the most damage. I would feel unsafe and worry for my children if they were allowed back on a technicality
C22	R51*	7.12.19	80212	It the owners not them
C23	R53*	7.12.19	80014	Any dog can be potentially aggressive but pit bulls and other powerful dogs are dangerous when that happens.
C24	R55*	7.12.19	80018	Owners of aggressive animals should be required to have at least a \$1 Million dollar liability insurance policy or possibly face jail time.
C25	R66*	7.12.19	80015	Eliminating breed specific language is MUCH better and puts the onus on behavior specifics and the animal owner.
C26	R68*	7.12.19	80010	The ban is dumb.
C27	R70*	7.12.19	80014	Pit bulls should be allowed in Aurora.
C28	R71*	7.12.19	80014	I see an ever increasing entitlement attitude from owners of aggressive animals. The sides in the controversy seem to parallel the division in our country. I am on the side of the child who will get permanently disfigured or killed by an aggressive animal whose owner insists that their pet is safe. I've been suddenly bitten by such a pet. Dogs are unpredictable. Owners must be held responsible to the highest degree to protect human life.
C29	R72*	7.12.19	80010	I fully support this proposal, and agree that irresponsible dog owners should be held fully accountable. I also agree that dogs should be judged based upon their behavior, and not their breed or appearance. I hope that the City of Aurora implements these new amendments to the Animal Ordinance!

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C30	R75*	7.12.19	80202	I think it is great. It gives the opportunity for more people to adopt pets. There are quite a few areas around Aurora and Denver the have similar laws. Many of the dogs available for rescue have pit bull in them, but due to the restrictions have less likelihood of being adopted due to the laws. It clogs up rescues with pets that deserve a forever home, but are unfairly judged as aggressive dogs not allowed in the city.
C31	R77*	7.12.19	85056	The American Bully breed is directly related to Pit Bulls and Bulldogs. The breed comes from the same aggressive, dangerous bloodlines. American Bullies are no safer than Pit Bulls and are included under the "Pit Bull" umbrella term. They are responsible for many fatal dog attacks. The Pit Bull ban should absolutely not be repealed. Pit Bulls are responsible for over 70% of fatal dog attacks. Pit Bulls alone have killed more people in 2019 than school shootings have in the same year. They were originally bred for bear and bull baiting, then dog fighting. They have only been intentionally bred for blood sport. Their inherent aggression was never bred out, meaning Pits still carry this dangerous trait. Selective breeding has been proven to be extremely effective in cultivating dog breeds and specific characteristics, meaning dogs intentionally bred for aggression such as Pit Bulls will express aggressive tendencies. They are responsible for over 90% of fatal attacks on other pets. They are inherently dangerous due to not only their physical traits, but their behavioral tendencies as well. Pit Bulls were bred to be athletic, strong, agile, tenacious, driven or "gamey", high energy, have high pain tolerance, show little to no warning signs before attacking, bite without releasing, and have a high prey drive. All of those characteristics make Pit Bulls intrinsically dangerous, even if you remove the aggressive tendencies. Pit Bull attacks are the most severe of all dog attacks: Thirty-nine percent of all dog bite-related emergency department visits at our facility resulted in an injury requiring orthopedic treatment. Pit bull terrier bites were responsible for a significantly higher number of orthopedic injuries and resulted in an amputation and/or bony injury in 66% of patients treated, whereas bites from law enforcement dogs and other breeds were less associated with severe injuries (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29912736). "Surgery was required in about half of injuries caused by pit bulls, three times higher than the rate for other breeds. Of the nine children who required extended hospitalization, six were bitten by pit bulls." Complex Dog Bites in Children – Experience and Recommended Treatment (2017) "Attacks by pit bulls are associated with higher morbidity rates, higher hospital charges, and a higher risk of death than are attacks by other breeds of dogs. Strict regulation of pit bulls may substantially reduce the US mortality rates related to dog bites." - Mortality, mauling, and maiming by vicious dogs.(2011) "most facial fractures were caused by American Pit Bull Terrier attacks." - Primary Repair of a Complex Panfacial Fracture by Dog Bite. (2018) "pit bulls are proportionally linked with more severe bite injuries." - Characteristics of Dog Bites in Arkansas. (2018) "Pit bull bites were implicated in half of all surgeries performed and over 2.5 times as likely to bite in multiple anatomic locations as compared to other breeds." - Characteristics of 1616 Consecutive Dog Bite Injuries at a Single Institution. (2017) While not every Pit Bull will attack, it is impossible to know which ones will and which ones will not. They do not fulfill a purpose or niche that another dog breed

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				does not fulfill, and the risk of keeping them around far outweighs the positives. Why repeal a ban that is keeping people and their pets safe? Why risk the lives of innocent people and their beloved pets for one type of dog that has proven over and over again to be dangerous? When considering this proposal, please keep in mind that this is quite literally a matter of life and death.
C32	R79*	7.12.19	80014	I believe it is long over due, and animal can be “aggressive” or “dangerous” it’s not the animals fault but the owners.
C33	R82*	7.12.19	80014	Already stated
C34	R84*	7.12.19	80014	Continue to provide your services to help maintain safety in the community when an aggressive animal is identified.
C35	R86*	7.11.19	80017	The ban should be lifted everywhere in the world. These animals deserve to be adopted no matter what city they are in.
C36	R89*	7.11.19	80016	People should be held responsible for the behavior of their dog. If there is an aggressive act the owner should be responsible for training.
C37	R92*	7.11.19	80014	Only look at the individual dog and owner not the breed
C38	R94*	7.11.19	80012	A step in the right direction to address individual problem animals and their owners.
C39	R99*	7.11.19	80013	It seems reasonable with the new changes
C40	R107*	7.11.19	80012	Aggressive animals should be dealt with on a case by case basis, not based on breed.
C41	R109*	7.11.19	80012	If an animal is found to be aggressive, the owner should be investigated. The conditions the animal lives in and treatment of the animal should be taken into consideration. Good homes have good dogs.
C42	R111*	7.11.19	80917	It's about time. From a pit lab owner for 12 years that I rescued, he was a great dog till he passed.
C43	R112*	7.11.19	80017	I feel that pit bulls should be banned. Here are my reasons: According to dogsbite.org, 36 U.S. dog bite-related fatalities occurred in 2018. Despite being regulated in over 900 U.S. cities, pit bulls contributed to 72% of these deaths, but only make up about 7% of the total U.S. dog population. These statistics are verifiable on the fatalities citations link on their website. I walk my dogs every day in Aurora, and have to carry a walking stick to fend off loose dogs. I have called animal control several times. Most recently, a few weeks ago, three loose dogs at once threatened me and my dogs. I could barely speak for two days after all the screaming I did at them. I think there are too many people who are not responsible enough when it comes to securing their dogs or leashing their dogs. The risk is too great to allow full blooded pit bulls back into Aurora. People say pit bulls are so sweet if raised right, but so are most other breeds who are statistically less likely to maim or kill. Pit bulls come from thousands of years of mastiff type dogs that were selectively bred to be aggressive, protective and fight. Sometimes, despite being raised with kindness and love, they snap and revert back to what they are genetically predisposed to do. I used to work for an insurance company, so I come from a background of statistics. The injuries, long term emotional trauma, reconstructive surgeries, especially on children, are too horrendous to describe.

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C44	R113*	7.11.19	80013	If the ban is lifted, then any ordinances regarding aggressive animals should be worded to allow for confidential reporting and swift removal of the animal. From my personal experience, it is difficult to get some people to control their dog's barking, and some ignore the warnings the city sends out. Think about the complaint and enforcement process before allowing this to go forward!
C45	R114*	7.11.19	80011	It is just plain wrong to hold an animal accountable for something that was instilled in them by mean, nasty, ugly humans who really care nothing for these dogs.
C46	R116*	7.11.19	80010	NO BREED SPECIFIC language
C47	R119*	7.11.19	80011	Please lift the ban on bullys. It's not the breed. It's the owner.
C48	R120*	7.11.19	80014	I agree that the breed ban is dropped and behavior is looked at instead
C49	R121*	7.11.19	80020	Big support for removing all anti-pit bull language and judging animals based on their behaviors as individuals and not appearance.
C50	R124*	7.11.19	80013	My daughters German shepard was attacked by a Pit Bull while sleeping. The PB grabbed onto his left shoulder and began to chew and crush bones. Cost her about \$6000 in vet bills and the stupid PB owner refused to accept any responsibility for the attack. Again, Pit Bulls are ruthless killers.
C51	R133*	7.11.19	80018	Pitbulls are fine and should be allowed to live in Aurora.
C52	R134*	7.11.19	80915	Amazing hopen the ban stops
C53	R137*	7.11.19	80012	I strongly agree, it's not the dog it's the owner that controls the dog & pitbulls are gentle loving dogs
C54	R140*	7.11.19	80012	Taking out language specific to certain breeds and making it apply generally to any breed of dog that is aggressive is a much safer and more appropriate way to handle this issue. Any breed of dog can be aggressive if not properly trained and cared for by their owner - singling out pit bulls due to misinformation creates an unfair stigma and problems for responsible owners of well-behaved and sweet pit bulls and other similar breeds. I am fully supportive of removing language specific to pit bulls and other breeds and making it generalized to any aggressive animal, holding owners responsible for behavior and training.
C55	R142*	7.11.19	80014	I hope this ban is lifted because dogs are man's best friend and it's not fair to say that your best friend should have to be a certain breed. Pitbulls are amazing and loving dogs and should be treated equal.
C56	R146*	7.11.19	80027	I fully support the effort to remove Aurora's discriminatory breed-specific ordinance. I'm a Network Engineer and when I moved to Colorado a few years ago, I had considered buying a home in Aurora but quickly decided not to when I realized that my 2 well-behaved dogs would not be welcome in Aurora because of their appearance. Instead, I purchased a home in Superior which welcomes all dogs (regardless of appearance/breed) and follows Boulder County's effective breed-neutral regulations which impact irresponsible owners and aggressive/dangerous dogs (based on behavior, not appearance) which I believe is the appropriate, equitable, and best approach for public safety. Therefore, I strongly support your effort to implement effective breed-neutral regulations (like Castle Rock) and to remove obsolete, ineffective, and discriminatory breed-specific ordinances. Thank you for considering my comments.

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C57	R152*	7.11.19	80012	I think it is the owners of the dogs that should be held responsible for their dog's actions. Rather than first punishing the dog, educate the owner and require classes or training for their dog to improve their behavior.
C58	R154*	7.11.19	80134	I do wish that animal aggression cases focused more on the owners of the animals rather than euthanizing or quarantining the animal. Owners should be held liable for animal negligence similar to how car accident cases are handled removing the criminal aspect from these matters and handling them in civil litigation rather than the criminal courts. However, animal abuse, dog fighting or animal neglect should still be handled within the criminal courts.
C59	R156*	7.11.19	80013	Love it. It keeps bad owners responsible and allows good owners to own an amazing breed.
C60	R158*	7.11.19	80011	I think there should be restrictions in place for animals deemed aggressive or dangerous based on a history of experiences
C61	R161*	7.11.19	80015	I believe the aggressive animal portion of the plan will punish the owner, who is the one at fault. This should apply to all breeds. If I report an aggressive Chihuahua, it should be taken as seriously as if I report an aggressive Rottweiler. The owner needs to have repercussions for not taking care of their animal and creating bad behavior.
C62	R168*	7.11.19	80016	I dont think there should be a pitbull ban. Dog attacks should be on the owner, not a breed in general
C63	R169*	7.11.19	80015	This is much better. Individual dogs being evaluated on their behavior rather then ban a whole set of breeds.
C64	R170*	7.11.19	80011	Yes! Make it the owners responsibility, not the dogs.
C65	R172*	7.11.19	85253	Focusing on a dog by dog basis to determine aggression is the best and should always be the only way to do it.
C66	R172*	7.11.19	80013	I hate the idea
C67	R176*	7.11.19	80017	It makes sense as far as I can tell
C68	R177*	7.11.19	80016	Again, I am thrilled to see that proposed changes regarding the Pit bull type dogs. Additionally, I appreciate the thought behind the difference between reckless and dangerous animals.
C69	R178*	7.11.19	80014	I am in favor of this proposal.
C70	R180*	7.11.19	80013	I think we should go forward with it but make the proposal for this type of breed alone. Dont lump them in with "dangerous animals". You're already making up peoples minds by using this language.
C71	R182*	7.11.19	80015	Agree
C72	R189*	7.11.19	80014	Nope. The additional language about aggressive dogs and irresponsible owners is great. Lifting of the ban, not so much. As a disabled person, knowing that my chances of coming across pit bulls is severely reduced makes going outdoors less risky.
C73	R190*	7.11.19	80701	It's great to see review and revision around these ordinances, especially the move away from breed specific banning to a focus on aggressive animals and reckless dog owners. The changes to the ordinance are also more flexible, allowing a path forward for rehabilitation and education of both animal and owner.

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C74	R191*	7.11.19	80017	I agree with the steps to protect animals and people, including providing for the aggressive/potentially aggressive animal. Animals deserve rehabilitation with a responsible owner when possible.
C75	R197	7.11.19	80013	This is the correct choice, similar to how Castle Rock did it. The breed is not the problem, the owner is, and the upbringing and treatment of the dog. My wife has been in the veterinary field for almost 30 years, and has been bitten by every dog you can imagine (and cats and birds). It wasn't until her 28th year that a pitbull puppy nipped her during a dental. There is nothing wrong with these breeds, just the owners, and how they raise their dogs. Punish the owners, not the dog. The current ordinance isn't really enforced anyway. Since 2006, I have probably seen 1,000 pitbulls on the sidewalks and parks of Aurora. Hardly a day goes by where I don't see someone casually walking one. Last year there were 5 in my neighborhood, and they were all good dogs. BSL does not work, just like racism doesn't work.
C76	R198*	7.10.19	80013	There should be no breed bans. Band only cause more issues, especially for the dogs under the ban. It creates more fear, and therefore more isolation of the breed, which is not helpful for anyone. We should not judge a whole breed based on stereotypes.
C77	R201*	7.10.19	80017	I approve of the Ordinance as written
C78	R202*	7.10.19	80016	I'm so happy this councilman is proposing this and standing up against this hateful ban that has caused nothing besides unnecessary bloodshed.
C79	R203*	7.10.19	80304	I support repealing the ban on bully breeds, both based on my personal experience and on expert opinion and scientific data.
C80	R204*	7.10.19	80014	No pit bulls in Aurora Co. We voted before to ban them, let's keep the ban in place!
C81	R209*	7.10.19	80224	Keep the ban. Its not fair that people and animals have to suffer in order to wake up an owner that they are not capable of owning a specific breed.
C82	R210*	7.10.19	80013	Animals that are aggressive or potentially dangerous come in all sizes and breeds. It is the deed and not the breed. Breed specific bans do not work and are in fact being rescinded in many municipalities.
C83	R213*	7.10.19	80015	There should not be any breed bans.
C84	R218*	7.10.19	80013	Stop banning dogs. It's the owners not the breed.
C85	R219*	7.10.19	80012	IT'S TIME TO REPEAL BREED DISCRIMINATION LAWS!
C86	R220*	7.10.19	80013	I think this proposal will be fine.
C87	R226*	7.10.19	80013	Each animal owner should be held responsible for the behavior of their pets
C88	R228*	7.10.19	80013	I agree that the ban on restricted breeds should be lifted. The behavior of a dog shouldn't be determined by their breed.
C89	R231*	7.10.19	80013	i agree that if an animal is acting very aggressive it should be brought to the police or a shelter
C90	R236*	7.10.19	80013	Keep the ban
C91	R247*	7.10.19	80013	Owners make animals mean, dogs are not born that way!
C92	R253*	7.10.19	80013	See answer to question 5. (See comment #898)

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C93	R256*	7.10.19	98253	Preventing dogs from killing and maiming humans (and other dogs) requires preventing ANY attack. About half of all pit bull fatalities and disfigurements, which are about 70% of all dog attack fatalities, are the first known violent incidents involving those particular pit bulls. Therefore requiring that a pit bull must previously demonstrate violent behavior before being banned is allowing each pit bull one free opportunity to kill or maim someone.
C94	R257*	7.10.19	80013	I'd really like to see the ban lifted on the pitbull breeds. Owners need to start facing the consequences, not the dog. We had a pitbull family run into our yard and we wanted to adopt them and unfortunately couldn't because of this ban. They would of had the chance to have a loving family and see what it's like to be treated right.
C95	R259*	7.10.19	80012	The city's animal ordinance should put the public safety of our community first, ahead of everything else. That's exactly why our dog law should be breed-neutral and focused on the behavior of every dog and owner.
C96	R261*	7.10.19	80013	Needs work.
C97	R264*	7.10.19	80013	I do agree with the ordinance changes. There needs to be rules in place for these situations because there are always going to be animals out there that are aggressive and their owners must be responsible for the care of and actions of that animal for the safety of everyone. I believe it is possible to keep these animals and provide a good quality life for them as long as it is done appropriately. We as dog owners must make responsible choices regarding our pets and their behavior or face consequences.
C98	R265*	7.10.19	80016	A terrible idea I was a resident before this Ban and even though I don't think the existing ordinance is enforced hardly at all I am still glad it exists there is hundreds of other dog breeds that residence can enjoy that do not have the propensity for the chaos and violence that these breeds do
C99	R267*	7.10.19	80010	I love this law as it targets bad owners
C100	R268*	7.10.19	80135	Laws should make sense and address specific behaviors/individuals and leave out specific breeds. The people should be held accountable for their dogs' behaviors.
C101	R270*	7.10.19	80015	Breed specific legislation is harmful to animals and the families that love them. The city's animal ordinance should put the public safety of our community first, ahead of everything else. That's exactly why our dog law should be breed-neutral and focused on the behavior of every dog and owner.
C102	R274*	7.10.19	80013	Remove the BSL
C103	R278*	7.10.19	80013	I would like to see the rule changed to include " aggressive or dangerous animals" not single out any specific breed.
C104	R283*	7.10.19	80013	It would be ideal to not have a breed ban. I am aware of at least three homes in my immediate block that have a bully breed type dog. They can't walk their dogs or socialize their dogs appropriately because too many neighbors are afraid of them.

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C105	R287*	7.10.19	80011	I support the proposal to remove bully breed-specific bans, and instead define the restrictions to encompass those animals which individually assert aggressive or dangerous behavior.
C106	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Pit bulls or dog breeds in general should not be banned in cities. A dog's temperament is how the owners train and raise the dog. Owners should be punished if their dog attacks someone, is aggressive consistently, etc. I believe the proposal is fair to dog owners and the dog breeds themselves.
C107	R209*	7.10.19	62269	Appeal the Pitt bull ban
C108	R291*	7.10.19	80239	Remove all breed specific language. Breed is not predictive of a dangerous animal. Ownership, socialization, nutrition and health are a bigger predictor predictive of behavior. Any breed can have dangerous dogs.
C109	R292*	7.10.19	81635	I believe this proposal is a big step in a right direction!
C110	R294*	7.10.19	80014	People are not very responsible with their animals so bans of aggressive animals need to stay in place.
C111	R296*	7.10.19	85140	This proposal is outdated, ignorant, and antiquated.
C112	R299*	7.10.19	80011	I have a Presa Canara nextdoor he about 2 years old and already very aggressive. He is going to be dangerous. Part of his issue is his owner that breeds them this way and wnat's this.
C113	R302*	7.10.19	80013	No pitbulls should be allowed in the city.
C114	R303*	7.10.19	80016	Residents voted to keep the ban on pit bulls. Our vote must be respected!
C115	R308*	7.10.19	80017	Aggressive animals have no place in a heavily populated community. Pit Bulls are huge, strong and aggressive. The majority of owners cannot control the dog when they are aggressive.
C116	R309*	7.10.19	80013	Remember the voters approved the ban when there was an attempt to repeal it.
C117	R315*	7.10.19	80011	I'm in Prayer that the Ban on American Bully Bread will be lifted in the city and County of Aurora.
C118	R316*	7.9.19	80010	I really like the way that things were reworded. I like that almost all of the Pitbull stuff was taken out.
C119	R320*	7.9.19	80013	Any animal has the potential to be dangerous, it not a breed specific issue, its an owner issue.
C120	R321*	7.9.19	80017	I have read this and feel it is much more effectively worded to help when an individual dog is aggressive or an owner is not responsible, rather than targeting an entire breed. I am in favor of removing the language making it illegal to own pit bulls.
C121	R326*	7.9.19	80205	Please lift the ban.
C122	R328*	7.9.19	80012	I don't like 'potentially dangerous' because it's too subjective and easy to bend by those who still hold biases against certain breeds.
C123	R331*	7.9.19	80011	I have been around plenty of pit bulls before the ban and not one of them was aggressive. They are not an aggressive breed unless a person raised them to be
C134	R338*	7.10.19	80014	DO NOT LIFT BAN. BULLY BREEDS ARE TICKING TIME BOMBS.
C135	R340*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C136	R346*	7.9.19	80016	This is very responsible to put it on the per owners
C137	R347*	7.9.19	80016	any animal can be dangerous not just one specific breed . how many other ones that are dangerous and nothing is done but still its the pit who gets all the bad raps.

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C138	R358*	7.9.19	80016	I think the American Bully breed doesn't need to be included at all because people will continue to misidentify breeds. I wonder how much this costs the tax payers to send animal control officers out because people are rarely educated about dogs or dog safety?
C139	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Any dog can be aggressive without proper training.
C140	R364*	7.7.19	80016	I believe that any breed can be trained to be aggressive, and targeting a specific breed is bound to punish friendly animals without cause.
C141	R365*	7.6.19	80016	Agreed that aggressive animals need to also be banned. However I also equally find it important to keep the pit bull ban.
C142	R369*	7.5.19	80016	Seems good to me
C143	R372*	7.5.19	80018	If it means what I think it means, that the breed-specific bans are being removed entirely, then I'm all for it! It's not fair to characterize and punish an entire breed!
C144	R378*	7.4.19	80013	It's about time that we as a society recognize that aggression is not about breed, it's about owners. I have met a ton of Yorkies and Poms that are much nastier than a pit bull. We are needlessly killing thousands of dogs every year simply because we have broadly labeled them as dangerous or aggressive because of their DNA and not their behavior. Can you imagine if we treated humans this way? We wouldn't and we shouldn't treat animals this way either.
C145	R379*	7.4.19	80013	Ordinances should be based on a dogs behavior, not their breed. There are far more aggressive small dogs than large, but because they can not inflict as much damage as large dogs they are not considered aggressive.
C146	R383*	6.27.19	80013	I support the use of a dangerous animal policy OVER the current ordinance or even the updated ordinance to say "restricted breeds". This puts accountability on the owners of dogs of all breeds. Dogs of any breed can be dangerous.
C147	R387*	6.26.19	80013	Thank you for taking a fresh look at this issue. I think that preventing responsible pet owners from owning specific breeds do to the actions of others is short sided. I think any animal can be trained and raised to be great or aggressive. I personally have known and played with pitbulls and when responsible taken care of they are the sweetest dogs and are amazing with children.
C148	R388*	6.26.19	80115	I completely and 100% agree with this proposal.
C149	R389*	6.26.19	80011	I agree with these new proposals. More rules against the bad pet owners.
C150	R291*	6.26.19	80016	The law should be defined by behavior of dogs, not by the breed of dog. Individual and specific breeds of dogs should NOT be banned.
C151	R391*	6.26.19	80013	I think this is a MUCH more appropriate proposal and will apply rules more fairly and consistently in recognition of dogs of all breeds, not just a few hand-selected ones. I am concerned though about the wording of "potentially dangerous animal". A lost family pet who is otherwise docile would be considered running at large. It's very likely that the dog would be stressed and anxious and that behavior should not be confused with their normal temperament. In such cases, I would hope that a "reasonable person" judges the dog's behavior in an appropriate context.

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C152	R396*	6.25.19	80011	Repeal of 14-75 YES! Thank you! Please strongly consider this repeal and the relief it can bring to great house dogs/pets and their owners.
C153	R397*	6.22.19	80016	I think properly trained pit bulls are no less aggressive than chihuahuas; they just have a harder bite.
C154	R399*	6.14.19	80011	I believe this ordinance to be the strongest tool for effective enforcement for ALL aggressive/dangerous animals.
C155	R401*	6.10.19	80138	This discriminatory rule against bully breed dogs should be rescinded. Any animal is capable of exhibiting aggression or inflicting harm and is not directly related to breed, but is situational and relies on proper socialization. Virtually every study shows this. It is simply unjust to punish law-abiding citizens with well mannered dogs that happen to be a bully breed. If a dog can demonstrate its ability to perform basic commands and is adequately socialized with humans as well as other dogs, its breed should not be a consideration.
C156	R403*	6.9.19	80017	This is something no one will agree on. No matter what someone will be mad.
C157	R407*	6.7.19	80012	I could not stop smiling when I read the proposed changes to the Pit Bull/Restricted breed ordinance. It is everything I have ever wanted in an aggressive animal ordinance. It focuses on the actual problem, aggressive animals and the people who own them, and not the perceived problem, pit bulls. A blanket ban of any breed of dog does not take into account that every dog is an individual. Their behavior is dictated not only by their genes but also by their training, upbringing, environment, experience, and health. A dog may be dangerous in anyone's hands or may only be dangerous in the wrong hands. A dog can start out with bad behaviors and can be trained out of them or possibly start out all right and through bad experiences (often by bad people) can turn into a fearful or aggressive animal. For every restricted breed dog deemed dangerous, there are thousands that have never and will never hurt anyone. This proposed ordinance instead stops playing on the fear of a breed and puts its attention on actual dangerous dogs and reckless owners that are making citizens unsafe. I am especially impressed with two parts of the proposed dangerous dog ordinance. The first is the focus on Reckless Owners. This is where the problem starts. Owners need to be responsible for their animals and if they have proven themselves incapable of doing so they shouldn't be allowed to own pets. I appreciate the period of time a reckless owner is prohibited from owning any dog and find the option to take a class on proper dog ownership to have that restriction waived to be not only an appropriate option but also a proactive and helpful one as well. I am also pleased to see a tiered aggressiveness level. Breaking down a dogs behavior into three distinct categories...Aggressive, Dangerous, and Potentially Dangerous shows an understanding that not all dogs or situations are equal. This tiered classification may prevent a good dog that may act aggressively out of fear in an isolated situation from being euthanized because it has been deemed to be dangerous by a narrow classification. I am also pleased to see that there are opportunities for owners to correct potentially dangerous behavior through training or by changing the dogs living situation (kennels, muzzles, etc.) and thereby being able to keep both their pet and the public safe. This, in turn, can help turn a bad owner into a good one by helping them understand their dog's behavior and their responsibility as a guardian. This proposed ordinance will do more to protect the citizens of Aurora than a blanket breed ban ever will. I 100% support this change and think it is long overdue.

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C158	R411*	6.6.19	80013	we need to get rid of restrictions
C159	R412*	6.6.19	80015	GET RID OF BREED SPECIFIC ORDINANCES!!
C160	R414*	6.6.19	80013	I agree with and approve this proposal
C161	R427	6.5.19	8827 (?)	I believe that the proposal as rewritten will more effectively apply to the appropriate target. Reducing incidents that arise due to aggressive dogs can only be achieved by assessing the temperament of the suspect dog. Breed alone does not predict behavior. By specifying breeds, there are loopholes through which truly dangerous dogs are slipping.
C162	R429*	6.5.19	80012	Do not repeal the breed specific ban
C163	R430*	6.5.19	80011	I like the proposed changes.
C164	R432*	6.5.19	80013	An animal must be proven aggressive. Far too often, an animal is accused when in fact it has been teased or harassed by an unfamiliar person.
C165	R433*	6.4.19	80012	The proposal is very detailed with clear definitions.
C166	R434*	6.4.19	80018	We already voted to keep the breed bans in place.
C167	R435*	6.4.19	80016	provide a sample picture of the breed of dog
C168	R437*	6.4.19	80019	I agree that the ban needs to be lifted. It has been proven that it is the owners fault and not the dog. Pitbulls are actually good family pets.
C169	R438*	6.4.19	80011	This is FABULOUS! Owners should be held responsible for their pets, irresponsible ownership should be penalized and ALL breeds of dogs no matter the size need to be treated according to their behavior and actions and not the stigmas attached to them.
C170	R445*	6.3.19	80011	It seems to be well covered.
C171	R448*	6.3.19	80011	Aggressive dogs need to be under control at all times. Especially in residential neighborhoods. In Aurora, it just is too easy to file a complaint without proof.
C172	R453*	6.3.19	80010	None at this time
C173	R460*	6.3.19	80014	I agree with the changes completely
C174	R463*	6.2.19	80011	We have so many loose dogs running around our neighborhood esp chihuahuas, there several large dogs and a couple that look pit bull. There two at the end of the block that look pit mixed and you can't walk past their house that they aren't charging the fence. It's hard to get someone out here to round them all up, esp when they're out at night.
C175	R464*	6.2.19	80012	Isn't an American Bully mainly a cross of 2 breeds that are considered pit bulls? Why exempt them then?
C176	R467*	6.1.19	80015	The aggression is many times caused by fear, the animal has to be evaluated before labeled aggressive
C178	R470*	6.1.19	80015	I think that moving away from breed specific restrictions is a step in the right direction.
C179	R473*	6.1.19	80260	I am so very pleased to see this
C180	R474*	5.31.19	80010	See previous comment. (See comment # 1048 and 1206)
C181	R478*	5.31.19	80013	Owners of breeds currently prohibited can not get access to training, veterinary care and etc. based on the breed of a dog if prohibited, despite all available data showing that temperament of the restricted breeds does not match the bans.

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Aggressive Animal - Are there other best practices you would like to suggest staff review?

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C1	R5*	7.15.19	80011	The animal welfare staff, city council and general public need to be educated. Seek that education. Provide it.
C2	R6*	7.15.19	81212	Take a look at other breed do resurchand see there are more breeds that have caused more problems than bullys due to improper training in ng
C3	R12*	7.15.19	80013	Yes view them as you do every other breed. As an individual animal. How many people are detouring from our community based on this ban alone! Colorado is a wonderful place to live and we should not Discriminate against one breed. Handle each situation on an individual basis like you do every other situation.
C4	R13*	7.15.19	80138	See above (See comment # 1352)
C5	R16*	7.15.19	27958	No
C6	R17*	7.15.19	80013	Use real stats to educate yourself on the subject
C7	R20*	7.15.19	80017	I beg you to remove the pitbull ban. It is outdated and uneducated. The people who are against the removal of the ban are ignorant and uneducated.
C8	R21*	7.15.19	80016	No
C9	R29*	7.14.19	80014	The current pit bull and vicious, aggressive and dangerous animal ordinances are proactive. They are enforceable without an attack occurring. The proposed ordinances are reactive. They don't come into play until an attack has already happened... Too late! Plus they exempt the dog from attacks on other dogs!
C10	R33*	7.14.19	80010	Just enforce the ordinances already in place!
C11	R41*	7.13.19	80012	Animal abuse registry for repeat offenders, so they can't own animals legally.
C12	R51*	7.12.19	80212	Pitbull ain't a breed
C13	R55*	7.12.19	80018	No
C14	R68*	7.12.19	80010	Nah
C15	R71*	7.12.19	80014	The fact that dog ownership is increasing and attacks are on the rise per reputable internet sites, evermore diligence from public servants is required to protect the rights and safety of citizens over the rights of dogs owners.
C16	R72*	7.12.19	80010	N/A.
C17	R77*	7.12.19	45056	No
C18	R78*	7.12.19	80014	Court-mandated preventative measures to make sure an aggressive dog's behavior doesn't escalate. There should be an opportunity for rehabilitation, too. Lets the court mandate education and retraining classes and even a higher enclosed fence first, before euthanizing a dog.
C19	R79*	7.12.19	80014	The penalties should be heavy on the owners part to either get the proper training, higher fines, enforced leash handling, or surrender the animal to a proper rescue for assistance/re-home
C20	R82*	7.12.19	80014	Already stated

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C21	R86*	7.11.19	80017	Look more at the owner verses an innocent animal. The bread is the most loving and caring bread as long as you teach them the right habits and love.
C22	R109*	7.11.19	80012	Animal control should "interview" owners, and neighbors of aggressive dogs.
C23	R111*	7.11.19	80917	Service dogs.
C24	R114*	7.11.19	80011	Already did....
C25	R119*	7.11.19	80011	No
C26	R124*	7.11.19	80013	Just keep them out of the city and increase penalty for those that choose to violate the ordnance.
C27	R133*	7.11.19	80018	Please evaluate the home life of the dog before removing the dog, simply because it is a pitbull. Determine the well being of the dog. Decide if the dog safe and loving, regardless of breed. Many families adopt a "lab mix" as a puppy before realizing it is a pitbull mix. These puppies quickly become part of the family. Please be aware most pitbulls are labeled something else by rescues to be adopted out. It is especially painful to remove a family pet because the breed is banned in the city, even if the dog is wonderful!
C28	R140*	7.11.19	80012	Offering dog training courses through the City of Aurora would be a great opportunity for all dog owners to learn best practices and a proactive way to attempt to head off any issues in the future. This would be of great benefit to the community if they were offered at an affordable rate and were open to dogs of any breed.
C29	R146*	7.11.19	80027	Implement non-discriminatory breed-neutral regulations similar to Castle Rock's recently revised animal code for addressing aggressive/dangerous dogs. Breed-neutral regulations are more effective because they address all irresponsible owners and all aggressive/dangerous dogs - regardless of a dog's appearance or breed.
C30	R152*	7.11.19	80012	You could reach out to Behavior departments at shelters to see how they manage their bully breed populations and see if they have any tips for what the best home environment would be for each dog.
C31	R154*	7.11.19	80134	A proposal that does not specify any type breed restrictions or breed classifications would be preferable. Situations that involve dog incidents should be determined on a case by case bases with specific levels of dog "aggression" evaluated. As suggested I would recommend that owners take specific classes, carry insurance and have the ability to demote their dogs from "aggression" levels based on testing similar to the green leash laws in Boulder.
C32	R156*	7.11.19	80013	No
C33	R163*	7.11.19	80016	Research as much as possible the background and circumstances regarding any aggressive animal. The animal should be removed and attempts to rehabilitate the animal must be done. Police should not be trained to shoot to kill they need training in handling aggressive animal situations.
C34	R168*	7.11.19	80016	no

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C35	R169*	7.11.19	80015	n/a
C36	R170*	7.11.19	80011	no
C37	R172*	7.11.19	85253	No
C38	R177*	7.11.19	80016	No.
C39	R182*	7.11.19	80015	No
C40	R190*	7.11.19	80701	Has staff also reviewed additional training for police officers around loose animal behavior, stressed dog behavior specifically and exposure to catch-pole training? If so, this transparency in training could be alluded to in order to better support section Sec. 14-7 (m) by providing a scale beyond a specialized method of tranquilizing and "immediate destruction". Public trust and officer safety could be bolstered by openly acknowledging if this training is provided to officers since they are often first on the scene. In the past "Drastic" methods of immediate destruction have been highly publicized and it's hard to trust in an officer's decision without transparency into what they have been trained on.
C41	R191*	7.11.19	80017	Not at this time.
C42	R197*	7.11.19	80013	None.
C43	R198*	7.10.19	80019	More emphasis on good pet owners, to remove those that misuse and abuse animals.
C44	R203*	7.10.19	80304	https://www.animalsheltering.org/page/repealing-breed-specific-legislation
C45	R209	7.10.19	80224	not at this time
C46	R210*	7.10.19	80013	I would ideally like to see a "dog court" when owners would need to attend court with their animal. The court should consist of an animal behaviorist, a veterinarian and an animal activist.
C47	R219*	7.10.19	80012	BAN CHAINING/TETHERING!
C48	R220*	7.10.19	80013	Not at this time.
C49	R226*	7.10.19	80013	No
C50	R228*	7.10.19	80013	I believe each case should be evaluated individually. The temperament of a dog relies on many factors, breed not being one of them.
C51	R231*	7.10.19	80013	same as before we shouldn't act based on looks
C52	R256*	7.10.19	98253	Enforce the existing ordinance to the letter, instead of trying to find exceptions to it on behalf of particular pit bull owners who tell a sob story.
C53	R261*	7.10.19	80013	Barking aggressive dogs... It is impossible to report since it is not taken seriously and the proposal is to make it even harder with the removal of the officer's inclusion in the complaint (if you can ever get one to your house been trying for over 5 years)... I'm surrounded by people with barking dogs how am I supposed to get one of them to sign a complaint with me about their own dog or the other barking neighbors dogs?
C54	R267*	7.10.19	80010	I think informing the public of how to handle aggressive dogs and maybe understand the difference between a truly aggressive dog and a fear aggressive dog

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C55	R270*	7.10.19	80015	Most dogs are not aggressive and Aurora should be going after the bad owners, not an outdated idea of what an aggressive dog is.
C56	R283*	7.10.19	80013	If you have a bully breed or any other type of dog that can escape a yard, the yard HAS to be secure!
C57	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Owners should be punished if their dog attacks someone, is aggressive consistently, etc. A fine should be implemented for these types of owners who are not responsible.
C58	R290*	7.10.19	62269	No
C59	R291*	7.10.19	80239	Focus on owners not the breed. Educate owners on best training practices and try to keep dogs in safe and healthy homes. Remove dogs from problematic/dangerous owners. Problem owners who continually have
C60	R299*	7.10.19	80011	These animals act different when they run as a bunch. They are very unpridicable.
C61	R309*	7.10.19	80013	Have the animal control stop some of these owners when they are walking the dogs and check for license and look at the dog. Some of these are ridicules to be called anything other then a banned breed.
C62	R321*	7.9.19	80017	No
C63	R331*	7.9.19	80011	N/A
C64	R310*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C65	R346*	7.9.19	80016	Always go case by case.
C66	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Licensing or training programs.
C67	R364*	7.7.19	80016	Perhaps review any data we have regarding reported aggressive animal issues and present that to the public so more informed decisions can be made.
C68	R372*	7.5.19	80018	Nope! Just lift the ban so pet families no longer have to live in fear of their beloved family member being euthanized for merely existing.
C69	R378*	7.4.19	80013	Other cities are waking up and repealing their breed bans. Castle Rock for example.
C70	R389*	6.26.19	80011	More rules against bad dog owners.
C71	R391*	6.26.19	80016	Castle Rock has repealed the breed ban and Aurora should follow suit.
C72	R394*	6.26.19	80013	The ASPCA, HSUS, and American Bar Association, among others, support ordinances like this that have neutral language in terms of the breed.
C73	R396*	6.25.49	80011	Nope. Just what we've been waiting to see. A fair and just policy with the ability to appeal and obtain licenses responsibly even for otherwise unwanted pets/dog breeds, and no longer euthanizing dogs for simply being born a certain breed. Moving away from being a kill-shelter is also a fantastic, and necessary for all reasonable respect for living beings, step to take.
C75	R401*	6.10.19	80138	Speak to anyone in the animal care profession (groomers, boarding, day care, etc) that regularly interact with bully breeds and they will testify to the general mindedness of these dogs being on par with other breeds.

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C76	R403*	6.9.19	80017	Can we put an age restriction on the owner? How about a minimum age of 35? An age when both sexes seem to get their brains and life together and can make informed decisions.
C77	R405*	6.8.19	80015	Look at the whole picture not just the breed
C78	R429*	6.5.19	80012	Do not allow aggressive dogs to reside in the City of Aurora. The wording in your proposed ordinance is confusing. Clarify it.
C79	R432*	6.5.19	80013	Do not assume an animal is aggressive if it may be protecting its human or property. It is part of their nature.
C80	R433*	6.4.19	80012	Mandatory impoundment should remain at 3 days, at most 5 days. There are so many dogs at risk of being almost immediately euthanized in the shelter because of overcrowding.
C81	R435*	6.4.19	80016	refer to Question #6 previous page (See comment #1194)
C82	R437*	6.4.19	80019	Hold owners more responsible.
C83	R453*	6.3.19	80010	None at this time
C84	R463*	6.2.19	80011	I would like to see the City hire more Animal Services officers.
C85	R467*	6.1.19	80015	There should be at least 2 or 3 independent people to evaluate the animal.
C86	R470*	6.1.19	80015	N/a
C87	R473*	6.1.19	80260	No ordinance enacted or enforced based on breed alone.
C88	R478*	5.31.19	80013	The American Bar Association, the ASPCA, and most every other professional animal interest groups are against BSL as the legislation makes no sense when attached to breeds. Castle Rock has recently repealed BSL, as have many cities and communities across the country this year. It's time for Aurora to do the same!

Aggressive Animal - Do you have specific language you would like to see instead of the proposed changes?

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C1	R5*	7.15.19	80012	No dogs are restricted based on their appearance. Restrictions are based on behavior and are identified in a 2-tier system defining potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs.
C2	R6*	7.15.19	81212	English were in America
C3	R13*	7.15.19	80138	No
C4	R16*	7.15.19	80012	No
C5	R17*	7.15.19	80013	No bsl. No breed bans at all. It's discrimination
C6	R18	7.15.19	80016	No
C7	R29*	7.14.19	80014	Leave the ban the Aurora citizenry voted on in place and don't mess with other ords already on the books that address problematic animals. They have worked well for decades!
C8	R33*	7.14.19	80010	No

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C9	R42*	7.13.19	80012	N/A
C10	R49*	7.12.19	80210	Non breed specific wording that targets aggressive animals
C11	R51*	7.12.19	80212	Stop the hate
C12	R53*	7.12.19	80014	Owners of aggressive breeds should be required to post a bond to guarantee their behavior.
C13	R55*	7.12.19	80018	No
C14	R68*	7.12.19	80010	Nope
C15	R71*	7.12.19	80014	If anything, I would like to see a very forceful and plainly worded ordinance so that Animal Control Officers and other law enforcement can be confident and direct in carrying out enforcement.
C16	R72*	7.12.19	80010	N/A.
C17	R77*	7.12.19	45056	No
C18	R79*	7.12.19	80014	English
C19	R82*	7.12.19	80014	Already stated
C20	R86*	7.11.19	80017	No
C21	R94*	7.11.19	80012	Again: eliminate any/all "breed specific" references.
C22	R101*	7.11.19	80018	Definition of Dangerous Animal I would like to amend part a of the definition of Dangerous Animal to include a clause to the effect of: "Bites any person or animal without justification or provocation" This is important because a dog biting someone who was threatening them or their family should not be condemned as "dangerous" any more than a human defending their life and property should. The definition of aggressive animal should be changed to remove the clause "whether under the control of the owner or not". If the owner points and says "Kill", it shouldn't come down on the animal for following what it was trained to do. Animal Shelter in Section 14-4(a) could use verbiage around preventing the euthenasea of any animal in the care of facility. Further definitions on 14-4(b) of "disposed of in a humane manner" are necessary. Euthenization for existing is not humane, no matter the method of delivery of euthenasia. This is expaned on in later sub-sections but needs more elaboration here. Concerns with 14-4(h)(3) fee: If the appeal goes longer than 30 days, it isn't exactly right to force the owner to pay a fee for it unless the delay has been caused by them (which is rarely the case). This will give the city motivation to prioritize and move on these proceedings, rather than letting the animal rot in detention. Section 14-7(e)(2): the requirement for aggressive or potentially dangerous animals to be muzzled at all times is a bit too strict. The definition for Potentially Dangerous is highly subjective. Section 14-7(e)(3) The forced sterilization of the animal serves 0 purpose and propagates the misunderstanding that aggression is born into animals, rather than taught. It's unnessary and cruel. Just because daddy is a cage fighter doesn't mean son will be. I disagree with 14-7(g)(3) and (4). To keep an animal on house arrest because it bit someone - once - is unnessesary and damaging. It is proven that socialized animals are less prone to acts of aggression. This sort of confinement does not allow the animals to be socialized properly to prevent further incidents of aggression and snowballs the issue for that one particular animal. 14-7(g)(10) - see comments regarding Section 14-7(e)(3). 14-7(j)(m) -

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				further definition around "control" is necessary. I've seen cops shoot dogs inside homes for just being excited and barking and jumping in a non-threatening manner. better wording or better training. Both would be best.
C23	R109*	7.11.19	80012	No
C24	R111*	7.11.19	80917	No.
C25	R114*	7.11.19	80011	Drop the ban altogether and ban nasty humans from owning ANY dog!!!!!!
C26	R116*	7.11.19	80010	AGGRESSIVE Designation to be based on specific cases not BREED.
C27	R119*	7.11.19	80011	No
C28	R124*	7.11.19	80013	Yes: Never permit these killers to ever enter or live in the city of Aurora.
C29	R156*	7.11.19	80013	No
C30	R168*	7.11.19	80016	Remove the ban
C31	R169*	7.11.19	80015	n/a
C32	R170*	7.11.19	80011	no
C33	R172*	7.11.19	85253	No
C34	R177*	7.11.19	80016	No.
C35	R180*	7.11.19	80013	"Potentially dangerous" and "aggressive" are ridiculous words. You are already convincing the general public that bully breeds are dangerous before they've read whats being proposed. They aren't venomous. Any dog can be aggressive but who is going to report being bitten by a chihuahua? Make a proposal for this breed alone and use their actual breed which are terriers. In the proposal, update these unfair words
C36	R182*	7.11.19	80015	No
C37	R191*	7.11.19	80017	Not at this time.
C38	R197*	7.11.19	80013	No.
C39	R209*	7.10.19	80224	no.
C40	R219*	7.10.19	80012	BAN CHAINING/TETHERING.
C41	R220*	7.10.19	80013	No
C42	R226*	7.10.19	80013	No
C43	R228*	7.10.19	80013	Not specifically, just to see piutbulls and bully breeds are no longer restricted and that each dog owner is responsible for the behavior of their dog.
C44	R267*	7.10.19	80010	Define aggressive dogs
C45	R287*	7.10.19	80011	I think it would be helpful under the new "Aggressive Animal" definition to further define what is meant by "approach" - is there a number of feet a seemingly aggressive animal needs to be within to be deemed "approaching"? I have concerns that owners with dogs who are nervous on leashes, but otherwise take measures to protect others (i.e. use a muzzle and a gentle leader) may be lumped into this category when there is no likelihood that the animal would harm another animal or person. If it's possible to further define approach, and possibly make a carve out for owners who are taking precautions in public situations for their animals who are comfortable in their own setting, but more nervous in a public setting, it would add better protection and clarity to the ordinance.

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C46	R289*	7.10.19	80122	Nothing that I can think of.
C47	R290*	7.10.19	62269	No
C48	R291*	7.10.19	80239	<p>ANIMALS (510 ILCS 5/) Animal Control Act. (510 ILCS 5/1) (from Ch. 8, par. 351) Sec. 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Animal Control Act. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 352) Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms specified in the Sections following this Section and preceding Section 3 have the meanings ascribed to them in those Sections. (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.01) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.01) Sec. 2.01. "Administrator" means a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois and appointed pursuant to this Act, or in the event a veterinarian cannot be found and appointed pursuant to this Act, a non-veterinarian may serve as Administrator under this Act. In the event the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Administrator shall defer to the veterinarian regarding all medical decisions. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.02) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.02) Sec. 2.02. "Animal" means every living creature, other than man, which may be affected by rabies. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.03) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.03) Sec. 2.03. "Animal Control Warden" means any person appointed by the Administrator to perform the duties set forth in this Act. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.03a) Sec. 2.03a. "Business day" means any day including holidays that the animal control facility is open to the public for animal reclaims. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.04) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.04) Sec. 2.04. "Board" means the county board in each county, as defined by Section 5-1004 of the Counties Code. (Source: P.A. 86-1475.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.04a)</p>

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Sec. 2.04a. "Cat" means *Felis catus*. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.05) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.05)

Sec. 2.05. "Confined" means restriction of an animal at all times by the owner, or his agent, to an escape-proof building, house, or other enclosure away from other animals and the public. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.05a)

Sec. 2.05a. "Dangerous dog" means (i) any individual dog anywhere other than upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog and unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner or custodian that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to a person or a companion animal or (ii) a dog that, without justification, bites a person and does not cause serious physical injury. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.06) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.06)

Sec. 2.06. "Department" means the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.07) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.07)

Sec. 2.07. "Deputy Administrator" means a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois, appointed by the Administrator. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.08) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.08)

Sec. 2.08. "Director" means the Director of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois, or his duly appointed representative. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.09) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.09)

Sec. 2.09. "District" means a geographic area consisting of 2 or more counties in their entirety. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.10) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.10)

Sec. 2.10. "District Board" means the governing body created to act as a single unit to effectuate this Act in a District and shall consist of 3 members of the Board of each county involved. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.11) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.11)

Sec. 2.11. "Dog" means all members of the family *Canidae*. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)

(510 ILCS 5/2.11a)

			<p>Sec. 2.11a. "Enclosure" means a fence or structure of at least 6 feet in height, forming or causing an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of young children, and suitable to confine a vicious dog in conjunction with other measures that may be taken by the owner or keeper, such as tethering of the vicious dog within the enclosure. The enclosure shall be securely enclosed and locked and designed with secure sides, top, and bottom and shall be designed to prevent the animal from escaping from the enclosure. If the enclosure is a room within a residence, it cannot have direct ingress from or egress to the outdoors unless it leads directly to an enclosed pen and the door must be locked. A vicious dog may be allowed to move about freely within the entire residence if it is muzzled at all times. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.11b)</p> <p>Sec. 2.11b. "Feral cat" means a cat that (i) is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized, (ii) is a formerly owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized, or (iii) lives on a farm. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.11c)</p> <p>Sec. 2.11c. Intact animal. "Intact animal" means an animal that has not been spayed or neutered. (Source: P.A. 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.12) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.12)</p> <p>Sec. 2.12. "Has been bitten" means has been seized with the teeth or jaws so that the person or animal seized has been nipped, gripped, wounded, or pierced, and further includes contact of saliva with any break or abrasion of the skin. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.12a)</p> <p>Sec. 2.12a. "Impounded" means taken into the custody of the public animal control facility in the city, town, or county where the animal is found. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.13) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.13)</p> <p>Sec. 2.13. "Inoculation against rabies" means the injection of an antirabies vaccine approved by the Department. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.14) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.14)</p> <p>Sec. 2.14. "Leash" means a cord, rope, strap, or chain which shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness of a dog or other animal and shall be of sufficient strength to keep such dog or other animal under control. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.15) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.15)</p> <p>Sec. 2.15. "Licensed veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed by the State in which he engages in the practice of veterinary medicine. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p>
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				<p>(510 ILCS 5/2.19) (from Ch. 8, par. 352.19) Sec. 2.19. "Registration certificate" means a printed form prescribed by the Department for the purpose of recording pertinent information as required by the Department under this Act. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.19a) Sec. 2.19a. "Serious physical injury" means a physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or plastic surgery. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/2.19b) Sec. 2.19b. "Vicious dog" means a dog that, without justification, attacks a person and causes serious physical injury or death or any individual dog that has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon 3 separate occasions. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/3) (from Ch. 8, par. 353) Sec. 3. The County Board Chairman with the consent of the County Board shall appoint an Administrator. Appointments shall be made as necessary to keep this position filled at all times. The Administrator may appoint as many Deputy Administrators and Animal Control Wardens to aid him or her as authorized by the Board. The compensation for the Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens shall be fixed by the Board. The Administrator may be removed from office by the County Board Chairman, with the consent of the County Board. The Board shall provide necessary personnel, training, equipment, supplies, and facilities, and shall operate pounds or contract for their operation as necessary to effectuate the program. The Board may enter into contracts or agreements with persons to assist in the operation of the program and may establish a county animal population control program. The Board shall be empowered to utilize monies from their General Corporate Fund to effectuate the intent of this Act. The Board is authorized by ordinance to require the registration and may require microchipping of dogs and cats. The Board shall impose an individual dog or cat registration fee with a minimum differential of \$10 for intact dogs or cats. Ten dollars of the differential shall be placed in a county animal population control fund. All persons selling dogs or cats or keeping registries of dogs or cats shall cooperate and provide information to the Administrator as required by Board ordinance, including sales, number of litters, and ownership of dogs and cats. If microchips are required, the microchip number may serve as the county animal control registration number. In obtaining information required to implement this Act, the Department shall have power to subpoena and bring before it any person in this State and to take testimony either orally or by deposition, or both, with the same fees and mileage and in the same manner as prescribed by law for civil cases in courts of this State.</p>
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				<p>The Director shall have power to administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing which the Department is authorized by law to conduct, and any other oaths required or authorized in any Act administered by the Department.</p> <p>This Section does not apply to feral cats. (Source: P.A. 100-405, eff. 1-1-18; 100-787, eff. 8-10-18.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/3.5) Sec. 3.5. County animal population fund use limitation. Funds placed in the county animal population control fund may only be used to (1) spay, neuter, vaccinate, or sterilize adopted dogs or cats; (2) spay, neuter, or vaccinate dogs or cats owned by low income county residents who are eligible for the Food Stamp Program or Social Security Disability Benefits Program; or (3) spay, neuter, and vaccinate feral cats in programs recognized by the county or a municipality. This Section does not apply to a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants. (Source: P.A. 100-405, eff. 1-1-18; 100-870, eff. 1-1-19.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/4) (from Ch. 8, par. 354) Sec. 4. When the Boards of 2 or more counties, through mutual agreement, wish to join to effectuate any part or all of this Act, they shall make written request to the Director, setting forth the geographical area and the Sections of this Act involved. Whenever, as ascertained from investigation, hearing, or otherwise, the Director determines it is advisable that these counties form a District, he may designate and establish such District. A District Board shall be formed and shall effectuate this Act as set forth for an individual county. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>160. (510 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 8, par. 355) Sec. 5. Duties and powers. (a) It shall be the duty of the Administrator or the Deputy Administrator, through sterilization, humane education, rabies inoculation, stray control, impoundment, quarantine, and any other means deemed necessary, to control and prevent the spread of rabies and to exercise dog and cat overpopulation control. It shall also be the duty of the Administrator to investigate and substantiate all claims made under Section 19 of this Act. The duty may include return, adoption, transfer to rescues or other animal shelters, and any other means of ensuring live outcomes of homeless dogs and cats and through sterilization, community outreach, impoundment of pets at risk and any other humane means deemed necessary to address strays and ensure live outcomes for dogs and cats that are not a danger to the community or suffering irretrievably. (b) Counties may by ordinance determine the extent of the police powers that may be exercised by the Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens, which powers shall pertain only to this Act. The Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens may issue and serve citations and orders for violations of this Act. The Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens may not carry weapons unless they have been specifically authorized to carry weapons by county ordinance. Animal Control Wardens, however, may use tranquilizer guns and other nonlethal weapons and equipment without specific weapons authorization.</p>
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				<p>Sec. 8. Rabies inoculation. Every owner of a dog 4 months or more of age shall have each dog inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Every dog shall have a second rabies vaccination within one year of the first. Terms of subsequent vaccine administration and duration of immunity must be in compliance with USDA licenses of vaccines used. A veterinarian immunizing a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies shall provide the Administrator of the county in which the dog, cat, or ferret resides with a certificate of immunization. Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate the form of which shall be approved by the Board and which shall contain the microchip number of the dog, cat, or ferret if it has one and which shall be signed by the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine. Only one dog, cat, or ferret shall be included on each certificate. Veterinarians who inoculate a dog shall procure from the County Animal Control in the county where their office is located serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. The Board shall cause a rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee established by the Board for each dog inoculated against rabies.</p> <p>Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians. Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture. If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then the animal shall be exempt from the rabies inoculation requirement, however, the owner is still responsible for the tag fees.</p> <p>If a bite occurs from an exempt animal, the exempt animal shall be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If the animal is exempt, the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed veterinarian on no less than an annual basis and be vaccinated against rabies as soon as the animal's health permits.</p> <p>(Source: P.A. 99-658, eff. 7-28-16.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/9) (from Ch. 8, par. 359)</p> <p>Sec. 9. Any dog found running at large contrary to provisions of this Act may be apprehended and impounded. For this purpose, the Administrator shall utilize any existing or available animal control facility or licensed animal shelter. The dog's owner shall pay a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund or the county pet population control fund. Funds transferred to or retained by a municipality before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly under this paragraph shall continue to be transferred to and be retained by that municipality. A dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this Act a second or subsequent time must be spayed or neutered within 30 days after being reclaimed unless already spayed or neutered; failure to comply shall result in impoundment.</p> <p>A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog. A dog that is in a dog-friendly area or dog park is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person.</p> <p>(Source: P.A. 100-787, eff. 8-10-18.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/10) (from Ch. 8, par. 360)</p>
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			<p>Sec. 10. Impoundment; redemption. When dogs or cats are apprehended and impounded, they must be scanned for the presence of a microchip and examined for other currently acceptable methods of identification, including, but not limited to, identification tags, tattoos, and rabies license tags. The examination for identification shall be done within 24 hours after the intake of each dog or cat. The Administrator shall make every reasonable attempt to contact the owner as defined by Section 2.16, agent, or caretaker as soon as possible. The Administrator shall give notice of not less than 7 business days to the owner, agent, or caretaker prior to disposal of the animal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner, agent, or caretaker. Testimony of the Administrator, or his or her authorized agent, who mails such notice shall be evidence of the receipt of such notice by the owner, agent, or caretaker of the animal. A mailed notice shall remain the primary means of owner, agent, or caretaker contact; however, the Administrator shall also attempt to contact the owner, agent, or caretaker by any other contact information, such as by telephone or email address, provided by the microchip or other method of identification found on the dog or cat. If the dog or cat has been microchipped and the primary contact listed by the chip manufacturer cannot be located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, an attempt shall be made to contact any secondary contacts listed by the chip manufacturer prior to adoption, transfer, or euthanization. Prior to transferring the dog or cat to another humane shelter, pet store, rescue group, or euthanization, the dog or cat shall be scanned again for the presence of a microchip and examined for other means of identification. If a second scan provides the same identifying information as the initial intake scan and the owner, agent, or caretaker has not been located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, the animal control facility may proceed with the adoption, transfer, or euthanization.</p> <p>In case the owner, agent, or caretaker of any impounded dog or cat desires to make redemption thereof, he or she may do so by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presenting proof of current rabies inoculation and registration, if applicable. b. Paying for the rabies inoculation of the dog or cat and registration, if applicable. c. Paying the pound for the board of the dog or cat for the period it was impounded. d. Paying into the Animal Control Fund an additional impoundment fee as prescribed by the Board as a penalty for the first offense and for each subsequent offense. e. Paying a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund or the county pet population control fund; the fine shall be waived if it is the dog's or cat's first impoundment and the owner, agent, or caretaker has the animal spayed or neutered within 14 days. f. Paying for microchipping and registration if not already done. <p>The payments required for redemption under this Section shall be in addition to any other penalties invoked under this Act.</p> <p>(Source: P.A. 100-322, eff. 8-24-17; 100-787, eff. 8-10-18.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/11) (from Ch. 8, par. 361)</p> <p>Sec. 11. When not redeemed by the owner, agent, or caretaker, a dog or cat must be scanned for a microchip. If a microchip is present, the registered owner or chip purchaser if the purchaser was a nonprofit organization, animal shelter, animal control facility, pet store, breeder, or veterinary office must be notified. After contact has been made or attempted, dogs or cats deemed adoptable by the animal control</p>
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			<p>facility shall be offered for adoption, or made available to a licensed humane society or rescue group. If no placement is available, the animal may be humanely dispatched pursuant to the Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act. An animal pound or animal shelter shall not adopt or release any dog or cat to anyone other than the owner unless the animal has been rendered incapable of reproduction and microchipped, or the person wishing to adopt an animal prior to the surgical procedures having been performed shall have executed a written agreement promising to have such service performed, including microchipping, within a specified period of time not to exceed 30 days. Failure to fulfill the terms of the agreement shall result in seizure and impoundment of the animal and any offspring by the animal pound or shelter, and any monies which have been deposited shall be forfeited and submitted to the county Pet Population Control Fund on a yearly basis. This Act shall not prevent humane societies or animal shelters from engaging in activities set forth by their charters; provided, they are not inconsistent with provisions of this Act and other existing laws. No animal shelter or animal control facility shall release dogs or cats to an individual representing a rescue group, unless the group has been licensed or has a foster care permit issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture or is a representative of a not-for-profit out-of-state organization, animal shelter, or animal control facility. The Department may suspend or revoke the license of any animal shelter or animal control facility that fails to comply with the requirements set forth in this Section or that fails to report its intake and euthanasia statistics each year. (Source: P.A. 100-870, eff. 1-1-19.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/12) (from Ch. 8, par. 362) Sec. 12. The owner of any animal which exhibits clinical signs of rabies, whether or not the animal has been inoculated against rabies, shall immediately notify the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, and shall promptly confine the animal, or have it confined, under suitable observation, for a period of at least 10 days, unless officially authorized by the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, in writing, to release it sooner. Any animal that has had direct contact with the animal and that has not been inoculated against rabies, shall be confined as recommended by the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/13) (from Ch. 8, par. 363) Sec. 13. Dog or other animal bites; observation of animal. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, when the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator receives information that any person has been bitten by an animal, the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, or his or her authorized representative, shall have such dog or other animal confined under the observation of a licensed veterinarian. The confinement shall be for a period of not less than 10 days from the date the bite occurred and shall continue until the animal has been examined and released from confinement by a licensed veterinarian. The Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator may permit such confinement to be reduced to a period of less than 10 days.</p>
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			<p>evidence. The Administrator shall determine where the animal shall be confined during the pendency of the case.</p> <p>A dog may not be declared vicious if the court determines the conduct of the dog was justified because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the threat, injury, or death was sustained by a person who at the time was committing a crime or offense upon the owner or custodian of the dog, or was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises or property owned or occupied by the owner of the animal; (2) the injured, threatened, or killed person was abusing, assaulting, or physically threatening the dog or its offspring, or has in the past abused, assaulted, or physically threatened the dog or its offspring; or (3) the dog was responding to pain or injury, or was protecting itself, its owner, custodian, or member of its household, kennel, or offspring. <p>No dog shall be deemed "vicious" if it is a professionally trained dog for law enforcement or guard duties. Vicious dogs shall not be classified in a manner that is specific as to breed.</p> <p>If the burden of proof has been met, the court shall deem the dog to be a vicious dog.</p> <p>If a dog is found to be a vicious dog, the owner shall pay a \$100 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund, the dog shall be spayed or neutered within 10 days of the finding at the expense of its owner and microchipped, if not already, and the dog is subject to enclosure. If an owner fails to comply with these requirements, the animal control agency shall impound the dog and the owner shall pay a \$500 fine plus impoundment fees to the animal control agency impounding the dog. The judge has the discretion to order a vicious dog be euthanized. A dog found to be a vicious dog shall not be released to the owner until the Administrator, an Animal Control Warden, or the Director approves the enclosure. No owner or keeper of a vicious dog shall sell or give away the dog without approval from the Administrator or court. Whenever an owner of a vicious dog relocates, he or she shall notify both the Administrator of County Animal Control where he or she has relocated and the Administrator of County Animal Control where he or she formerly resided.</p> <p>(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog unless the dog is kept in an enclosure. The only times that a vicious dog may be allowed out of the enclosure are (1) if it is necessary for the owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for the dog, (2) in the case of an emergency or natural disaster where the dog's life is threatened, or (3) to comply with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that the dog is securely muzzled and restrained with a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of the owner or keeper of the dog or muzzled in its residence.</p> <p>Any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog and which is not confined to an enclosure shall be impounded by the Administrator, an Animal Control Warden, or the law enforcement authority having jurisdiction in such area.</p> <p>If the owner of the dog has not appealed the impoundment order to the circuit court in the county in which the animal was impounded within 15 working days, the dog may be euthanized.</p> <p>Upon filing a notice of appeal, the order of euthanasia shall be automatically stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. The owner shall bear the burden of timely notification to animal control in writing.</p> <p>Guide dogs for the blind or hearing impaired, support dogs for persons with physical disabilities, accelerant detection dogs, and sentry, guard, or police-owned dogs are exempt from this Section; provided, an attack</p>
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			<p>recovery. The judgment shall show on its face what portion of the judgment is to be paid to the Animal Control Fund, and what portion is to be paid to the plaintiff in such action, and the judgment when collected shall be paid over to the parties entitled thereto in their proper proportions. (Source: P.A. 83-346.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/22) (from Ch. 8, par. 372) Sec. 22. The Department shall have general supervision of the administration of this Act and may make reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for the enforcement of this Act and for the guidance of Administrators, including revoking a license issued under the Animal Welfare Act for noncompliance with any provision of this Act. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/24) (from Ch. 8, par. 374) Sec. 24. Nothing in this Act shall be held to limit in any manner the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to prohibit animals from running at large, nor shall anything in this Act be construed to, in any manner, limit the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals in such municipality or other political subdivision provided that no regulation or ordinance is specific to breed. (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/25) (from Ch. 8, par. 375) Sec. 25. The invalidity of any Section or parts of any Section of this Act or any rule or regulation pursuant thereto shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Act, or any rule or regulation. (Source: P.A. 78-795.)</p> <p>(510 ILCS 5/26) (from Ch. 8, par. 376) Sec. 26. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any person violating or aiding in or abetting the violation of any provision of this Act, or counterfeiting or forging any certificate, permit, or tag, or making any misrepresentation in regard to any matter prescribed by this Act, or resisting, obstructing, or impeding the Administrator or any authorized officer in enforcing this Act, or refusing to produce for inoculation any dog in his possession, or who removes a tag from a dog for purposes of destroying or concealing its identity, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense and for a subsequent offense, is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Each day a person fails to comply constitutes a separate offense. Each State's Attorney to whom the Administrator reports any violation of this Act shall cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the proper courts without delay and to be prosecuted in the manner provided by law. (b) If the owner of a vicious dog subject to enclosure: (1) fails to maintain or keep the dog in an enclosure or fails to spay or neuter the dog within the time period prescribed; and (2) the dog inflicts serious physical injury upon any other person or causes the death of another person; and (3) the attack is unprovoked in a place where such person is peaceably conducting himself or herself and where such person may lawfully be; the owner shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony, unless the owner</p>
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C49	R299*	7.10.19	80011	no
C50	R321*	7.9.19	80017	No
C51	R331*	7.9.19	80011	N/A
C52	R338*	7.10.19	80014	All Bully Breeds must be neutered.
C53	R340*	7.9.19	80010	Lift the ban on pitbulls. Punish the bad owners.
C54	R346*	7.9.19	80016	No
C55	R363*	7.9.19	80012	Muzzling restrictions for aggressive dogs, not just Staffordshire breeds.
C56	R364*	7.7.19	80016	I would just like to see the proper animals punished regardless of breed, and not target animals that are innocent due to their breed.
C57	R372*	7.5.19	80018	Something along the lines of "Any aggressive animal, REGARDLESS OF BREED..." or "...BREED NOT WITHSTANDING..."
C58	R378*	7.4.19	80013	I like the suggestion of using behavior descriptive language instead of calling out specific breeds that are banned.
C59	R379*	7.4.19	80013	Language should be based on the behavior of the dog, not on what breed they are.
C60	R383*	6.27.19	80013	I think that the euthanization of any animal, dangerous or not, should be humane unless there is a threat to life.
C61	R389*	6.26.19	80011	No. Just harder rules fir bad dog owners.
C62	R396*	6.25.19	80011	None. Thank you for your consideration on 14-75! Please say yes!
C63	R399*	6.14.19	80011	14-4-b ... If the owner fails to claim the impounded animal after three days (change to seven (7) days)subsequent to being notified...
C64	R401*	6.10.19	80138	This should apply to any dog exhibiting irrationally aggressive behavior toward humans or other dogs. However, a better understanding of canine behavior should be taken into account. Basic animal training or temperment evaluation should be conducted to allow for exemptions if this "law" is to stand. It should not be discriminatory, but apply broadly to all dog breeds being accused of being a "dangerous animal".
C65	R408*	7.15.19	80011	No, I am happy with every proposed change in the ordinance.
C66	R429*	6.5.19	80012	Keep the breed specific ban. The pit bull breeds don't just bite, they bite and tear at skin. They are dangerous animals that do more harm than a dog bite does from any other breed !
C67	R433*	6.4.19	80012	No. The language is very clear.
C68	R435*	6.4.19	80016	refer to Question #6 previous page
C69	R453*	6.3.19	80010	No
C70	R470*	6.1.19	80015	N/a
C71	R473*	6.1.19	80260	Nothing breed specific related
C72	R478*	5.31.19	80013	Remove Breed indications.

* = previous comment made

Open House Comments

Comment #	Comment
C1	(Section 14-6-e) Our neighbor Paula Boltz spoke to us about the new proposal to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, we understand her concerns – The city is growing at a very fast pace and the issue of wild life poisoning may seem a smaller part of the many we are facing but the city needs to plan better with developers on humane ways of clearer properties. We have an eco system we need to protect. - Tom and Ann Esagro 45 year residents of Aurora.
C2	(Section 14-102) I am all for it. Aurora needs a SNR program. I have seen it work in other areas. Keeps the population down & from expanding.
C3	Sections (14-1, 14-21, 14-7, 14-71, and 14-75) Great work folks! Thank you!! Hope it passes! Vote Yes! -Michael Terry
C4	(BSL – end it already) As an industry professional (in the pet industry), I don't agree with breed specific legislation. And the ASPCA and Humane Society would agree with me. I think that Section 5, Section 14-75 should be removed from policy in Aurora, CO. - Karen Wolters
C5	(Section 14-75) Dog spiked and fighting collars should be outlawed in the city – Matt
C6	(Section 14-72) I think that the proposed change is fair to the owner and dog involved.
C7	(Section 14-5) It is common sense and very good change
C8	(Section 14-75) I think this is a great change bans should not be by breed.
C9	(Restricted Breeds) “Breed Bans” do not solve the problem! Owners are the ones that need to be addressed! -Karen Supon \
C10	14-8(B) - Disagree 14-8(c) - Agree 14-8(A) - Agree 14-8(D) - Agree 14-5(a)1 – Agree with proposed changes 14-5(c) Agree to remove subsection 14-5.5 Agree (14-72) I agree with proposed change 14-1 – Agree to proposal 14-4(G) - Agree to prosal change 14-7 – Agree to prosal 14-73 – Strongly Agree 14-75 Strongly agree with proposed ordinance/ Bully Breed Exemption – 14 Agree 14-6 – Agree with proposed change 14-6E – Agree to new proposal 14-6G Agree to proposal- 14-6(h) Strongly agree on prosed change “children and animals learn from what they see/live/experience” Penalties and Restitution – Agree on proposed change 14-18 Agree 14-17 Agree 14-42(c) Agree- Better idea. Section 14-102 I would agree on this process.
C11	(Restricted Breed/ Bulley Breed) I am in favor of enacting a dangerous dog proposal and lifting the breed specific ban. Each dog should be evaluated by temperment rather than discriminating by breed. - Matthew Louis Bond
C12	(Section14-8(8))The proposed language “as determined by any % of wolf in the animals DNA test” is a dangerous catch-all and contradictory to the definition of “wolf hybrid”. 1.) All dogs share 99.9% of genetics with wolves and may have the potential to test positive for “some” wolf blood. 2.) Newer more primitive dog breeds that are established genetic populations and AKC/FSS recognized have the potential to test positive for wolf blood. 3.) A dog cannot be assumed to be a hybrid based on looks. 4.) Hybrids-genetically speaking, are only considered hybrids through the F4 generations. Anything after that (unless a wolf was introduced into the breeding population more recently) is a genetically distinct population and therefore not a hybrid. The language of “any % of wolf in the animals DNA” is also poorly written because the same logic can be applied to humans who have trace neanderthal genes. 5.) The variance of accuracy of current dog DNA tests is not always accurate based on each companies database. The UC Davis website even states dogs and wolves share most alleles... the absence of wolf-specific alleles is no guarantee there is no wolf ancestry. Between the more common DNA tests available (Embark, UC Davis, Wisdou, HomeDNA have an average of only 150 breeds in their database. They are also not intended to be used in judicial decisions. 6.) In conclusion, the language needs to be clarified and cleaned up to specify the hybrid definition. (limited to F4 generation animals) and not be a catch-all for the city to claim a dog is a hybrid when it is not.
C13	(Section 14-8)- (b) Against adding wolf hybrid to the list! (d) proposed change is better than current.

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C14	(Section 14-75) The proposed change from “pit bull” to “restricted breed” is very concerning. “restricted breed” may lead to other breeds being added to the list! Having a “dangerous dog” ordinance would include any breed deemed aggressive in their behavior. This change does nothing.
C15	(Section 14-102) Agree with spay neuter and release of feral cats back into their colonies. This controls the growth of the colony and should lead to a decrease in the population. It also keeps other cats of the colonies territory.
C16	(Bully Breed) How can it be said that a dog that is 51% Am Staff and 49% Am. Bull is okay but a dog 51% Am Staff and 49% lab would be restricted??
C17	(BSL) We need dear Pitbulls welcome in Aurora
C18	(Section 14-18 and 14-19) I think this is a very good change. People on fixed incomes may not be able to pay
C19	(Aggressive Animal) Necessity to specify what type of fence/barrier. To specify the condition/ability to keep animal in yard.
C20	(General) For consideration to expand Aurora Animal Shelter x Animal Services facility with up to date modernization to better service Aurora. I hope you’ll research of other cities that have done so that had great success and the other positive outcome was an increase in animal adoptions and the adoption for the TNR/SNR programs with the inclusion of an informed public. - John Baldwin.
C21	(Stray Adoptions) A friend of mine who lives in Tenn, in his county, each address gets one free spay or neuter per year. Aurora should research this idea. The Tenn county went from 17,000 stray animals to 1700 in 2 years. There are several vet clinics that could be approached to provide volunteer spay/neuter. - Sorw Mulvey
C22	(Provisions for extra animals) This issue of dogs/cats in shelters/pounds etc is terrible Aurora should inact an exemption policy that allows residents to house rescue animals (one to 8 weeks) in excess of the currently allowed 3 dogs. It would allow people to foster out-of-state rescue dogs while awaiting adoption. - Sean Mulvey
C23	(Animal Cruelty) I find it disappointing that in Section 14.6(e) “bats, mice, rats, jackrabbits, prairie dogs, and pocket gophers” are denied protection and are allowed to be poisoned. To poison these animals can have an unintended consequence of introducing poison unto the entire life-cycle. Poisoned (illegible) can result in damage both up and down the eco system. (Example DDT used on plants ended up in Bald Eagle eggs resulting in thin shell that broke under parents weight) - Jason Mulvey
C24	(Section 14-6-e) I don’t agree that any animal should be killed due to any circumstance. It isn’t right ant all. - Katrina Walker
C25	(Section 14-6-e) I am against using poison on any living thing – Patricia DeCesaro
C26	(Section 14-6-e) I very much oppose the poisoning of prairie dogs, jack rabbits, and pocket gophers. These animals provide food for wild life that in turn provide food for bald eagles, badgers and others. They are also a deterrant against plague as they die if infected by a infected fleas thus alerting to the danger of plague. I ask that this wild life be protected not destroyed. - Joanne Cardinal
C27	(Dogs) City of Aurora Animal Control could offer a “discount coupon” to adopted dogs for obedience classes at Aurora Parks and Rec Department. - Karen Supon
C28	(Dogs) Animal control should put more articles in local newspaper and flyers informing the public about not recognizing “voice control”, electric fences, etc. They should address inadequate fences (but can’t enforce). - Karen Supon
C29	Section 14-75 Monitor the “behavior” and not the breed and re-word the BSL and change to dangerous dogs. Thank You! - Elizabeth Esparza
C30	(Section 14-8(b) This section reads as “guilty til proven innocent” and should be aligned with human laws of “innocent until proven guilty,” which will work to the benefit of the animal in the event it is seized on the belief it is a “wolf- hybrid”. If an owner can prove pedigree of a dog there should be no additional court proceedings. I was informed the City of Aurora uses the Wisdom DNA tests -> this rest ONLY uses recognized AKC breeds in their database. If an animal is tested that is not in the database, a false positive is likely. Using this test to determine content is not feasible with respect to 14-8(b) or 14-8(a)(8).

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C31	(Section 14-6) I oppose expanding the regulations on poisoning animals! Jackrabbits and prairie dogs represent a natural part of Colorado's ecosystem which shouldn't be expunged simply because our growing neighborhoods keep encroaching on their territory. A poisoned animal may still be caught/consumed by a bird of prey, coyote or other natural predator causing more harm and may not necessarily die in place so the poison isn't contained.
C32	(Section 14-75) I am in STRONG FAVOR of the proposal that repeals section 14-75 keeping of pit bulls and alleviates the enforcement of BSL. The insertion of breed-neutral "dangerous dog" language is more beneficial for families, easier to enforce and better addresses the true issue which more of a human component rather than the individual breed. Keeping a ban in place pushes animals further away from veterinary care and socialization are two of the prime factors in bite incidents. What was once a knee-jerk reaction to a few incidents years ago is no longer relevant today!
C33	(BSL) We need to stop unfair discrimination through BSL
C34	(Restricted breed ordinance) We were very happy to see the proposed changes regarding the bully ban. One of the main reasons we would move from Aurora would be this current ban. We love the breed and would like to add one to our family. Thank you for the proposed changes.
C35	(Section 14-6-e) I strongly object to allowing anyone and everyone to poison prairie dogs, jack rabbits, or pocket gophers. Prairie dogs are the keystone species of the prairie. Many other animals depend on them for their survival. Poisoning them will mean poisoning these wildlife that feed on them, such as Ferruginous Hawks, Bald Eagles, badgers, and ferrets among others. Prairie dogs are clean, intelligent animals that have underground burrows with designated rooms for efficient purposes! They have a language of their own as evidence and experiences by anyone who has walked through a prairie dog "town" and experienced the various audible signals that are passed along! Prairie dogs act as a protection against plague. If infected fleas have been brought into a prairie dog town, the fleas will alite on the prairie dogs and kill them. In this way observers will know immediately that plague is about and take action against the fleas. The short grass prairie is fast being destroyed. Some means of protecting these areas should be in place rather than allowing and encouraging the (illegible) destruction of the animals that inhabit the prairie! We are the protector and conservators of our wildlife, not destroyers. - Paula Boltz
C36	<p>I like most of these changes, my favorites :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.2-Addition of a search warrant requirement to enter one's property 14.5 Instead of fines forced correction of the problem 14.6 Animal abuse prevention steps and no more dogs in pick up truck bed 14.6E I believe city staff should be able to issue poison permits in extreme cases 14.102 SNR Program – Love IT! 14-.18 and 14.19 fee waiving permission is smart, and no fake service dogs 14.2 No more putting down pits and 14.75 allowing pits 14.2 I like clarification on entering a person's property 14-4b – would like clarification on the 7 day impoundment period. Is it mandatory? It says "unless earlier claimed" not clear seems a pretty heavy handed section! What if the animal is moved out of the city location to a country location, what then? Not mentioned! 14-.8 -No more snakes! 14.14 - could be clearer on trapping ferals. Wife helps capture ferals 14-17 I agree with the idea, but needs a ROBUST public information campaign. - James Coleman

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C37	<p>I am actually quite appalled at the reckless, dangerous and cruel proposal regarding poisons and wildlife and would really like some clarifications. First off--bats--bats are not rodents. They are of the family Chiroptera and not of the family Rodentia. Bats are a protected species. Also there are no poisons registered for use on bats--therefore--any poison used would be off label and most likely illegal. Plus how would this poison be administered? Would it leave dead bats rotting in walls or attics? This is not at all thought out very well and extremely dangerous. Jackrabbits--really??? where are you finding Jackrabbits in Aurora? They have been killed off for decades and it's pretty rare to see Jackrabbits any more. Do they actually mean cottontailed rabbits???--we have plenty of those because many of their predators have been killed off or displaced by rapid development. Again--the are no poisons registered for use on rabbits except possibly something that can only be used by an operator who is licensed by the Dept of Agriculture but even then--I don't believe any poisons are registered for rabbits. Also--poisoning a rabbit--the poison would be placed above ground--do you make allowances for non target animals that may ingest this such as dogs ,cats, birds of prey, foxes, raccoons, children etc. ??? Also do you make allowances for secondary kills?--that is--animals that eat the ones that were poisoned. Killing of birds of prey such as hawks, owls, eagles etc is a federal offense. Prairie dogs--the only real effective poisons for them must be applied by a licensed operator. Methods of poisoning in general is not defined at all--is placing bowls of anti-freeze all over ones yard a legal method of poisoning??? What about dumping boxes of D Con all over ones yard to kill rabbits? The average citizens knows little about wildlife or poisons—I get calls from people all the time who's neighbors have used these methods of poisoning--this seems to be allowing some very possibly dangerous and illegal situations to occur. Poisons are a very cruel way to kill an animal and many states and cities are looking for ways to reduce or stop their usage. A lot of this is because of secondary kill. Numerous studies have shown that most predators around urban areas have some amounts of rodenticides in their systems and often this is fatal. The more that predators are killed by ingesting poisoned prey will reduce the predators which means more and more poison will have to be used which just starts a very environmentally dangerous cycle. This ordinance does not seem to be very well thought out. There also seems to be a lack of knowledge about wildlife in general and a lack of knowledge regarding the potential dangers and legalities regarding poisons and wildlife. I did help with the writing of Aurora's wildlife policies back in the early 90's--this rewrite is very dangerous in my opinion and I am extremely disappointed. I am really busy this time of year--working 7 days a week and about 16 hour days but I will do my best to make it to at least one of these open house meetings. Please keep me updated on this Thank You Jack Murphy Urban Wildlife Rescue</p>
C38	<p>I accessed the appropriate ordinance at https://www.auroragov.org/residents/animal_services/ordinances___enforcement/barking_dogs. There is a stipulation that “no summons and complaint shall be issued nor shall there be a conviction for violation of this section unless there are at least two or more separate households who shall have signed such complaint and shall have testified at trial.” It is preposterous that two people must testify at trial. Two signed complaints and ONE PERSON TO TESTIFY should be enough. If you want a tougher policy, make it THREE signed complaints, but people are working and won't want to leave their jobs; in fact, it may be impossible for them to take the day off for such. Not all employers are understanding. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
C39	<p>I would like to see lifting of the breeders license for having more than two rabbits; or even the number go to four maybe. - Alison Demzon</p>
C40	<p>I am writing to ensure that pitbulls and American staffies currently stay on the aggressive breed list. I have too many bad experiences with these breeds particularly pitbulls. I also proposed that anyone that is adopting a dog from a shelter have basic training to know how to walk a dog have a dog act properly on leash and in public. I would also like to see Aurora animal control and the police department take an active role in Banning and ticketing people who have aggressive dog breeds particularly pitbulls I see them all the time in Aurora at the dog park and out and about in the city. Obviously people are having Pitbull breeds because the laws are not being enforced. I've had a service dog for nine years and we have been attacked seven times from people who do not know how to handle their dogs. twice I have called Animal Control to enforce the law on pit bulls in my neighborhood and they refused to come out. Fortunately my HOA was right on it and they are no longer living next to me. There is absolutely</p>

	no reason why a 6-foot leash should be on an animal the dog should be kept close to the body of the Handler and under control at all times, which is not the case currently. - Pamela SCOTT
C41	The existing language regarding "bully breeds" is not clear and winds up implemented unfairly. As it stands, a Corgi mix meets the physical description of a "bully". At one point we were all set to adopt the sweetest little girl from the Aurora Animal Shelter and it turned out we couldn't because the entity that surrendered her identified her as a pit bull mix and we lived within Aurora borders. Her adult weight was under 20 pounds! And I don't believe she was significantly pit bull. She was probably only identified that way because she came from an area that has a lot of pit bulls. But because she had been "guessed" as part pit bull once, she could not be declassified for Aurora's purposes. Different breeds do have different traits. Individual dogs can have behavior problems. I'm not the sort who says all that matters is how they're raised. But we'd do better at eliminating problems with education rather than legislation. I cringe when I see people leave a baby on the floor with a Dachshund or encourage little children to hug dogs. That's an education problem. - Clarsa McElhaney

Animal Services Staff Interview Themes

Comment #	Comment
C1	Shelter-Neuter- Release Program: Staff believed that for many residents this would not resolve the problem in a timely manner and that this is a long term solution if it is done well. They pointed out that some communities did not see a drop in population and that it did alter the ecosystem when cats were preying on endangered birds and fish that a local economy relied on.
C2	Bully Breed- From an enforcement perspective a concern is that there would be difficulty distinguishing a restricted breed from a Bully dog through a DNA test. If the DNA test came back as a restricted breed the proposed ordinance would not provide clarification on how to proceed.
C3	Cruelty – Officers noted that adding some components could give the ability to charge as a municipal violation which would not show up on a background check.
C4	Aggressive/Dangerous Animals – Staff noted that this ordinance has a provision that would restrict someone from owning a pet, but was unclear if that applied to the person or the household. If an adult child moves in with parents who have been deemed reckless – is the adult child aloud to be the owner?
C5	Aggressive/Dangerous Animals – Staff noted that the term “reckless owner” might be escalating in situations where they are working to de-escalate.

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Appendix D:

Chapter 14 Animals Code Revision Online Survey Quantitative Response Summary

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-2(c) Immediate Inspection	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	20	1	4	0	5	1	3	2	0	1	1	2
Disagree	25	3	0	2	8	1	5	3	1	0	0	2
Agree	120	5	16	10	27	9	13	9	13	5	0	13
Strongly Agree	129	14	17	10	23	11	11	6	13	1	0	23
N/A or No Opinion	41	3	5	4	7	1	4	2	2	1	1	11
Total	335	26	42	26	70	23	36	22	29	8	2	51

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-5(a)1 Running at Large - Tethering	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	17	1	3	0	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	3
Disagree	17	2	2	0	4	1	2	3	0	1	0	2
Agree	135	10	18	10	30	7	18	9	11	3	1	18
Strongly Agree	132	13	17	10	23	15	13	5	17	3	0	16
N/A or No Opinion	34	1	3	4	6	0	2	2	2	1	1	12
Total	335	27	43	24	68	23	36	23	30	8	2	51

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-5(c) Running at Large - Unspayed Females	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	21	3	4	1	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
Disagree	35	2	6	1	3	3	5	4	5	1	0	5
Agree	122	8	14	11	29	8	14	8	9	1	0	20
Strongly Agree	96	10	16	7	17	9	8	7	12	2	0	8
N/A or No Opinion	54	3	3	4	13	2	6	2	2	4	2	13
Total	328	26	43	24	67	23	33	22	30	8	2	50

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-5.5 Encroachment												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	11	0	1	0	7	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Disagree	37	5	1	2	9	3	3	6	4	2	0	2
Agree	123	5	17	10	23	7	17	8	12	1	0	23
Strongly Agree	91	12	16	10	13	8	7	3	12	3	0	7
N/A or No Opinion	61	3	6	3	13	3	6	4	2	1	2	18
Total	323	25	41	25	65	21	33	22	31	8	2	50

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-6(a) Cruelty												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	13	0	3	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Disagree	5	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Agree	80	4	13	6	16	5	9	5	6	2	0	14
Strongly Agree	208	17	25	17	36	18	21	13	24	5	2	30
N/A or No Opinion	18	2	1	1	4	0	2	2	1	1	0	4
Total	324	24	42	25	64	23	33	21	31	8	2	51

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-6(c) Cruelty Care of a Confined Animal												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	11	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
Disagree	12	1	0	1	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	1
Agree	122	6	17	9	27	6	17	8	8	2	0	22
Strongly Agree	151	14	22	13	24	15	13	10	16	4	1	19
N/A or No Opinion	28	3	2	2	8	0	2	1	2	1	1	6
Total	324	24	44	25	66	22	33	21	29	8	2	50

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-6(e) Cruelty												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Poisoning												
Strongly Disagree	33	1	6	2	8	0	4	2	5	0	0	5
Disagree	27	2	3	3	7	3	4	2	2	0	0	1
Agree	99	8	13	8	20	6	12	4	9	1	0	18
Strongly Agree	127	9	19	8	22	12	9	11	12	6	1	18
N/A or No Opinion	32	2	2	4	7	1	4	2	2	1	1	6
Total	318	22	43	25	64	22	33	21	30	8	2	48

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-6(g) Cruelty												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Unsafe Tethering												
Strongly Disagree	12	0	2	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Disagree	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Agree	95	3	15	9	19	4	13	5	7	2	1	17
Strongly Agree	179	17	22	15	35	18	14	13	19	4	0	22
N/A or No Opinion	27	3	2	1	4	0	4	2	2	2	1	6
Total	316	23	41	25	64	22	32	21	29	8	2	49

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-6(h) Cruelty												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Fighting Animals												
Strongly Disagree	17	2	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Disagree	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agree	63	3	10	8	12	4	6	3	4	1	1	11
Strongly Agree	214	17	29	16	42	17	25	15	23	6	0	24
N/A or No Opinion	23	2	1	1	6	0	2	2	2	1	1	5
Total	318	24	44	25	64	21	33	21	30	8	2	46

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-8(a) Prohibited Animals												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	55	4	5	2	15	4	5	4	4	1	1	10
Disagree	37	1	5	4	4	1	4	3	3	1	0	11
Agree	82	3	9	5	17	5	16	7	9	2	0	9
Strongly Agree	121	13	21	13	24	11	5	7	12	3	0	12
N/A or No Opinion	30	3	2	1	6	1	3	2	3	1	0	8
Total	325	24	42	25	66	22	33	23	31	8	1	50

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-8(b) Prohibited Animals - Domestication												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	17	0	4	0	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	4
Disagree	26	0	3	0	8	3	3	3	2	1	0	3
Agree	119	9	15	12	22	7	14	12	8	4	0	16
Strongly Agree	87	9	15	8	13	9	5	3	14	1	0	10
N/A or No Opinion	57	4	3	5	15	2	8	2	5	2	1	10
Total	306	22	40	25	62	22	31	21	31	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-8(c) Prohibited Animals - Exceptions												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	17	2	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	3
Disagree	13	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	3	1	0	1
Agree	140	9	19	14	28	11	15	11	11	3	0	19
Strongly Agree	82	7	9	7	17	8	9	6	10	0	0	9
N/A or No Opinion	50	4	7	3	10	2	5	2	4	1	1	11
Total	302	23	39	24	62	21	31	21	29	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-8(d) Prohibited Animals - At Large	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	16	1	3	0	3	0	2	1	1	2	0	3
Disagree	16	1	1	0	3	1	3	3	0	1	0	3
Agree	141	7	19	13	36	10	16	10	11	2	1	16
Strongly Agree	87	9	12	7	12	10	8	5	13	1	0	10
N/A or No Opinion	42	4	4	4	9	0	3	2	4	2	0	10
Total	302	22	39	24	63	21	32	21	29	8	1	42

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-16 Restitution	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	11	0	2	0	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	1
Disagree	15	1	1	1	6	1	0	1	1	2	0	1
Agree	120	8	19	8	25	8	12	10	10	3	1	16
Strongly Agree	109	11	16	11	17	11	12	5	14	0	0	12
N/A or No Opinion	49	3	3	4	11	1	5	4	6	2	0	10
Total	304	23	41	24	63	21	31	21	31	8	1	40

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-17 Intact License	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	25	1	4	2	7	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
Disagree	22	1	3	1	7	0	2	2	0	2	0	4
Agree	104	6	12	7	24	8	14	9	6	2	0	16
Strongly Agree	112	10	15	8	16	12	11	5	19	1	0	15
N/A or No Opinion	44	4	7	7	9	1	3	3	3	1	0	6
Total	307	22	41	25	63	22	32	20	30	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-18 Shelter Fees	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	16	0	4	1	3	1	1	3	0	1	0	2
Disagree	23	1	0	1	10	1	3	1	2	0	1	3
Agree	126	8	22	9	21	9	14	11	6	6	0	20
Strongly Agree	100	11	12	8	16	11	10	2	17	0	0	13
N/A or No Opinion	41	3	3	5	12	0	4	4	4	1	0	5
Total	306	23	41	24	62	22	32	21	29	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-42(c) Litter Permits	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	20	1	3	2	6	0	0	3	1	0	0	4
Disagree	32	0	3	4	8	3	5	3	2	0	0	4
Agree	110	8	16	8	26	8	8	7	9	5	1	14
Strongly Agree	87	10	14	6	9	9	8	3	15	2	0	11
N/A or No Opinion	57	4	5	5	13	2	10	5	2	1	0	10
Total	306	23	41	25	62	22	31	21	29	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-71(b) Fancier's Permit	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	16	1	4	1	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
Disagree	18	0	2	2	6	1	3	1	1	1	0	1
Agree	114	7	13	7	24	7	15	9	10	3	0	19
Strongly Agree	78	7	12	7	8	12	6	5	10	1	0	10
N/A or No Opinion	79	8	8	8	19	2	7	4	8	2	1	12
Total	305	23	39	25	62	22	32	20	29	8	1	44

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-72 Keeping Barking Dogs												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	30	2	5	3	7	2	2	2	4	0	0	3
Disagree	33	1	2	1	5	4	4	3	5	0	0	8
Agree	120	8	13	12	24	8	15	9	6	6	1	18
Strongly Agree	87	9	18	8	17	7	6	2	14	2	0	4
N/A or No Opinion	41	4	4	1	12	1	5	2	2	1	0	9
Total	311	24	42	25	65	22	32	18	31	9	1	42

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-75 Restricted Breeds												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	102	5	14	7	26	5	12	7	7	2	1	16
Disagree	30	3	4	1	6	2	3	3	2	3	0	3
Agree	53	4	8	4	12	7	5	4	5	0	0	4
Strongly Agree	127	12	13	12	22	7	16	6	16	2	1	20
N/A or No Opinion	16	2	4	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	2
Total	328	26	43	24	68	23	37	21	31	8	2	45

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-101 Cats Running at Large												
	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	33	1	6	1	10	3	3	2	2	1	0	4
Disagree	28	4	2	1	7	2	2	3	1	1	0	5
Agree	113	8	13	9	24	12	12	8	6	3	1	17
Strongly Agree	91	10	14	8	14	5	8	3	19	2	0	8
N/A or No Opinion	48	2	7	6	9	0	7	4	3	1	0	9
Total	313	25	42	25	64	22	32	20	31	8	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Section 14-102 Shelter Nueter Release (SNR) Program	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	17	2	2	1	5	0	0	1	1	2	0	3
Disagree	11	3	0	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
Agree	90	5	8	5	27	6	11	7	2	3	1	15
Strongly Agree	149	12	24	15	21	14	15	7	22	2	0	17
N/A or No Opinion	43	2	6	5	8	0	6	3	3	2	0	8
Total	310	24	40	26	64	22	32	20	29	9	1	43

Please rate your level of support for: Various Sections Penalites	All Responses	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019	All Other Zip Codes
Strongly Disagree	8	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Disagree	11	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	1
Agree	109	9	9	8	23	14	12	7	7	3	0	17
Strongly Agree	78	7	15	6	10	7	6	2	14	3	0	8
N/A or No Opinion	97	7	13	10	22	2	10	7	7	2	0	17
Total	303	23	39	24	62	23	31	19	30	8	1	43

A photograph of three golden retriever puppies looking over a wooden fence. The puppy on the left is looking directly at the camera with its tongue slightly out. The middle puppy is yawning or barking with its mouth wide open and tongue hanging out. The puppy on the right is looking towards the camera. In the foreground, there are several bright orange and yellow flowers. A semi-transparent dark grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

Animal Services Chapter 14 Ordinance Revisions



Background

- Chapter 14 is Aurora's code for all animals.
- This is the first complete review since the 1970s.
- Over time changes have occurred, most notably the Breed Restriction.
- The original proposed revisions were initially shared with council in September 2018.
- Since that time staff has conducted 3 phases of public engagement.



Public Engagement



- SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS
 - Facebook: 5 posts, reaching 8,328
 - Twitter: 8 tweets, 17,060 impressions
 - Nextdoor: 1 post, 11,499 impressions
- DEDICATED PAGE ON AURORAGOV.ORG
 - 8,629 pageviews between April 1st and October 16th
- TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES – 1,630
- LISTSERV EMAIL – over 600 emails on the list.



SUMMARY OF CODE CHANGES

There are numerous changes throughout the ordinance.

Word changes:

- Animal Care Officer changes to Animal Protection Officer
- Destroy/Destruct to Euthanize

Language revisions:

- Keeping Barking Dogs
- Fancier's Permit
- Restricted Breed

Proposed additions:

- Restitution
- Fees and Costs
- Shelter-Neuter-Release Program



Animal Ordinance Surveys

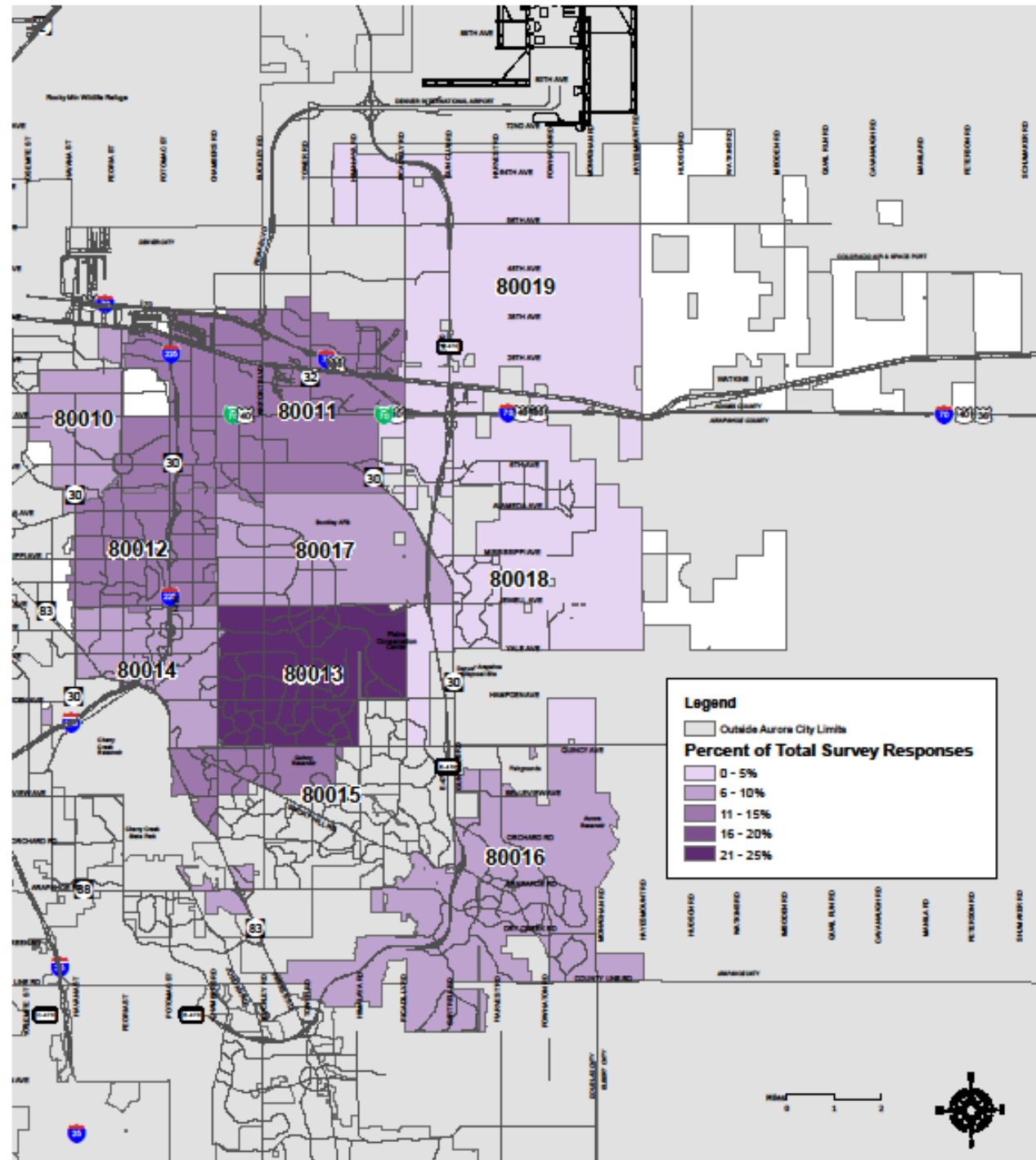
Original Proposed Revisions Survey

- Staff developed proposed revisions to the ordinance were posted for public comment on May 23rd.

Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous /Dangerous Animal Revisions Survey

- A second and separate survey with additional revisions, which included the Bully Breed and Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animal Language, developed by a council member, was also posted to the city website for public comment on May 31st.

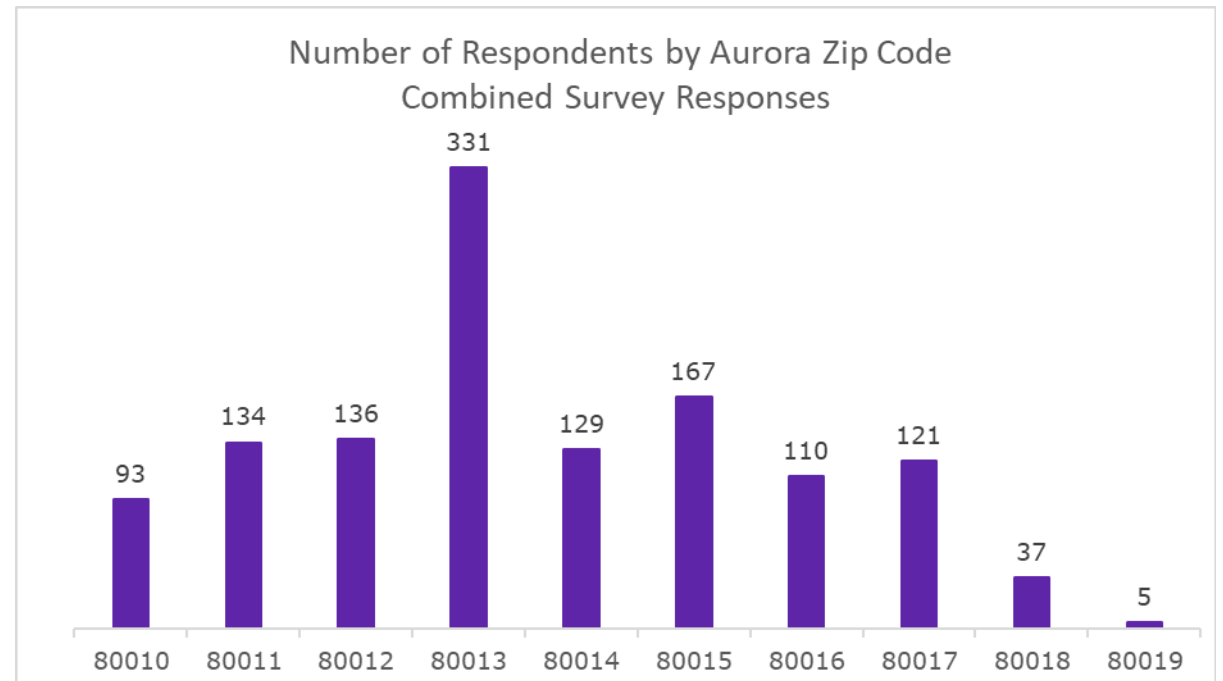


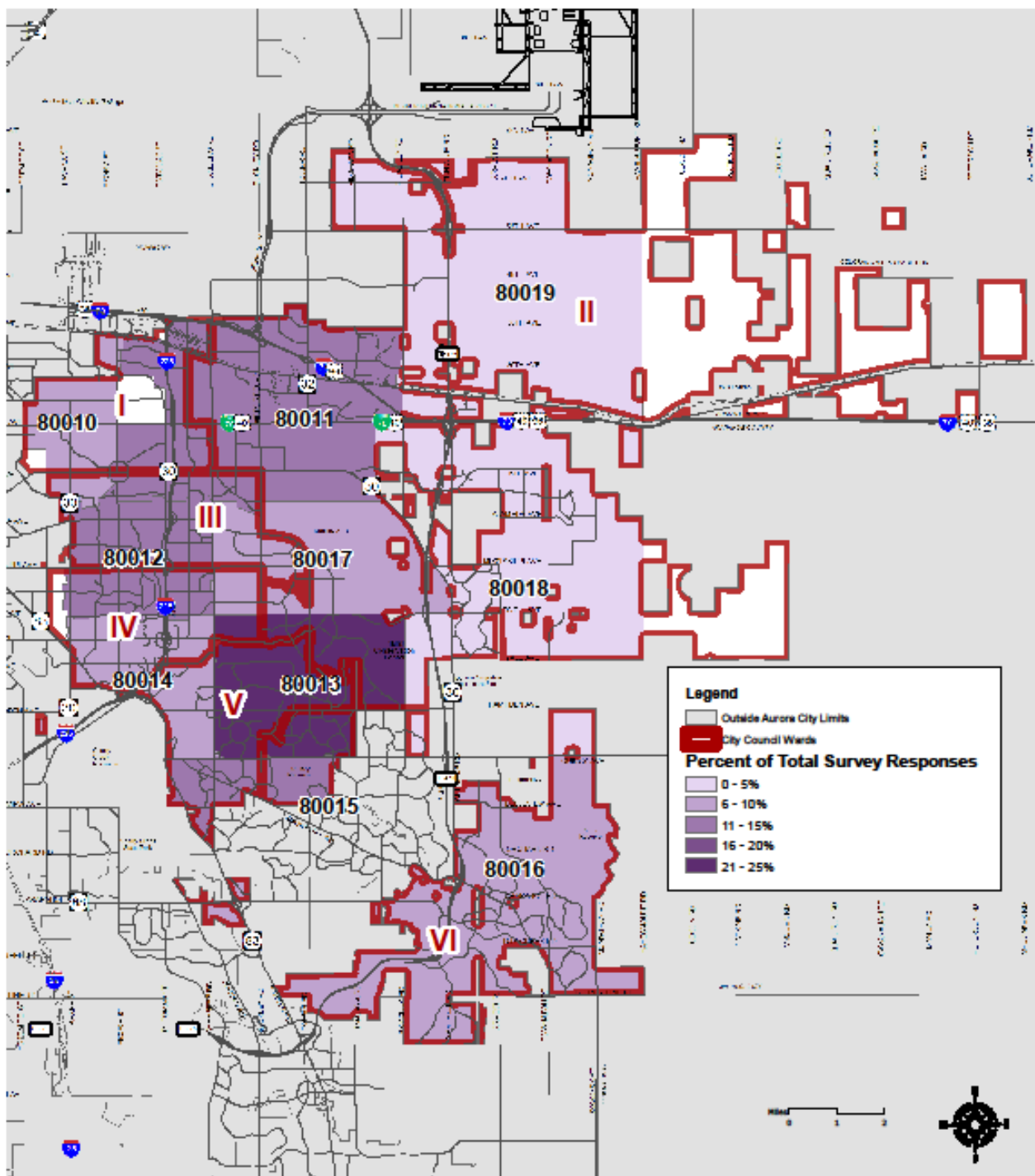


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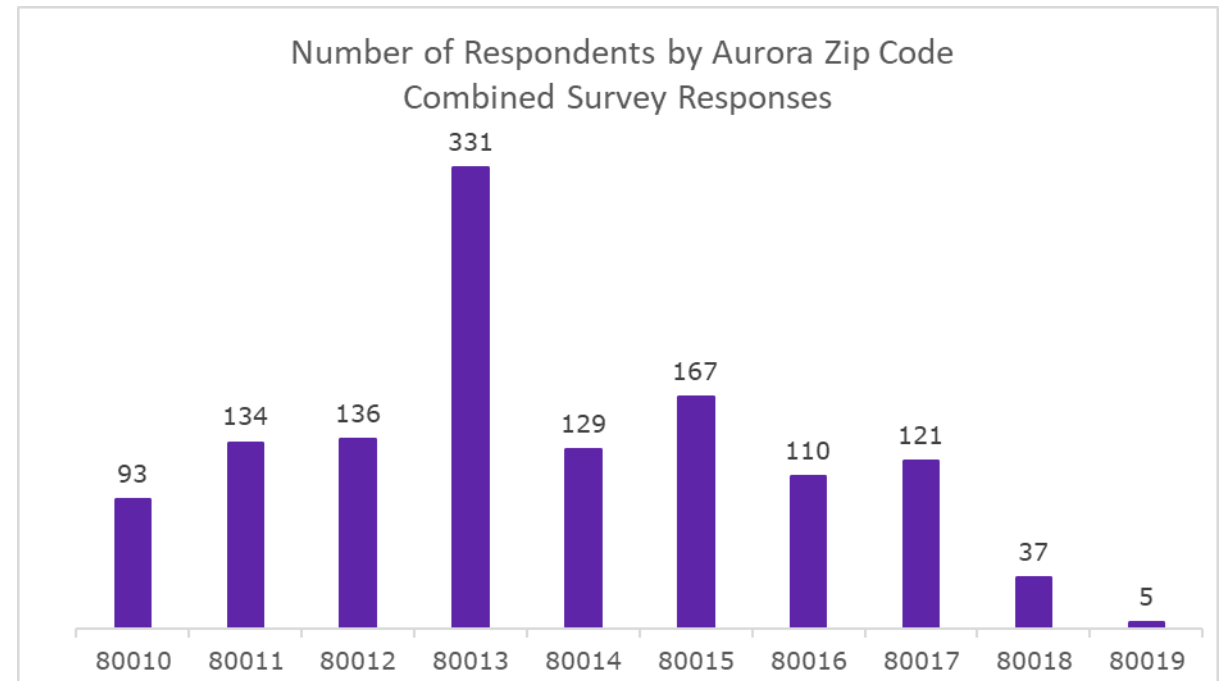




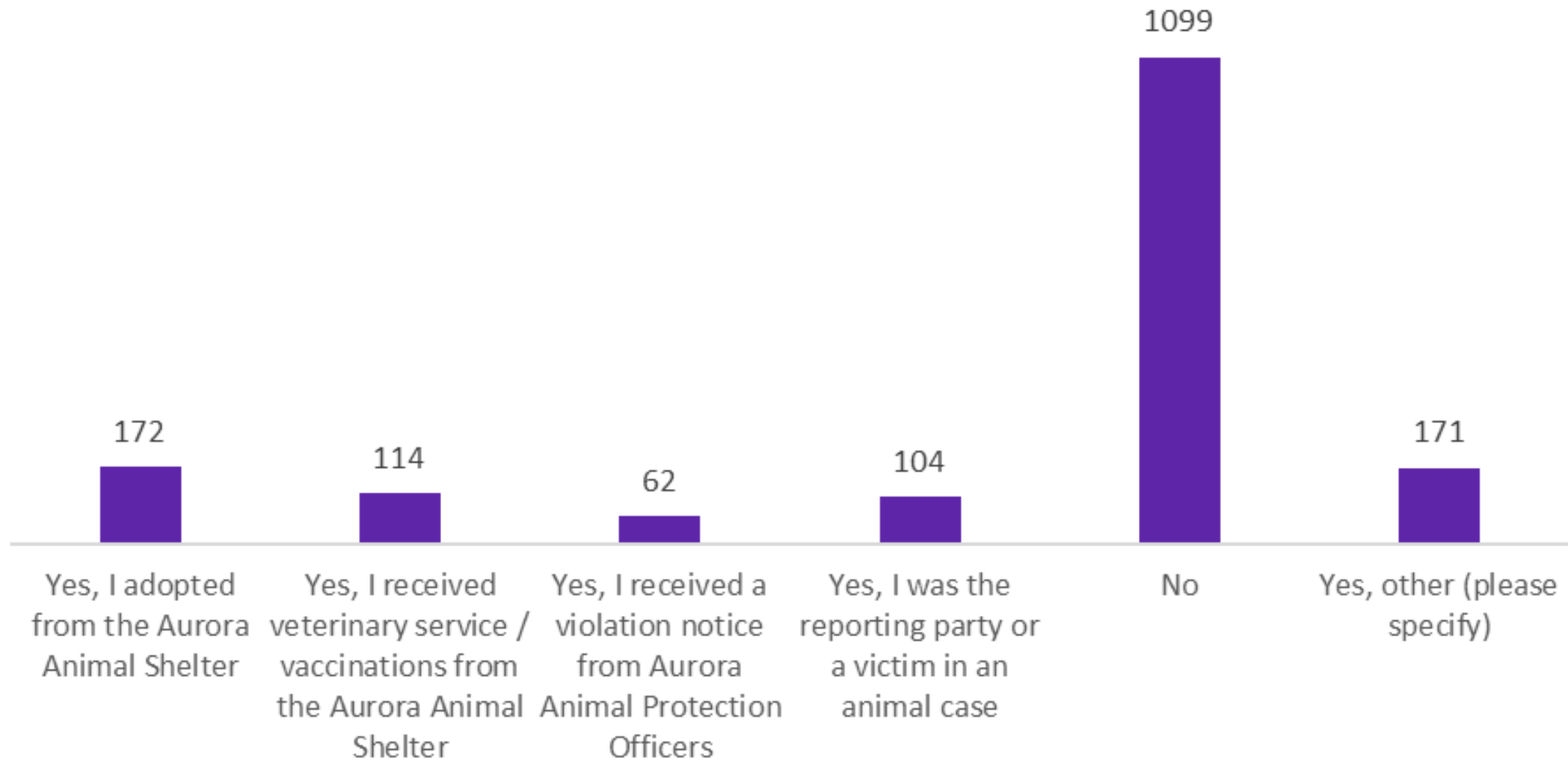
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Respondent Interaction with Aurora Animal Services Combined Survey Responses: All Respondents





Section 14-72: KEEPING BARKING DOGS

Current:

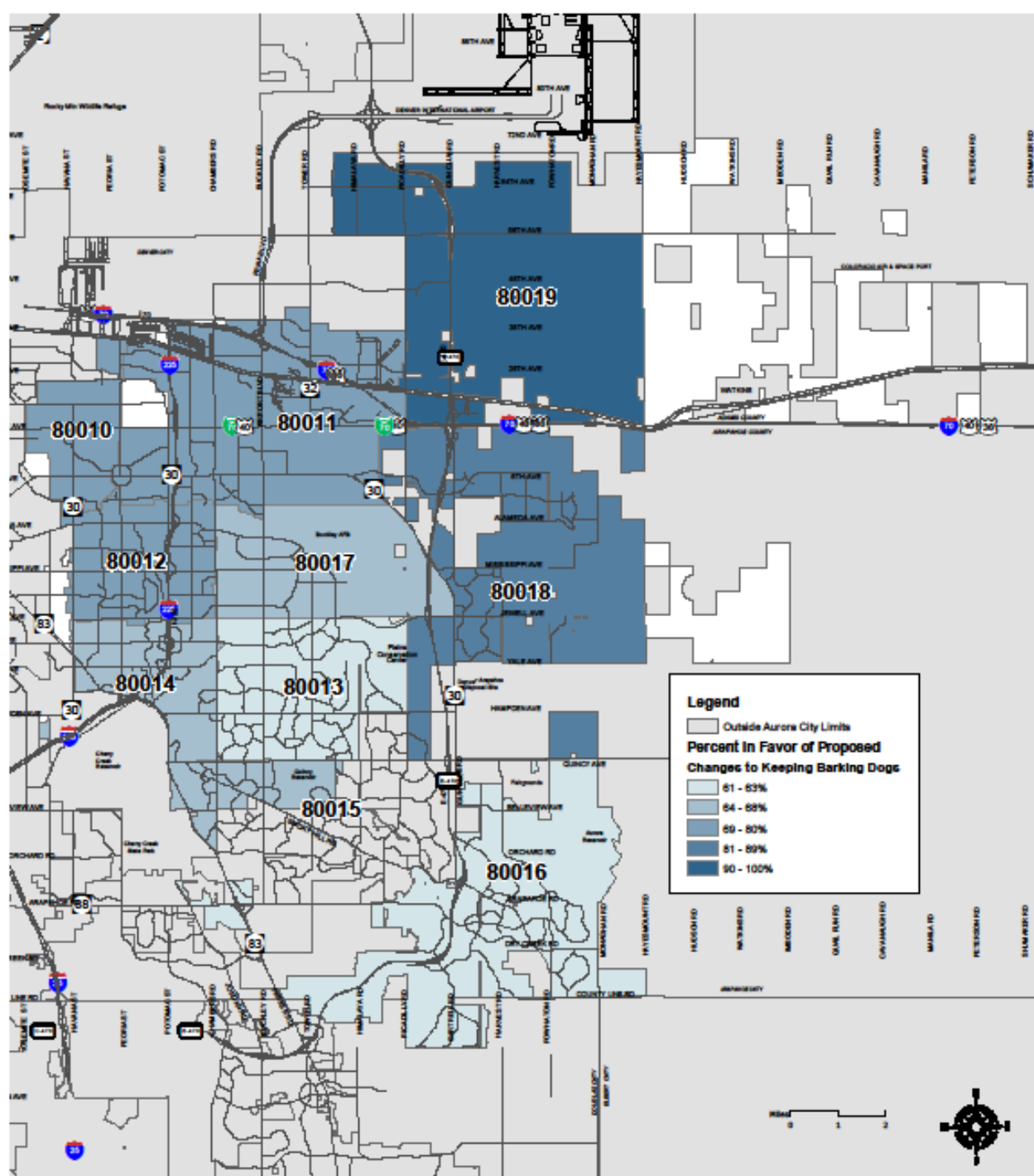
- Keeping a dog that is continually barking, yelping or howling is prohibited.
- If a neighbor calls, an animal protection/police officer may respond and act as the second reporting party on 2nd violation.
- It takes at least two reporting parties to issue a summons.

Proposed:

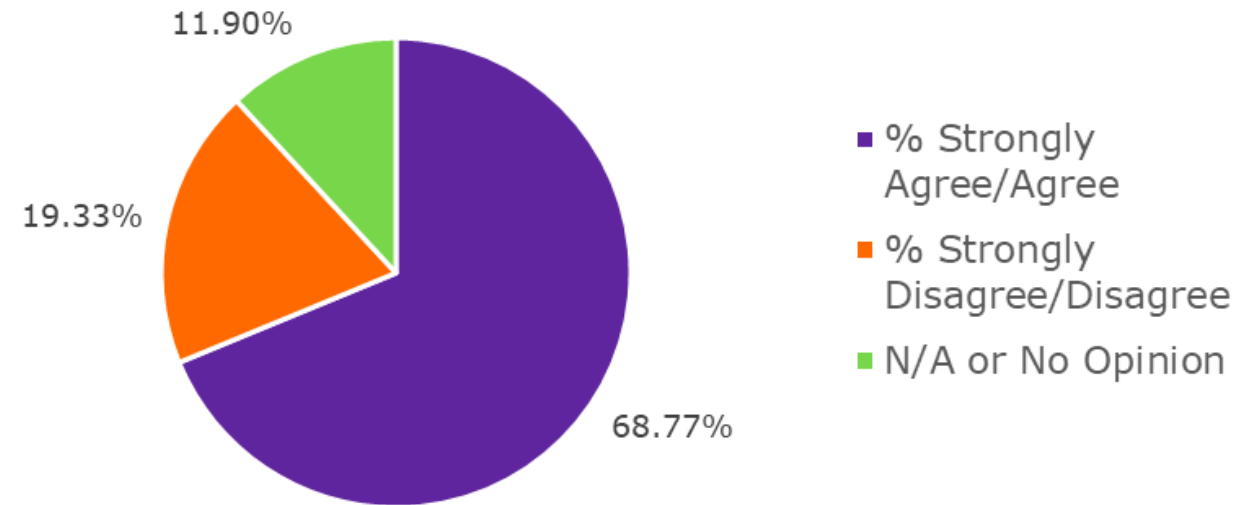
- The proposed change only removes the animal protection/police officer from being the second reporting party.
- Two reporting parties must file a complaint form and be willing to testify in the court process if the summons is issued.

Section 14-72: Keeping barking dogs

Please rate your level of support for the changes proposed in the following ordinance section:

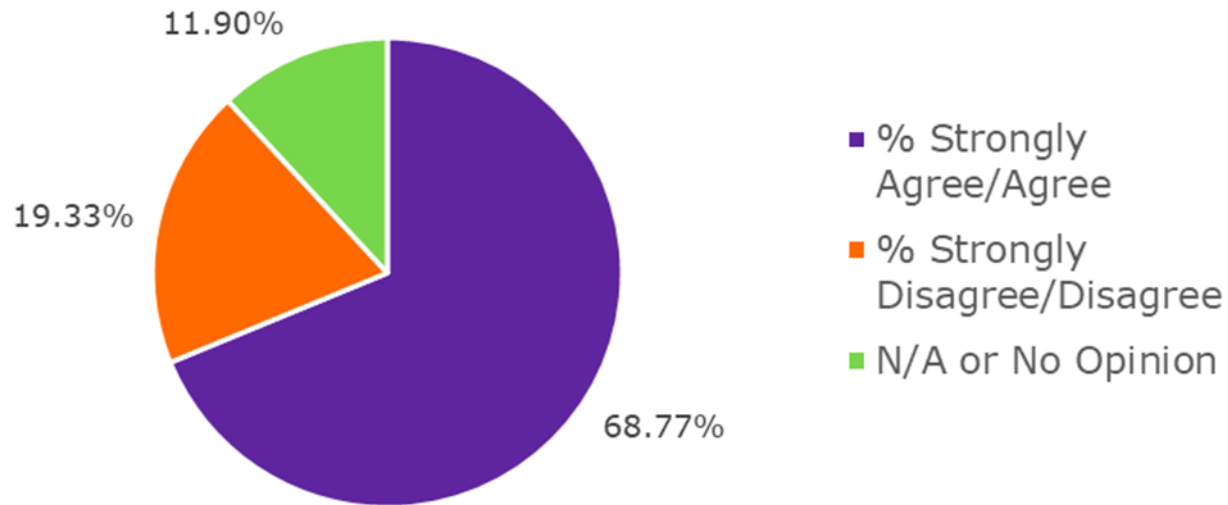


Section 14-72 Keeping Barking Dogs Please rate your level of support.



Section 14-72: Keeping barking dogs

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"I am happy you are requiring witnesses to appear but if the owner is required to provide documentation/proof they aren't barking so should the "witness". Not just recording either you can record any dog and say it belongs to your neighbor. Also, how are you taking into account previous non-related neighborhood disagreements? What if the neighbor doesn't like you because you put in a new fence or your tree is blocking their view? I understand reporting true disturbances but it's not fair to leave the burden of proof on the accused only. The accusers must also have proof - real proof other than an accusation. Also, this should not be based on two violations - at least three violations at a minimum."

Respondent from 80013

"There shouldn't be a requirement of 2 parties complaining. The noise pollution caused by incessant dog barking has harmful impact on people and the current ordinance favors the dog owner's who know nothing will happen if they ignore a report. Making it harder to report just solidifies their ability to not be willing to work with neighbors and just ignore their complaints."

Respondent from 80013

Section 14-71(b): EXCEPTIONS (FANCIER'S PERMIT)

Current:

- The Fancier's Permit is an exception to the limit on the number of animals a household can have.
- The maximum number is 6 dogs and 10 cats.
- Must meet current conditions approved in the Fancier's Permit process

Proposed:

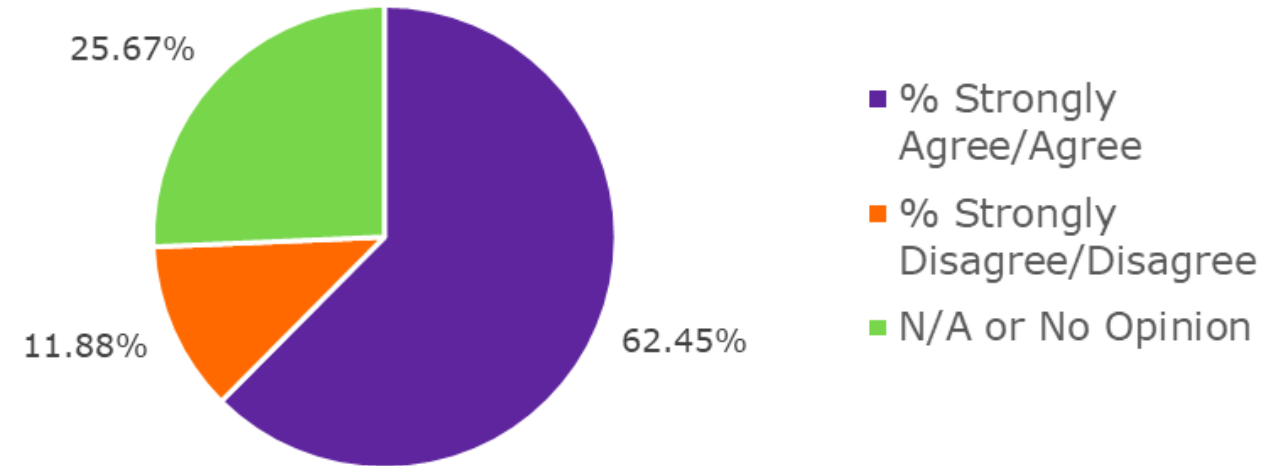
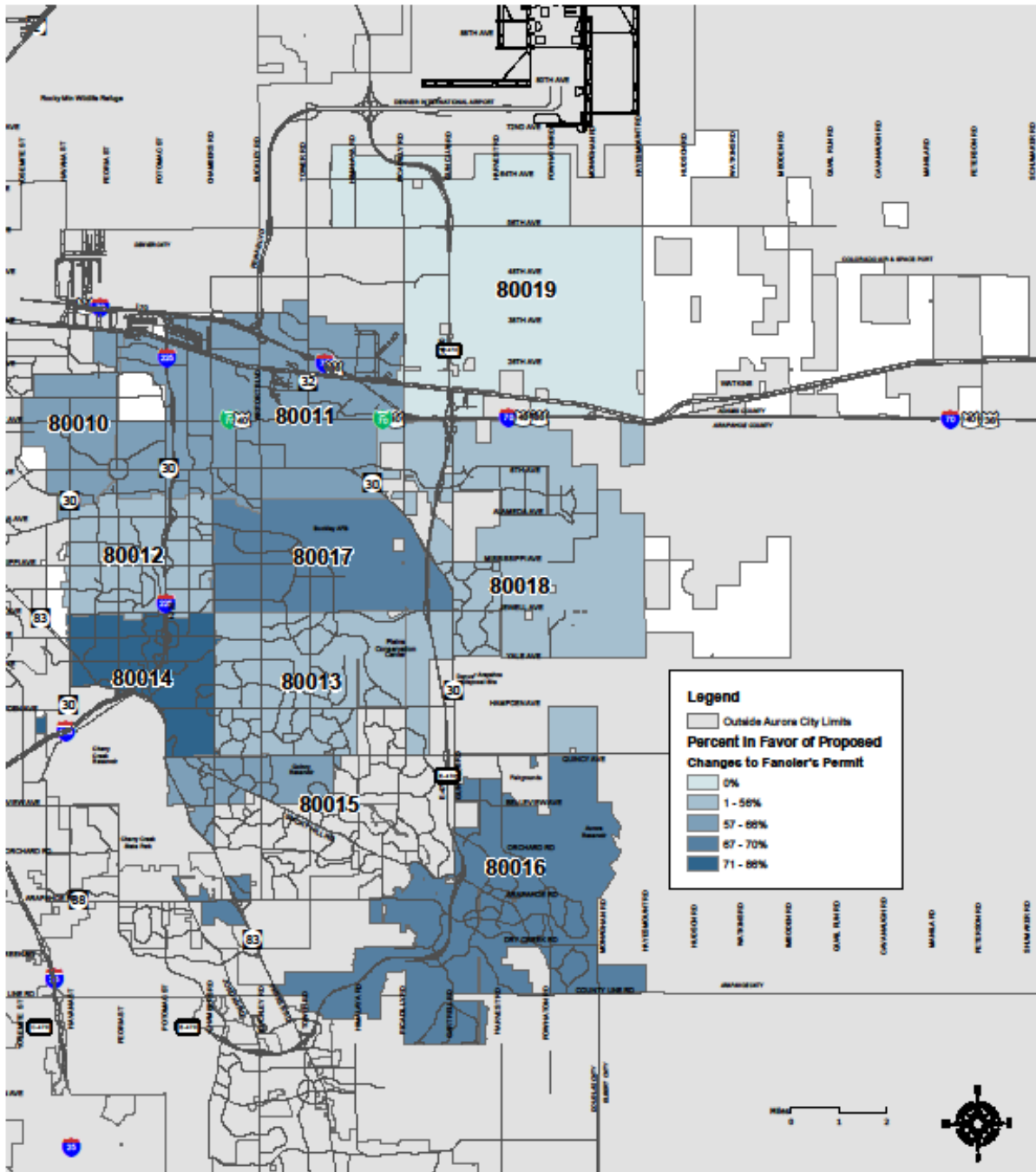
- The Working Group Recommended Proposed Conditions (see page 21 of Chapter 14 Revisions handout)



Section 14-71: FANCIER'S PERMIT

Please rate your level of support for the changes proposed in the following ordinance section:

Section 14-71(b) Excessive Numbers Prohibited Fancier's Permit
Please rate your level of support.



Section 14-71: FANCIER'S PERMIT

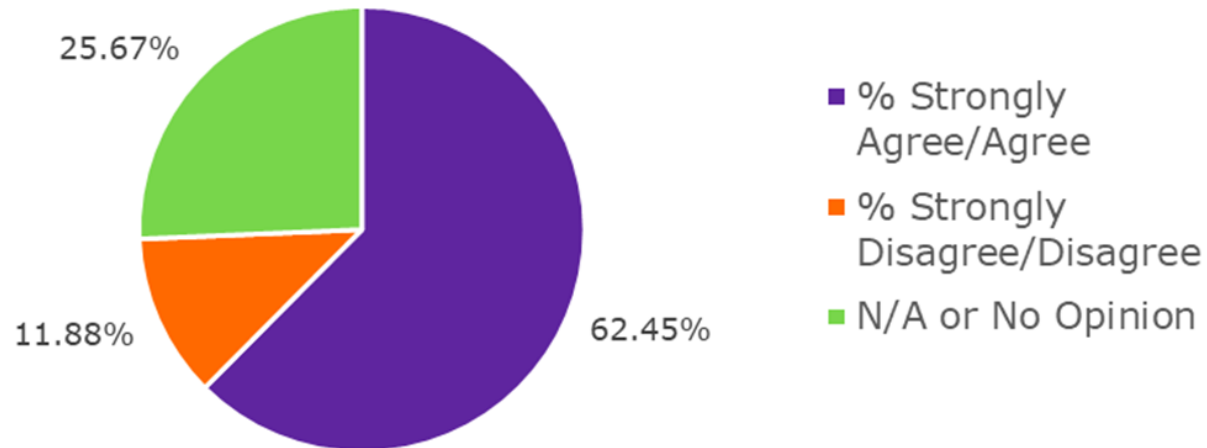
"The practice of offering fancier's permits to citizens will allow for situations where a family member must move in with a parent or other family member to keep their pets. If an adult child must move into an aging parents home to care give, why should the city not allow them to keep their pet, legally, so long as there are no other violations of city ordinances?"

Respondent from 80011

"I would like to see the fancier's permit to be extended to those who foster dogs for rescues. The current practice of having to register each foster dog is cumbersome, therefore, it isn't followed. Giving a more reasonable way to license foster dogs equals greater compliance and makes it more likely people will agree to foster dogs in need. Also, the language for breeding show dogs should include requirements for the number of times a dog can be bred (not every heat cycle as many breeders do), and that the parents are kept in conditions that don't include being housed in cages, and adequate socialization and care are required."

Respondent from 80013

Section 14-71(b) Excessive Numbers
Prohibited Fancier's Permit
Please rate your level of support.





Section 14-75:

UNLAWFUL KEEPING OF RESTRICTED BREEDS

Current Ordinance

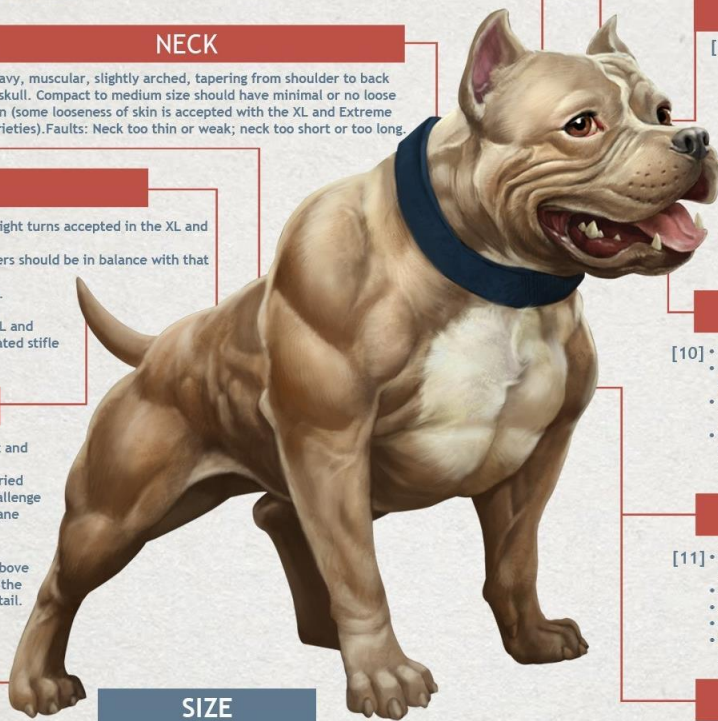
- Language says "Pit Bull"
- Breeds prohibited: American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Original Proposed Revision

- Language changed to "restricted breed"
- Minor changes for situations where a restricted breed is designated as a service or emotional support animal

AMERICAN BULLY STANDARD

Bully Breed Amendment



BACK

[1] • Fairly short to medium back, slight sloping from withers to rump or straight accepted with gentle short slope at rump to base of tail. (slightly higher rears accepted for XL and Extreme varieties) but not desired in the compact medium size. The American Bully should give the appearance of a square body, equal in length when measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks and from the withers to the ground.
Faults: Back too long; rear higher than withers; weak or swayed topline; roached or wheel back.

HEAD AND SKULL

[5] Heavy, large and broad head. Medium in length, deep throughout, broad skull, well chiseled with very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct and deep stop, and high set ears.

NECK

[6] Heavy, muscular, slightly arched, tapering from shoulder to back of skull. Compact to medium size should have minimal or no loose skin (some looseness of skin is accepted with the XL and Extreme varieties). Faults: Neck too thin or weak; neck too short or too long.

EARS

[7] Set high and can be either natural or cropped. Battle Crop, Short Crop, Show Crop, and Long Crop styles Accepted. However, battle crops are not preferred.

EYES

[8] • Eyes- All colors equally accepted except blue eyes which is a fault and albinism (pinkish to red), which is a disqualification. Lack of pigment around the eyes is undesirable. Eye shape is oval to slightly roundish, low down in skull and set far apart. Visibility of the haw should be minimal. Faults: Blue eyes. Overly visible haw. Serious Faults: Both eyes not matched in color. Disqualifying Faults: Albinism eyes.

MUZZLE AND NOSE

[9] • Muzzle- Short-Medium in length and broad in width. Length to be shorter than the length of the skull measuring 25% to 35% (1/4 to 1/3) of the overall length of the head. The muzzle is blocky or slightly squared to fall away abruptly below eyes. The topline of the muzzle is to be straight with nose neither pointed nor turned up in profile. Faults: Muzzle too long or snipey. • Nose- all colors acceptable except albinism (light pink in color).

JAWS, LIPS, AND TEETH

[10] • Jaws- well defined.
• Under jaw- to be strong and parallel to muzzle.
Faults: lack of pronounced, deep stop; weak under jaw; under jaw turning up.
• Lips- semi close and even, some looseness accepted (more so with the XL and Extreme varieties) but not preferred. nose turning up or pushed back; excessive flews.
• Upper Teeth- to meet tightly outside lower teeth in form or scissor bite accepted.
Faults: Level bite, overshot bite, undershot bite and wry bite.
Serious Faults: Severely overshot or undershot bites, measuring 1/4" or more.

BODY AND COAT

[11] • Heavily muscled, massive "Bully" body type of compact/medium length giving the impression of great power for its size and exemplifying the breed type of the American Bully.
• Ribs- well-sprung, deep in rear and all ribs close together; rib cage to extend to the elbow.
• Forelegs- set rather wide apart to permit chest development.
• Chest- should be deep, broad and well filled in.
• Short, close, stiff to the touch and glossy. All colors are permissible.
Faults: Curly or wavy coat. Serious Faults: Long coat.

FOREQUARTERS

[12] • Shoulders to be strong and muscular with wide blades set wide; and well laid back. The upper arm is approximately equal to the length of the shoulder blade and joined at an angle of approximately 35 to 45 degrees.
• Front legs- straight from legs, large or round bones, pastern are short and nearly erect.
• Feet- slight turning outwards is accepted as long as feet do not measure a 45 degree.
Faults: Upright or loaded shoulders. Upper arm too short. Front toeing out more than 45 degrees; feet toeing in; front legs bowed; down at the pasterns; splayed feet.

FAULTS

[15] Faults to be penalized but not disqualifications for showing are:
• Overly visible haw • Muzzle too long or snipey • Lack of pronounced/deep stop • Weak underjaw
• Underjaw turning up. • Albinism nose (light pink) • Nose turning up or pushed back. • Tail too long or too short (approx. 1" from point of hock) • Curled tail (gay tail) • Level or flush bite • Slightly undershot mouth • Slightly overshot mouth • Wry or cross bite • Neck too thin or weak • Neck too short or too long
• Upright or loaded shoulders • Upper arm too short • Severe turned fronts (in or out) • Bowed front legs
• Down at the pasterns (weak pasterns) • Splayed feet • Hocks turning in or out (Except in XL and Extreme varieties where slight turn is acceptable) • Curly or wavy coat • Movement: Rolling, pacing, sidewarding, hackety action, and padding or pounding (exception in XL and Extreme varieties where some is accepted).
• Not moving on the same plane - legs over reaching, crossing over in front or rear, or rear legs moving too close or touching.

HINDQUARTERS

[2] • Well-muscled, let down at hocks, turning neither in nor out (slight turns accepted in the XL and Extreme varieties).
• Muscular development, angulation and width of the hindquarters should be in balance with that of the forequarters.
• When viewed from the rear legs are to be straight and parallel.
• Croup should have a slight downward angle.
Faults: Hocks turning in or out (slight turn out accepted in the XL and Extreme varieties). Narrow hindquarters; straight or over-angulated stifle joints; bowed legs.

TAIL

[3] • Medium in comparison to size, low set, tapering to a fine point and extending approximately to the hock.
• When relaxed tail is to be carried low. When moving tail is carried level with the topline or in a raised position when excited (challenge tail), but should never be carried curled over, breaking the plane of the back (gay tail).
• Tail to be clear of any kinks, knots or any curvature.
Faults: Tail too long or too short approximately up to an inch above or below point of the hock. Gay tail (carried over the plane of the back). Serious Faults: Kinked or knotted tail. Extremely short tail. Disqualifying Faults: Screwed or Bobbed tail.

FEET

[4] • Should be of moderate size, compact, well arched and tight.
Faults: Splayed or flat feet; long toes.

SIZE

[13] • Dogs should be healthy and should NOT reach the point where it is considered obese.
• Weight- There is no particular weight for the breed.
• Height and weight should be in proportion of the body frame.
• Height- Please see Variety Amendments. (Illustrated below)
• All varieties to exhibit "Bully" characteristics and traits as described in the American Bully Standard, which are key elements of breed type to the American Bully breed.
Standard: Males under 17" - 20" at the withers. Females under 16" - 19" at the withers.

GAIT

[14] • Should be effortless and powerful. The action must, however, be unrestrained, free and vigorous with powerful drive off the rear. (Some paddling and lumbering accepted in XL and Extreme varieties), but not preferred in compact to medium.
• Front and rear reach should be moderate and in balance with one another.
• Legs turn neither in nor out, nor every cross or interfere with each other.
• Dog moving on the same plane - Each leg moving in the same plane shared with the other leg on the same side.
• Backline should remain level, with flexing to be very slight. Faults: Rolling; pacing; sidewarding; hackney action; paddling or pounding (exception in the XL and Extreme varieties where some is accepted). Not moving on the same plane; legs over reaching; legs crossing over in front or rear; rear legs moving too close or touching.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

[17] The American Bully should give the impression of great strength for its size. Compact to medium/large size dog with a muscular body and blocky head. Powerful in its movement and should display effortless movement at the same time. Keenly alive and alert to its surroundings. The American Bully should have the appearance of heavy bone structure with a Bully build and look.

- Adds language to Section 14-75 Restricted Breeds to specifically allow the American Bully breed as defined by the United Kennel Club.
- *The American Bully breed developed as a natural extension of the American Pit Bull Terrier. The American Bully breed was subtly influenced by the infusion of several other breeds, which include the American Bulldog, English Bulldog, and Olde English Bulldogge.*
- *The American Bully breed was recognized by the United Kennel Club on July 15, 2013.*

<https://www.ukcdogs.com/american-bully>



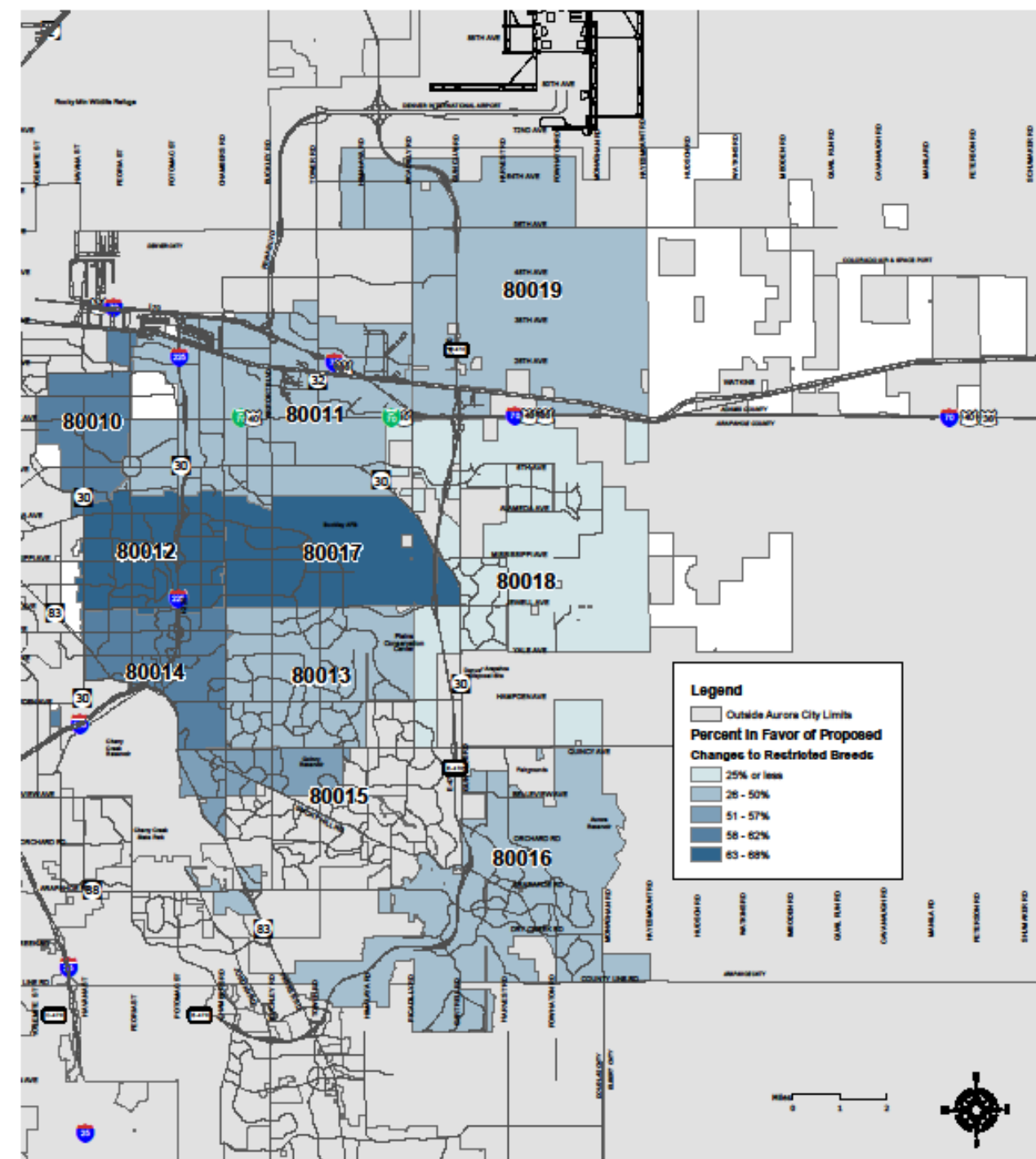
Potentially Dangerous/ Dangerous Animal

- This proposed revision would eliminate the breed restriction (Section 14-75) entirely.
- It would add a new section (14-73) Reckless Owner and adds language to Section 14-7 Keeping a Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animal.
- Additional language in 14-7 includes, but is not limited to the following provisions:
 - Aggressive Animal Prohibited
 - Dangerous Animal Prohibited
 - Keeping of an Aggressive Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal
 - Waiver of the Aggressive Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal Determination

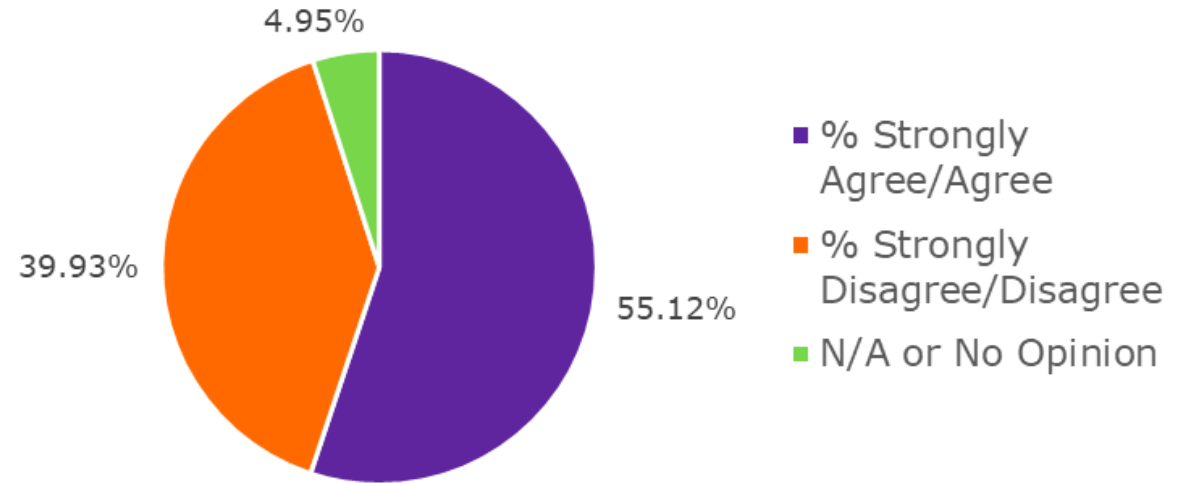


Section 14-75: Restricted Breeds

Please rate your level of support for the changes proposed in the following ordinance section:



Section 14-75 Restricted Breed
Please rate your level of support.



Section 14-75: Restricted Breeds

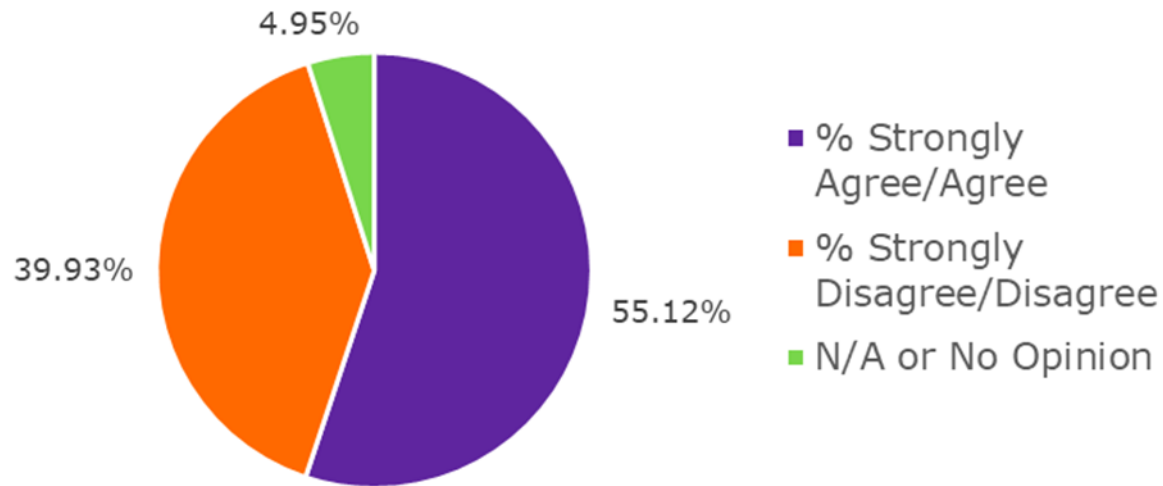
"There are many viewpoints on pit bull bans, but I was hoping that instead of just changing the wording to "restricted breeds", Aurora was actually going to drop the ban on certain breeds, but rather focus on vicious dogs or unmaintained (untrained) dogs. Any animal can be trained to be vicious and I am happy to see you have added laws concerning dog fighting (which is a huge reason pit bulls get such a bad rap). I feel that it is forward thinking when Aurora finally rids itself of "restricted bans" and puts more onus on the owners to maintain/train their dog, no matter the breed. Pit bulls are generally wonderful pets and more studies should be done before acceptance of this area."

Respondent from 80017

"The proposed edits to this section do not alter the current restricted breeds, but merely removes the colloquial name of "pit bull". There should be NO breed restrictions but instead, tougher laws against owners who keep aggressive animals, regardless of the breed."

Respondent from 80012

Section 14-75 Restricted Breed
Please rate your level of support.



Public Comments on Dangerous/ Potentially Dangerous Animals

"I believe the aggressive animal portion of the plan will punish the owner, who is the one at fault. This should apply to all breeds. If I report an aggressive Chihuahua, it should be taken as seriously as if I report an aggressive Rottweiler. The owner needs to have repercussions for not taking care of their animal and creating bad behavior."

Respondent from 80015

"Taking out language specific to certain breeds and making it apply generally to any breed of dog that is aggressive is a much safer and more appropriate way to handle this issue. Any breed of dog can be aggressive if not properly trained and cared for by their owner - singling out pit bulls due to misinformation creates an unfair stigma and problems for responsible owners of well-behaved and sweet pit bulls and other similar breeds. I am fully supportive of removing language specific to pit bulls and other breeds and making it generalized to any aggressive animal, holding owners responsible for behavior and training."

Respondent from 80012

Public Comments on the American Bully Breed

"I think it is an absolutely WONDERFUL, FANTASTIC, and forward thinking idea to repeal the ban on any Pit bull type dogs. Frankly, the current legislation is archaic and not well supported by research or the citizens of the city. I am thrilled to see the City of Aurora making such progressive steps in allowing our wonderful animals to live where they should be allowed."

Respondent from 80016

"Voters approved the ban by something like a 80% margin. Council should represent their constituents who overwhelming support a pit bull ban! The minority are vocal opponents but the majority in favor of the ban actually vote. Leave the ban and the current vicious, dangerous, aggressive animal ordinance alone!"

Respondent from 80014

Section 14-102 Shelter Neuter Release

Current:

- This is a new proposed section.

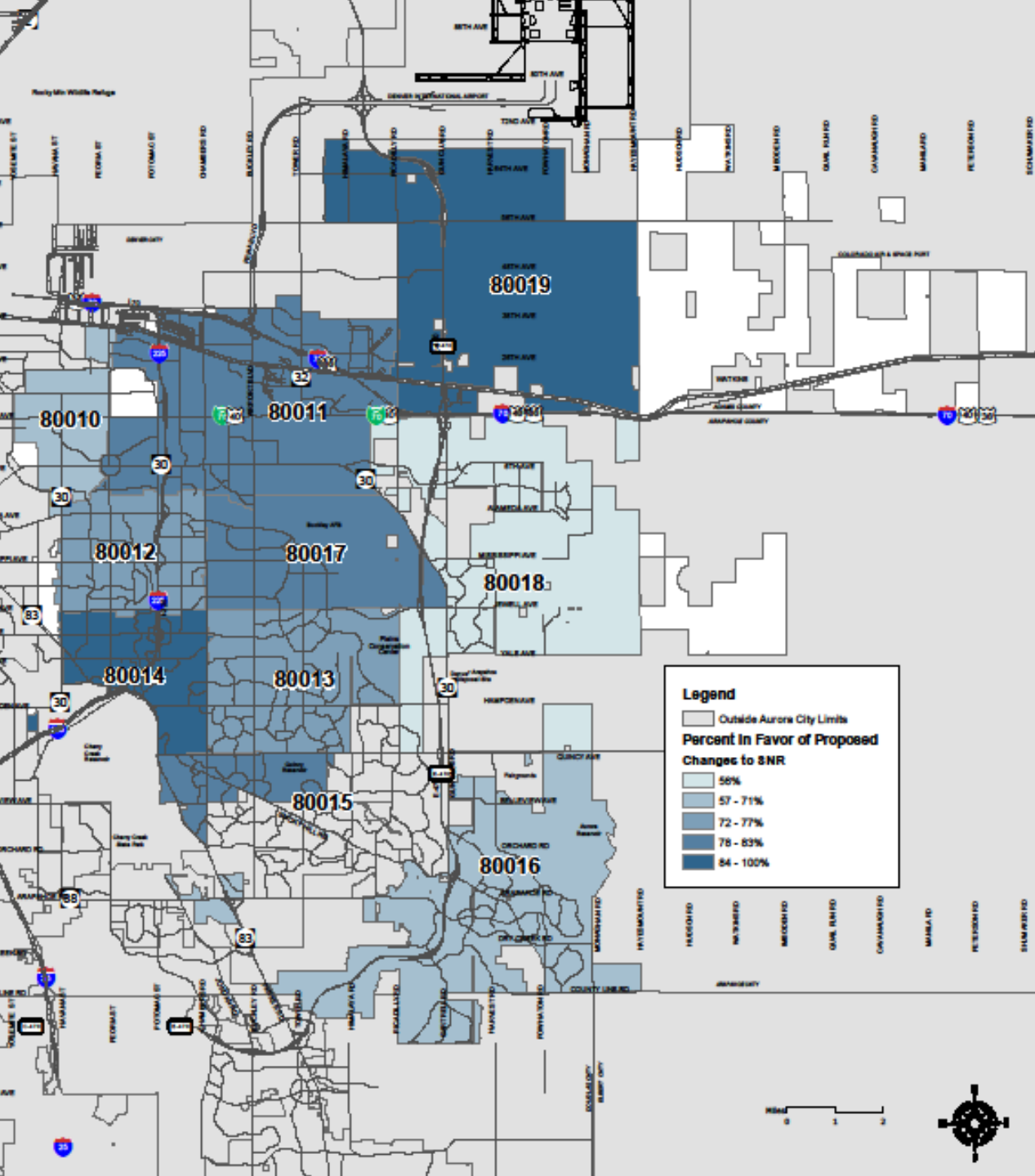
Proposed:

- Sets up a Shelter-Neuter-Release program which
 - Uses colony caretakers to track cat colonies, trap animals and bring them to the shelter.
 - Spays/neuters cats as they come in with the intent to lower the cat population over time.

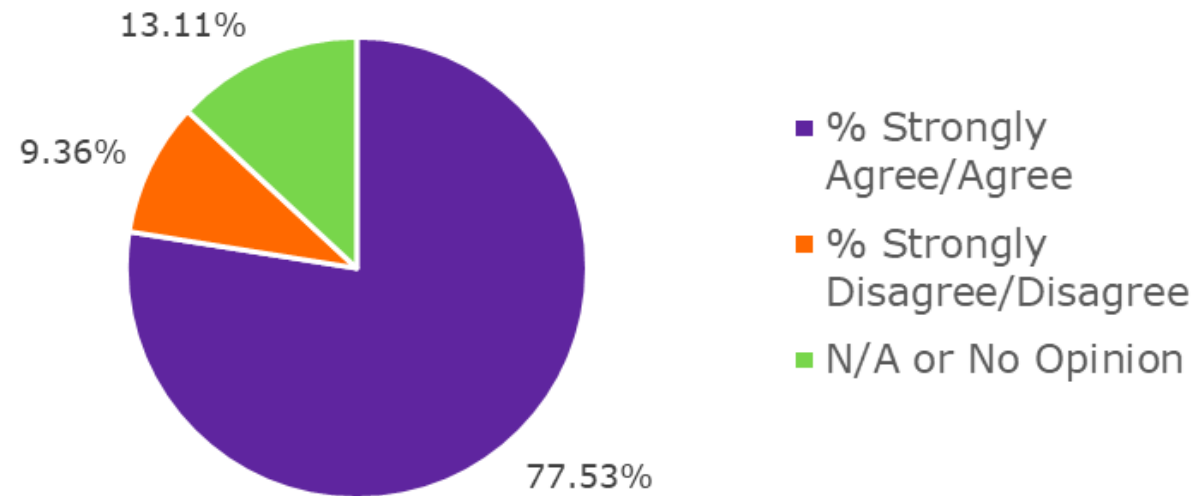


Section 14-102: Shelter Neuter Release

Please rate your level of support for the changes proposed in the following ordinance section:



Section 14-102 Shelter-Neuter-Release
Please rate your level of support.



Section 14-102: Shelter Neuter Release

"This program has proven to work well for groups such as Alley Cat Allies, and more of the Denver metro area and surrounding suburbs can benefit greatly from it. Community cats provide a service to us humans by keeping unwanted rodents under control. The spa/neuter procedure will help keep colony size in check, and the vaccinations will help them live healthier lives."

Respondent from 80019

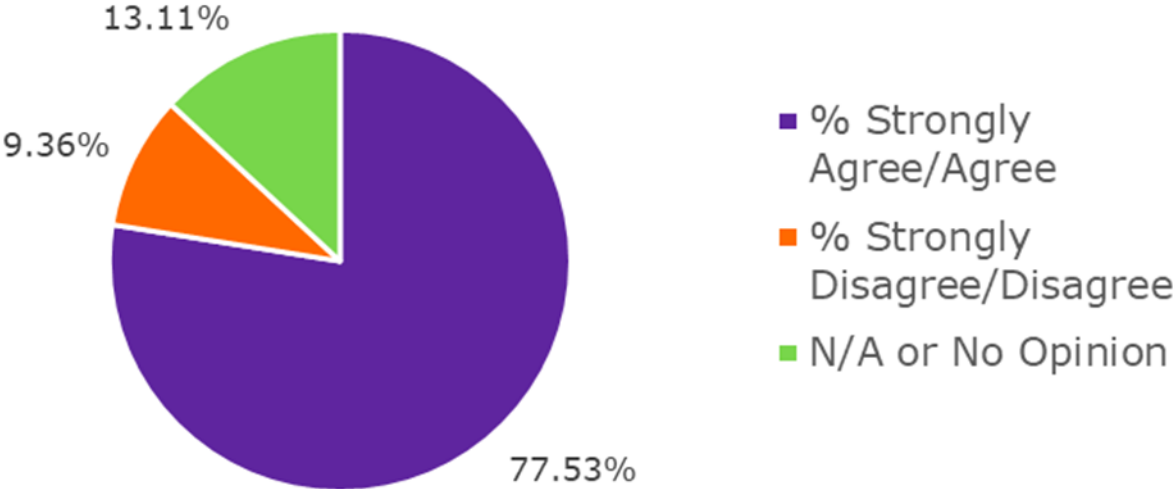
"This program is proven to not be the long term solution for this problem. I get the current way we handle feral cats in not ideal, but it beats the other methods. It has been proven in other areas that do this type of program that the cats destroy surrounding eco systems. Usually the areas birds. And in drastic cases rabbits and chickens."

Respondent from 80013

"I think the shelter, neuter, release program is a great program but I would like to be sure I can drop off a feral cat to the shelter that won't be deposited back into the community as an outdoor cat. I have a big issue with cats using my whole yard as their litter box. The neighbor has fed them in the past so there were lots of cats. I have discussed this with them and used the city to intervene but want to be sure this option isn't taken away if they start feeding all outdoor cats again."

Respondent from 80010

Section 14-102 Shelter-Neuter-Release
Please rate your level of support.



A group of five animals is shown against a light background. From left to right: a white cat lying down, a brown dachshund puppy sitting, a golden retriever puppy lying down, a brown tabby kitten standing, and a small brown dog (possibly a pug) standing. The text is overlaid on the image.

Question for the Committee?

Does the Committee wish to move **Chapter 14 – Animals** forward to study session?



**Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment
Policy Committee**

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: Motel Redevelopment vs. Tenant Relocation Cost Analysis, & Systematic Hotel/Motel Inspection Program
Item Initiator: Housing, Neighborhood Services & Redevelopment Policy Committee
Staff Source: Sandra Youngman, Code Enforcement Manager
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 5.6: Continue to plan for high quality neighborhoods with a balanced housing stock--2012: 5.6--Continue to plan for high quality neighborhoods with a balanced housing stoc

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

In the mid 1990s the City of Aurora established the Hotel/Motel Systematic Inspection Program. The purpose of this program was to establish minimum standards for basic equipment, space, occupancy and sanitary maintenance. The program applies to hotels and motels built prior to 1975 and typically used for long-term housing. Systematic inspections are performed on a regular basis, typically annually, while occupants have the additional option to request City intervention on a complaint basis for specific issues. Common deficiencies addressed include holes in walls and floor coverings, damaged or inoperable windows/doors, missing window screens, insect infestation, plumbing leaks, missing electrical outlet covers and inoperable smoke detectors. Additionally, inspectors address imminent hazard conditions including lack of emergency egress, exposed electrical wiring, inadequate heat and hot water.

In recent years, some hotel/motel owner/operators have made substantial improvements to properties. Consistent systematic inspections and the resulting fees for non-compliance have been identified as a motivation for said improvements.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Council Member Murillo asked staff to provide information related to hotel/motel practices and if possible to identify the cost/benefit of the prior practice of relocating long-term hotel occupants from one of Aurora's aged hotels. Staff surveyed regional and national communities seeking best practices and examples of how other communities address the conditions of aging hotels used primarily as long-term housing. The results of the survey are included and will be discussed.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Information Only

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

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Housing, Redevelopment & Neighborhood Services Policy Committee

Motel/Hotel Redevelopment, City Incentives and
Tenant Relocation Costs

Sandra Youngman, Manager
Neighborhood Services Department
Code Enforcement Division

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. What are other cities and communities doing to motivate motel owners to remodel or revitalization of their property?
- 2. What opportunities are within our ordinance to incentivize owners to make investment and improve habitability for residents?
- 3. What are the costs for tenant relocation?

1.

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SURVEY RESPONSES

CITY	Colorado Springs, CO	Commerce City, CO	Denver, CO	Englewood, CO	Lakewood, CO	Mesa, AZ	Thornton, CO	Wheat Ridge, CO	Aurora, CO
Questions									
Population	450,000	55,983	700,000	35,000	155,000	508,958	140,000	32,000	370,000
# Aging motels	>12	btw. 6-12	>12	<5	>12	>12	<5	btw. 6-12	>12
Challenges being experienced?	Mold, Maintenance	Public Nuisance	Pest Control	Code Violations, criminal activity, drugs, sex assaults	Police, Criminal activity, poor living, conditions	Motivation of property owner, time and money	Crime (2 hotels)	Property Maintenance, long term occupancy and crime	property maintenance, long term occupancy, crime, pest control. Criminal activity
Long term residence	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Housing Inspections	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
How often inspections occur?	-	-	Complaint only	Annually	In 2020 new Lodgers ordinance	Complaint Driven inspections	-	Annually	Annually- motels 2-5 years
City responsible for health/safety?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Who responds to calls?	County Health	-	Zoning, Building, Health, Fire	Code, Building, Fire, Police	Police, Code, Building	Maricopa County Env. Health	-	Police Dept. Community Development and Building	Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Building
Had a facility closure occurred?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No

CITY	Colorado Springs, CO	Commerce City, CO	Denver, CO	Englewood, CO	Lakewood CO	Mesa, AZ	Thornton, CO	Wheat Ridge, CO	Aurora, CO
What process was used/costs?	-	Red Cross for assistance, Violations identified, correction made before occupancy allowed	Agencies work together for transport and guidance. Red Cross City Emergency Office, vouchers for other facilities	Annual inspections showed Life safety, 24 hour Notice to correct.	-	Collaborate with Fire and Building	-	-	Collaborate with Fire, APD,owner to relocate residents
What is inspected?	Interior Exterior	Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior	Interior Exterior
How do you respond to complaints	Tenant occupied to complete inspection	If compliant respond in person	Responding agency or when heavy volume of calls	Case by case. Most not reported due to hotel demographics	Police, Code Enf. Building	Meet on site, and conduct inspection	Code Enf. and Police Dept.	Calls for service by Code Officers and sworn officers	Code Enforcement responds inspects/ issues notice to correct. Re-inspection for compliance.
Any programs in place?	No	-	Task Force conducts when increase calls for health, police and fire	No	Police, Code, Building	No	-	Annual inspections funded thru a portion of the City 's Lodgers Tax	Motel/Hotel Annual Systematic Inspections. Re-inspection fees for non compliant units

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Any revitalization programs	No other than HUD rehab funds	N/A	-	City Master Plan is working revitalize south Broadway strip	-	CDBG \$	-	Most are in Urban Renewal area but have not use \$ to address hotel/motel	Code Enforcement addresses interior/exterior violations When property owners improve property Code Enformcent evaluate time frames for inspections
Implementation challenges?	No staff	-	-	Unable to provide	-	Lack of Funding	-	Staff time and some property owners less responsive than others	Motivation of property owners.



City of **Denver**

- A joint inspection team Fire, Police, Health Dept. share information and conduct inspections at facilities where there are concerns for safety and health of the community.

City of **Englewood**

- Life safety complaints are rare due to demographics of motel. Issues are found during annual licensing inspections.
- City Master Plan is working to revitalize the South Broadway strip.

City of **Lakewood**

- City of Lakewood created a Lodging Facilities Ordinance effective 2020 which addresses requirement, revocation, suspension or non renewal of licenses.

City of **Wheat Ridge**

- Housing Inspections are funded through City Lodgers tax.
- City Council directed a draft ordinance to define and regulate extended stay lodging to determine regulation of minimum physical and operational characteristics. Also, declares any existing/ future hotels that do not /cannot meet these requirements, cannot be occupied for long term stay.

2.

- What opportunities are within City of Aurora ordinance to incentivize owners to make investment and improve habitability for residents?

3.

- What are the costs for tenant relocation?

Shelly McKittrick

TENANT REHOUSING

Re-Housing (not including admin fees)

Organization	Number of Households	Costs
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VA	3	\$2,779.00
Total	125	\$229,905.90
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EVICTION PREVENTION COSTS

Eviction Prevention (not including admin fees)

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Mile High Behavioral Health Center	3	\$3,366.50
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Thank you





**Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment
Policy Committee**

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: 2020 Ongoing Internal Homelessness Funding Request: - House Aurora Partnership Funding
Item Initiator: Shelley McKittrick
Staff Source: Shelley McKittrick, Homelessness Program Manager
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 4.0: Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work--2012: 4.0-- Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and wor

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED (*Check all appropriate actions*)

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This funding request is a line item that has been funded for the last 2 years. This request is for funding the House Aurora Partnership - \$575,000.

ITEM SUMMARY (*Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.*)

The Homelessness Program is requesting renewed funding for: The House Aurora Partnership, \$575,000.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee approve the funding requested, \$575,000, to continue the work that has been accomplished over the last 2 years with the House Aurora Partnership?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

AuroraAtHome HAP report Jan-Sept 2019.docx
HAP report with Partner data Jan-Sept 2019.pdf

HAP Re-Housing and Eviction Prevention Check-In

January – September 2019

Re-Housing (not including admin fees)

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Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment Policy Committee

Agenda Item Commentary

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Item Initiator: Shelley McKittrick
Staff Source: Shelley McKittrick, Director, Homelessness Program
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 4.0: Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work--2012: 4.0-- Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and wor

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This funding request is a line item that has been funded for the last 2 years. This request is for Cold Weather Activities and the Point-in-Time Count- \$20,000.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Homelessness Program is requesting renewed funding for: 2020 Cold Weather Activities and the Point-in-Time Count.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee approve the funding requested, \$20,000, for Cold Weather Activities and the Point-in-time Count for 2020, continuing the work that has been accomplished over the last 2 years through the Homelessness Program?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Aurora Point in Time Report 2019.pdf



**2019 Point in Time
City of Aurora**



City of Aurora 2019

By The Numbers



Total Count

389



Newly Homeless

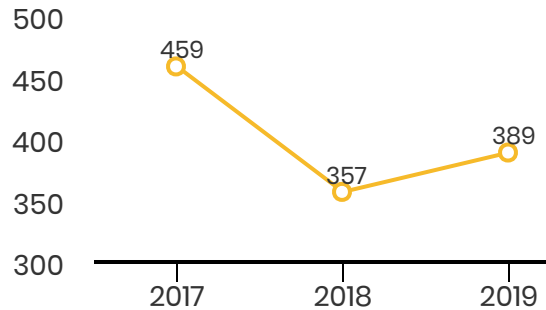
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Chronically Homeless

77

Number of Literally Homeless



Populations

42

Veterans

People self-reporting service in the U.S. Military



31

Families

Households with at least one adult and one child under 18 years old; there were a total of 86 people in these households



17

Unaccompanied Youth

Persons under age 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian and are not parenting youth



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Fleeing Domestic Violence

People actively fleeing a situation of domestic or interpersonal violence



Where People Stayed

Unsheltered

30

Emergency Shelter

285

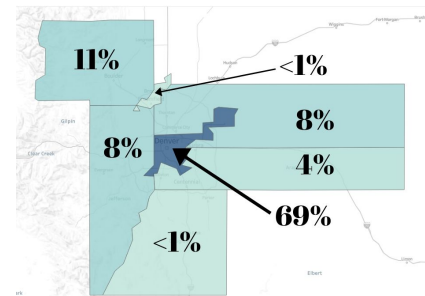
Transitional Housing

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Highlights

- Sleepover magnet event held at Aurora Day Resource Center
- 12 outreach zones covered by vans that evening
- Persons with current and lived experience supported and led each van

The Regional Population Breakdown



This data is provided by the MDHI Point in Time count: a one-night snapshot of literal homelessness in our communities. It was conducted on the night of January 28th, 2019. For more information, visit www.mdhi.org/pit_reports

This report summarizes key data points for the City of Aurora in Colorado, for the 2019 Point in Time (PIT) Count. The PIT is a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night. This data was collected for the night of January 28th, 2019. The full *Everyone Counts* Metro Denver Homeless Initiative's 2019 Point in Time report¹ goes into detail explaining the methodology used while preparing for the count, executing the survey throughout the seven-county region, de-duplicating and cleaning the data, and extrapolation methods utilized. Refer directly to the regional report when interpreting the data contained in this county specific report.

Living Situation by Household Type

Table 1. Number of Persons in Homeless Living Situations by Household Type on January 28, 2019.

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	223	50	30	303
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	62	24	0	86
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	285	74	30	389

Table 2. Change in Homeless Population by Living Situation, 2017 - 2019

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
2017	326	84	49	459
2018	224	18	115	357
2019	285	74	30	389

¹ https://www.mdhi.org/pit_reports

Chronic Homelessness

Table 3. Number of People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	68	0	6	74
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	3	0	0	3
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	71	0	6	77

Table 4. Chronic Homeless Population 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronic	111	32%	144	40%	77	20%

Newly Homeless

Table 5. Number of People Newly Homeless

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	39	2	2	43
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	11	0	0	11
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	50	2	2	54

Table 6. Newly Homeless Population 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newly	81	23%	123	35%	54	14%

Veterans

Table 7. Veteran Homelessness

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	23	12	2	37
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	2	3	0	5
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	25	15	2	42

*This question was only asked of adults.

Table 8. Veteran Homeless Population 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Veterans	33	7%	35	10%	42	12%

*This question was only asked of adults.

Families

Table 9. Families Experiencing Homelessness

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	Households	People	Households	People	Households	People
Families	22	62	9	24	0	0
Total of 86 Persons or 22% of the Homeless Population						

Table 10. Families Experiencing Homelessness 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Families	157	26%	117	33%	86	22%

Unaccompanied Youths

Table 11. Unaccompanied Youth

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Number of unaccompanied children (under age 18)	0	0	0	0
Number of unaccompanied youth (age 18-24)	15	2	0	17
Total	15	2	0	17
Total of 17 Persons or 4% of the Homeless Population				

Table 12. Unaccompanied Youth Population 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth	25	6%	14	4%	17	4%

Parenting Youth

Table 13. Parenting Youth Population

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	Households	People	Households	People	Households	People
Parenting Youth	2	4	0	0	0	0

Total of 4 Persons or 2% of the Homeless Population

Table 14. Parenting Youth Population 2017 - 2019

	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Parenting Youth	N/A	N/A	3	1%	4	1%

Mental Health Concern

Table 15. Indication of Mental Health Issue

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	74	26	10	110
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	8	5	0	13
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	82	31	10	123

*This question was only asked of adults.

Domestic Violence

Table 16. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence Situation

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	24	5	2	31
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	6	1	0	7
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	30	6	2	38

Substance Abuse Concern

Table 17. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	80	37	11	128
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	4	0	0	4
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	84	37	11	132

*This question was only asked of adults.

HIV/AIDS

Table 18. Indication of Living with AIDS/HIV

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	3	0	1	4
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	0	0	0	0
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	3	0	1	4

*This question was only asked of adults.

Companion Animal

Table 19. Companion/Service Animal Present

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Household without children	1	0	2	3
Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	0	0	0	0
Household with only children	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	2	3

*This question was only asked of adults.

Demographics

Table 20. Gender

	#	%
Female	155	40%
Male	227	58%
Transgender	0	0%
Gender Non-Conforming	2	1%
Missing	5	1%
Total	389	100%

Table 21. Race

	#	%
White	145	37%
Black or African American	133	34%
Asian	5	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	29	7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	1%
Multiple Races	56	14%
Other	0	0%
Missing	18	5%
Total	389	100%

Table 22. Ethnicity

	#	%
Non Hispanic/Latino	308	79%
Hispanic/Latino	72	19%
Missing	9	2%
Total	389	100%

Table 23. Age

	#	%
Child: 0-17	39	10%
Young Adult: 18-24	30	8%
Adult: 25 - 54	242	62%
Adult: 55 -64	68	17%
Adult: 65+	10	3%
Missing	0	0%
Total	389	100%

Removed and Sampled Data Summary

Table 24. Summary of Removed and Sampled Data

# Individuals in Raw Data File	364
<i>Individuals Removed and Reason:</i>	
Data quality issues	0
Observation/Refusal	0
Duplicate	6
Homeless Status could not be determined	8
Insufficient PIN Information	12
Not Homeless	26
Total individuals removed	52
Total individuals added via extrapolation	77
Total individuals remaining in dataset	389

Data Use Disclaimer

As MDHI seeks to be the leader of community data on homelessness, we want to verify proper interpretation and reliable use of complex data. For stakeholders using ad-hoc or reported data sourced by MDHI for publication, research, media or public reporting purposes, MDHI requests that stakeholders submit their draft document to MDHI at least 5 days prior to publication, by emailing hmishelp@mdhi.org

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**Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment
Policy Committee**

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: 2020 Ongoing Internal Homelessness Funding Request: - Capacity Building and Training Funding
Item Initiator: Shelley McKittrick
Staff Source: Shelley McKittrick, Director, Homelessness Program
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 4.0: Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work--2012: 4.0-- Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and wor

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

This funding request is a line item that has been funded for the last 2 years. This request is for Capacity Building and Training, \$25,000.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Homelessness Program is requesting renewed funding for: Capacity Building and Training, \$25,000.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee approve the funding requested, \$25,000, for Capacity Building and Training in 2020, continuing the work that has been accomplished over the last 2 years through the Homelessness Program?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

None

Date	Training	Attendance	Cost	Audience
12/9/2016	Creating Healing Communities to End Homelessness Symposium	150	\$6,000	Business, community orgs, city departments including APD, Fire, CE, Local Foundations...
				\$6,000
1/24/2017	Affordable Housing Challenges in Aurora	100	\$0	Warm Cookies for the Revolution Immigrant and Refugee community meeting at the Village Exchange Center HP Program Manager and 2 Comitis Program Managers - Traveled to Dallas and brought the training back to Aurora
4/15/2017	How to Be an Awesome Shelter	3	\$1,000	and Regionally 2 APD officers attending training in Nashville on outreach
5/10/2017	Outreach Training in Nashville	2	\$1,000	and homelessness
7/12/2017	Trauma Informed Care in the Shelter Setting	25	\$3,500	MHBHC New ADRC Staff/Comitis Staff
8/17/2017	How to Be an Awesome Shelter and Outreach Local Training	150	\$7,805	2-day training with follow-up onsite advising to Comitis Presented the information from the training in Dallas to the
11/24/2017	How to Be an Awesome Shelter	40	\$0	MDHI Coordinating Committee
12/13/2017	Family Promise Awesome Shelter Training	10	\$0	Family Promise Staff
				\$13,305
4/4/2018	Public Health Advocacy Talks	75		CU Anschutz Public Health and Nursing Students HP paid for 12 community provider members to be able to attend this national conference that was held in Denver. (4-
4/9/2018	Housing First Partners Conference	12	\$7,500	days)
4/12/2018	Family Promise Awesome Shelter Training	30		Family Promise Shelter Volunteer Training
7/18/2018	Aurora Health Access Quarterly Meeting	80	\$1,000	Homelessness Program Training and Call to Action
11/19/2018	Ready to Work Staff Training	25		General training on working with individuals experiencing homelessness in the setting of RTW as they prepare to open
				\$8,500
5/1/2019	Mental Health First Aid	25	\$1,000	Certification Training for MHBHC Shelter Staff
8/21/2019	Matt Bennett - Trauma Informed Organizational Leadership	14	\$1,664	Leadership from COA staff and Community Community-wide workshop for folks who work in high stress environments. Both City staff and Community Members
8/21/2019	Matt Bennett - Self Care Workshop	80	\$1,500	attending this training Regional Summit - Collaboration with MDHI and the Denver Foundation - Held at the Aurora Public Schools Professional
10/17/2019	Summit on Racial Equity in Housing and Homelessness	250	\$18,000	Training and Conference Center Regional Summit - Collaboration with MDHI and the Denver Foundation - Held at the Aurora Public Schools Professional
10/18/2019	Summit on Racial Equity in Housing and Homelessness			Training and Conference Center
				\$22,164
Totals over 3 years		18 Events	1071	\$49,965
				Average cost \$47/pp



**Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment
Policy Committee**

Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: Code Enforcement Process, Community Outreach, & Summons Outcomes
Item Initiator: Housing, Neighborhood Services, & Redevelopment
Staff Source: Sandra Youngman, Manager, Neighborhood Support/Code Enforcement
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 4.5: Maintain high-quality, livable neighborhoods--2012: 4.5--Maintain high-quality, livable neighborhood

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

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At the request of Mayor LeGare, staff was instructed to provide the HORNS committee with information regarding the code enforcement process. More specifically, the Mayor requested information regarding code enforcement matters that end up in Court and how city staff and municipal judges approach compliance and enforcement issues.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Staff will provide a general overview of the code enforcement process, including a discussion of what occurs when a violation ends up in Court. Code enforcement staff, the City Attorney's Office, and Judge Day will present and be available for questions.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee have any questions regarding the code enforcement process?

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

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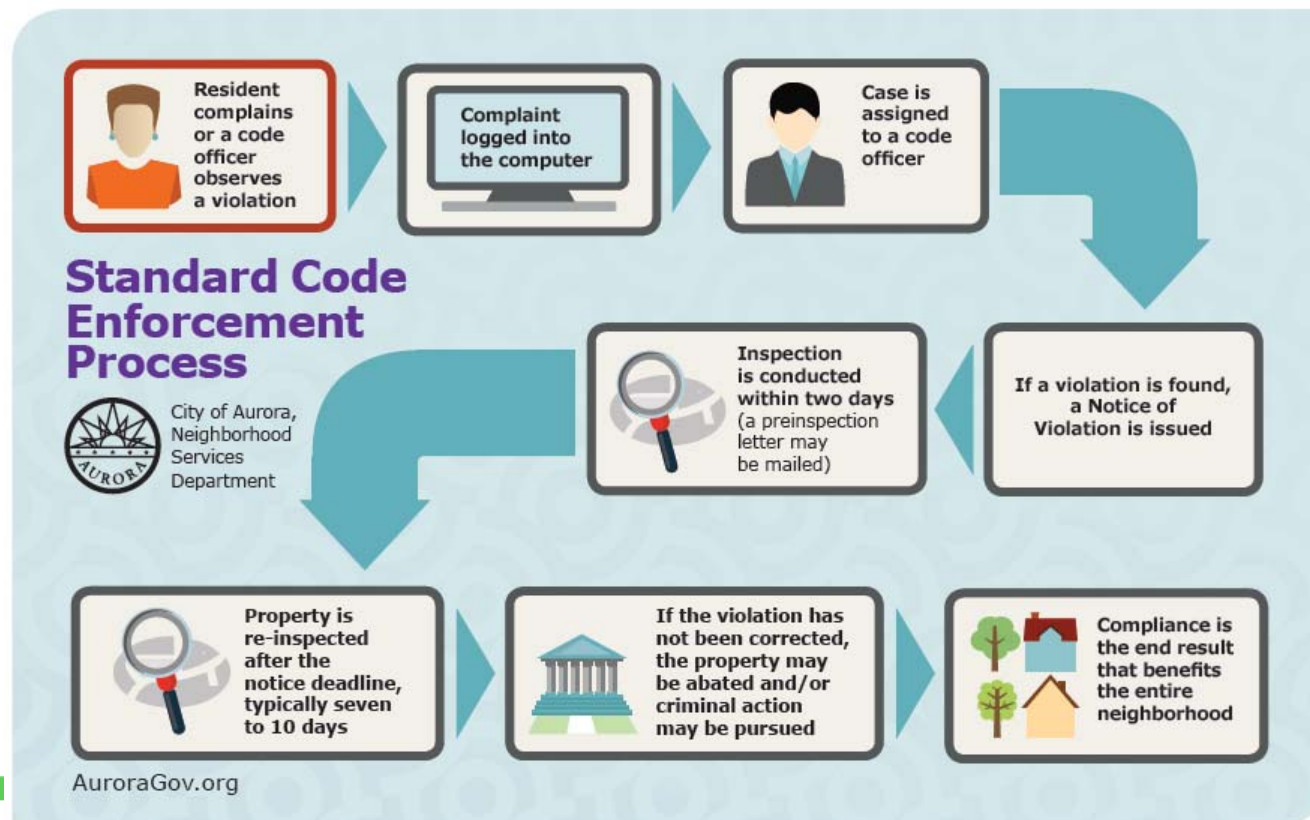
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Code Enforcement Process,
Community Outreach and Summons Outcomes



Sandra Youngman, Manager
Neighborhood Services Department
Code Enforcement Division

Code Enforcement Process



Enforcement and Alternatives

- Notices of Violation: 7-10 day compliance, 90% voluntary compliance, < 2% of all Notices receive summons
- Corrective Action Plan: Allows residents/tenant's to participate in setting compliance goals
- City Paid Abatements: Addresses illegal dumping; 2019 YTD, 93 sites cleaned, total cost \$14,568.07 to date
- Collaboration with city departments and other agencies
- Referral to City Programs: Water Conservation, Community Development Rehab
- GON: Removal of graffiti from residential properties (at no cost)
- Community Outreach and Education



Referral Assistance Programs

- Hazardous Tree Abatement Grants: 2018 – \$46,000; 2019 - \$90,000 allocated; Average removal cost \$3000
- Tool Lending Program: Non-motorized tools provided for property maintenance
- Snow Buster Program: Volunteers matched with residents in need of assistance
- Community Development Rehab Programs



Municipal Courts

Zoning Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Court Recommendations

- Guidelines focus on parameters for residential and commercial properties
- Code Enforcement Court Liaison reviews all summons issued
- Liaison works closely with City Attorney to make recommendations on fines and sentencing
- Liaison may recommend suspended fines to allow use of potential fine dollars toward compliance



QUESTIONS?



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