TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 55. COMMERCIAL PET BREEDERS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

SUBCHAPTER 1. LICENSING

35:55-1-4 [AMENDED]

35:55-1-6 [AMENDED]

35:55-1-8 [AMENDED]

35:55-1-9 [REVOKED]

SUBCHAPTER 3. STANDARDS OF CARE

35:55-3-2 [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 7. RECORDKEEPING AND SALES

35:55-7-1 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule amendments requires that an applicant pay a prelicense inspection fee; adds language for a licensee to provide the Department notice if they intend to expand their operation; requires a second prelicense fee to be paid if an owner or operator fails to show for the arranged inspection; adds language that gives owner or operator additional time to fix deficiencies from inspection report; adds a prelicense inspection fee; revokes the annual report requirements; adds language for temperature and water requirements for animals housed in non-temperature controlled environments; and adds language for sanitation records;

AUTHORITY:

Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31; State Board of Agriculture; 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2); and 4 O.S. § 30.1 et seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments to Kiersten Hamill at <u>kiersten.hamill@ag.ok.gov</u>, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, P.O. Box 528804, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-8804 during the period beginning December 1, 2023, and ending January 4, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m., January 4, 2024, in the ODAFF Board Room, located at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts, if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Kiersten Hamill at the address listed above during the period beginning December 1, 2023, and ending January 4, 2024.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained by visiting <u>www.ag.ok.gov/proposedrules</u> or by contacting Kiersten Hamill at the address listed above.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available at the address listed above. **CONTACT PERSON:**

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