



COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Jan Aramaki/Ben Luedtke
Policy Analysts

DATE: January 31, 2014 at 10:03 AM

**RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO HORSE-
DRAWN CARRIAGE REGULATIONS**

Briefing: Jan. 7, 2014, follow-up briefing Feb. 4, 2014

Set Date: took place on
December 3, 2013

Public Hearing: January 7,
2014 and continued to
February 4, 2014

Potential Action: Feb. 4, 2014

Council Sponsor: **Council Member Charlie Luke**

ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE

Salt Lake City regulates horse-drawn carriages on City streets. The hearing scheduled for February 4, 2014 is a continuation of a previous hearing. The Council will accept comment from individuals who did not have the opportunity to speak at the first installment of the public hearing. People who have spoken previously are free to submit written comment to the Council in advance of the hearing or at the hearing.

On January 7, 2014 straw polls, the Council voted unanimously to:

1. Merge Salt Lake County Animal Services' additional revisions into the original proposal. ¹
2. Change the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to a contract based approach.

The Council indicated it would continue discussions on:

- Whether to continue to allow horse-drawn carriages on City streets
- Temperature range for operations ^{2 3 4}
- Carriage routes ⁵
- Fee structure

¹ Attachment I, previous Council staff report dated January 2, 2014.

² Attachment II: M.S. Davis, C.M. Royer, E.C. McKenzie, K.K. Williamson, M. Payron and D. Marlin. "Cold air-induced late-phase bronchoconstriction in horses." Equine Exercise Physiology (2006). Test described in the article included walking, trotting, and cantering. Horse-drawn carriages generally include horses walking or trotting but not cantering.

³ Attachment III: Heat index chart

⁴ Attachment IV: Summary Tables Air Temperature, AQI Data for Salt Lake City

⁵ Attachment V: Council Member Charlie Luke's proposed route and a map of the downtown quadrant.



Attached for the Council's consideration is a revised amendment that includes the changes noted in numbers one and two above. According to the Administration's transmittal, the Administration met with the County and came to mutual agreement on all the proposed revisions in the attached ordinance amendment.

A few items to note relating to the proposed changes:

1. Language added: "Whenever a police officer responds to the scene of an accident involving a horse-drawn carriage and a vehicle, the police department shall verify that both the Office of Animal Services and the City's Business Licensing Division have received notice of such accident." (Section 5.37.270 Accidents)
2. The proposed ordinance requires that a carriage business report the disposal of a horse to the Office of Animal Services whether by: sale, gift, lease, routine death or other means of disposition within ten (10) business days. *"Any disposal must be properly documented and conducted in a humane manner. All work related deaths of carriage horses, including deaths involving circumstances potentially attributable to such horses' working or living conditions, must be reported to Animal Services within twelve (12) business hours of discovery."* (Section 5.37.300)
3. The ordinance indicates that as part of the contract based system, a limit of three carriage businesses shall be awarded a department contract to provide carriage services. (Section 5.37.080)

The Council may wish to inquire with the Administration and Animal Services the reasoning behind the limit.

4. The proposed ordinance does not specify fees beyond those currently existing, but it does move the process to a contract-based approach. Current business licensing fees for horse-drawn carriages: annual fee \$44; per carriage fee \$45.63.

The Council may wish to ask the Administration to do further research on the basis and approach to fees in other cities, and return to the Council with more information before taking the next steps to implement the contract approach.

5. The draft does not propose changes to the carriage routes. Routes remain in the downtown quadrant as "bounded by the following streets: North Temple, 200 East, 400 South and 200 West."

The Council may wish to discuss route alternatives and/or quadrants.

6. Currently Section 5.37.165: HOURS, of *Salt Lake City Code* states a horse drawn carriage is restricted from operating on City streets during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.

Council staff assumes this restriction was to avoid conflicts with rush hour traffic during weekdays.

The Council may wish to clarify this section of code to specify whether horse-drawn carriages are allowed to operate within these time frames on the weekend.

7. The Administration's draft ordinance maintains a horse-drawn carriage committee in Section 5.37.047. The Committee is appointed by the Mayor and includes: City transportation engineer, a business licensing division representative, an appointed City representative, and an Animal Services representative. The draft specifies that any changes or revisions to the horse-drawn carriage business operations shall be reviewed by the horse-drawn carriage committee. However, any determinations by the committee that would be inconsistent with the provision of the *Salt Lake City Code* shall be submitted to the City Council for final decision.

The Council may wish to include the state veterinarian (housed in the State Department of Agriculture) in the list of committee members.

The Council may wish to specify that conclusions of the committee shall be maintained in writing and provided to the City Recorder by the City Department staffing the committee, and that the business of the committee shall be conducted in accordance with the Utah Open Meetings requirements.

The Council may also wish to discuss including a representative from a horse carriage business as a non-voting committee member. As an alternative, carriage owners and other interested individuals could be allowed to address the group in the public meetings.

8. The Administration's draft ordinance includes using a heat index for the maximum temperature but using ambient air temperature for the lower limit. The Council discussed using ambient air temperature for both high and low limits because heat index is complicated to interpret. The proposed temperature range in the ordinance is 10°F (-10°F with wind chill)—104°F heat index.

The Council may wish to discuss the pros and cons of using ambient air temperature versus a heat index.

9. Other cities specify the age of horse to be a minimum age of 3 years; however, the County's horse expert recommends five years old.

Both ages have been referenced in the ordinance amendment.

The Council needs to specify one or the other.

10. The ordinance currently includes a specific time frame for when a horse shall be shod and trimmed. A public comment has indicated that it would be better to change the ordinance requirement from four to six weeks to simply state at appropriate and regular intervals as deemed necessary by a qualified farrier." Claims *"in general, draft horses require reshoeing less frequently than saddle horse breeds, principally as a function of their 'cold blood' metabolism . . . horses hooves typically grow much slower in the winter, and more quickly in the spring through summer time frame. Meeting the proposed 4-6 weeks could potentially be harmful to draft horses. If one attempts to reshoe a horse whose hooves have not grown out, there is increased risk of causing harm to the horse by trimming the hooves too short. Potentially causing weakening the walls of the hooves because there is insufficient distance between the old nail holes and the ones that would be created in re-shoeing."*

The Council may wish to replace the specific requirement with the language of 'as recommended by a qualified farrier.' As an alternative, the Council could change the ordinance to charge the committee with making a determination in writing after consulting with a qualified farrier and the State Veterinarian (and/or other qualified veterinarians).

11. Two vaccination issues were raised in the public comment. The Council may wish to replace the specific requirements with language to charge the committee with making a determination in writing after consulting with the State Veterinarian and / or other qualified veterinarians. Suggestions were to:
 - a. Change the requirement for Eastern & Western Encephalitis and tetanus from every six months to annually. The comment claims that vaccines have been demonstrated time and time again to be efficacious for at least a year. The comment indicated that there is a potential to lead to increasingly recognized health issues associated with over-vaccination.
 - b. Require a West Nile virus vaccination annually.

POLICY QUESTIONS

Open City Hall received 631 comments from the public as of January 28, 2014.⁶ Also attached is a list containing additional comments received in the Council Office – comments haven't yet been summarized by Council staff. Staff will provide any additional summary to the Council prior to the Council meeting.

The Council may wish to discuss with the Administration and/or Salt Lake County Animal Services issues raised or recommendations made through Open City Hall and at the public hearing.

⁶ Refer to Attachment VI to review Open City Hall comments.

Below is a summary of questions/concerns raised that the Council may wish to consider:

- a. Address the care and welfare of the horses more adequately.
- b. Redefine a veterinarian to mean any person legally licensed to practice veterinary medicine who devotes at least 25 or up to 40 percent of his or her practice to providing care for equine animals rather than the proposed 15 percent. *(Staff note: the number of equine-qualified vets is limited. Being more specific about the percentage of practice required may create unintended consequences – having a horse seen by a vet with 15 percent of his / her practice in the equine area should make the pool of veterinarians slightly larger, and therefore more available to address animal care issues.)*
- c. Require carriages to be equipped with a thermostat so drivers can be aware of actual temperature.
- d. Allocate a lane in traffic specifically for horse-drawn carriages if carriages are allowed to operate in the downtown area.
- e. Decrease the total hours a horse can work from 8 hours to 4-6 hours within a 24 hour period when higher temperatures exist.
- f. Set a maximum age a horse can pull a horse-drawn carriage.
- g. Expand the definition of a blanket to include appropriate “cooler.” Claims “a cooler specifically provides warmth to a horse while allowing the moisture to be absorbed. . . claims more harm can be done to a horse if an “unbreathable blanket” is placed on a sweaty horse by preventing the evaporation of the sweat and rather traps the heat and causes a horse to sweat more.”

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SCANNED TO: Mayor
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DATE: 1-28-14
RALPH BECKER
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

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David Everitt, Chief of Staff

Date Received: 01/28/2014
Date sent to Council: 01/28/2014

TO: Salt Lake City Council
Charlie Luke, Chair

DATE: January 28, 2014

FROM: Rick Graham, Director
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SUBJECT: Regulating Horse Drawn Carriage Businesses – Follow-Up Briefing

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COUNCIL SPONSOR: Councilmember Charlie Luke

DOCUMENT TYPE: Amended Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the City Council either (1) Approve the ordinance amendments accompanying this transmittal or (2) Consider adopting an ordinance that adopts many of the amendments proposed in the attached ordinance including replacing the current regulatory framework (certificates of public convenience) with a contract-based regulatory framework.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Administration last briefed the City Council on January 7, 2014. That same day, the Council held a public hearing. At the conclusion of the briefing, the Council took a straw poll to:

- (1) Have the County's additional revisions included as part of the proposed ordinance.
- (2) Change certificate of public convenience and necessity to a contract-based framework.

- (3) Council will continue discussion on evaluating temperature ranges, carriage routes, fees, and whether it is in the best interest of the City to keep the horse drawn carriage business on City streets.

Attached, is a draft REVISED ordinance that reflects the additional revisions proposed by the County, and changes the regulatory framework from a certificate of public convenience and necessity to a contract based framework. Since the last briefing, the Administration met with the County to review the County's proposed revisions. The Administration and County came to mutual agreement on all the revisions and included the revisions in the draft ordinance.

The Council may wish to consider and discuss the following sections and either adopt the provision or provide the Administration with further direction.

Section 1. Chapter 8.16 of the code is repealed in its entirety and is moved in its entirety into Chapter 5.37. Though the County supports the City's preference to combine the two chapters, it prefers to keep the chapters separate. Combining the chapters captures all horse carriage regulations into one chapter.

Section 5.37.195. HOURS. No changes were made to this section. The Council may wish to consider whether carriage business hours remain the same for Saturday and Sunday business operations.

Section 5.37.200. ROUTES. No changes have been made to this section. The Council expressed interest in discussing a change in specific routes and/or quadrants.

Section 5.37.280.E. PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR WORK. Both the City and County considered the appropriate age of a horse placed in service to pull a carriage. Best practice is 3 years old. The County's horse expert recommends 5 years old. The City and County have no strong preference. The Council should discuss and choose the age it feels is appropriate and in the best interest of the horse.

Section 5.37.285.D. OTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING CARRIAGE HORSES – (WEATHER). No changes were made to the temperature range in which a horse shall work. The Council has expressed an interest in discussing this issue. City and County staff will be prepared to discuss temperature range as it relates to the ambient heat index.

Section 5.37.300. DISPOSING OF CARRIAGE HORSES. This is a new section added by the County that requires a carriage business to report the disposal; by sale, gift, lease, or routine death, of a horse to the Office of Animal Services. Any disposal must be properly documented and conducted in a humane manner. Also, all work-related deaths, including deaths involving circumstances potentially attributed to such horses' working conditions must also be reported.

PUBLIC PROCESS: A public hearing was held by the Council on January 7, 2014.

Attachments

1 SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE
2 No. _____ of 2014
3 (Updating the City's Ordinances Regarding Carriage Businesses)
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5 An ordinance repealing Chapter 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code in its entirety and
6 renumbering and amending Chapter 5.37 of the Salt Lake City Code, regarding the operation of
7 carriage businesses.
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9 WHEREAS, Salt Lake City Corporation (the "City") has previously enacted ordinances
10 pertaining to the regulation of carriage businesses within the City; and
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12 WHEREAS, ordinances specifically governing carriage businesses can currently be found
13 in Chapters 5.37 and 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code; and
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15 WHEREAS, on rare occasions incidents within the City involving carriage horses have
16 occurred in which carriage horses needed medical care or attention; and
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18 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to consolidate the ordinances governing carriage
19 businesses into a single chapter of the Code in order to facilitate understanding and awareness
20 of all pertinent City ordinances; and
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22 WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to amend the ordinances governing carriage
23 businesses to further provide for the welfare of the carriage horses and to make other changes
24 regarding carriage businesses;
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26 NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:
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28 SECTION 1. Chapter 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.
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30 SECTION 2. Chapter 5.37 of the Salt Lake City Code is hereby renumbered and amended
31 to read as follows:
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Article I. Definitions

33 **5.37.005: Definitions And Interpretation Of Language**

34 **5.37.008: Animal Services Or Office Of Animal Services**

35 **5.37.010: Applicant**

36 **5.37.015: Carriage Or Horsedrawn Carriage**

37 **5.37.020: Carriage Business**

38 **5.37.025: Carriage Stand**

39 **5.37.030: Department Contract**

40 **5.37.035: Driver**

41 **5.37.040: Holder**

42 **5.37.045: Horse**

43 **5.37.047: Horsedrawn Carriage Committee**

5.37.050: Person (Rep. by Ord. 37-99 § 1, 1999)

5.37.055: Stable

5.37.060: Veterinarian

5.37.065: Work

5.37.005: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE:

The words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings defined and set forth in this article.

5.37.008: ANIMAL SERVICES OR OFFICE OF ANIMAL SERVICES:

"Animal services" or "office of animal services" means that division or office of the city or that person or entity with which the city has contracted to perform animal control and inspection services on behalf of the city.

5.37.010: APPLICANT:

"Applicant" means the person signing an application either for a carriage business license or for a driver's license under this chapter.

5.37.015: CARRIAGE OR HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE:

"Carriage" or "horsedrawn carriage" means any device in, upon, or by which any person is or may be transported or drawn upon a public way and which is designed to be drawn by horses.

5.37.020: CARRIAGE BUSINESS:

"Carriage business" means any person offering to transport another person for any valuable consideration and by means of a horsedrawn carriage.

5.37.025: CARRIAGE STAND:

"Carriage stand" means that portion of a curb lane designated by the city's division of transportation for loading and unloading of passengers for horsedrawn carriages.

5.37.030: DEPARTMENT CONTRACT:

"Department contract" means a valid, existing, and current contract negotiated and approved by the city's department of public services for providing horsedrawn carriage services upon Salt Lake City streets.

5.37.035: DRIVER:

"Driver" means any person operating or in actual physical control of a horsedrawn carriage, or

any person sitting in the driver's seat of such carriage with the intention of causing it to be moved by a horse.

5.37.040: HOLDER:

"Holder" means any person to whom a certificate of convenience and necessity has been issued and which certificate is unexpired.

5.37.045: HORSE:

"Horse" means an animal purely of the genus *Equus caballus*, specifically excluding crosses with other genera.

5.37.047: HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE COMMITTEE:

"Horsedrawn carriage committee" means a committee appointed by the mayor to consider issues pertaining to the operation of horsedrawn carriages in the city, which shall include the city transportation engineer, a police department representative, a city attorney representative, a business licensing division representative, an appointed city representative, and an animal services representative. Any changes or revisions to the horse drawn carriage business operations described in Chapter 5.37, shall be reviewed by the horsedrawn carriage committee. However, any determinations by the committee that would be inconsistent with the provisions of the Salt Lake City Code shall be submitted to the City Council for a final decision.

5.37.050: PERSON:

(Rep. by Ord. 37-99 § 1, 1999)

5.37.055: STABLE:

"Stable" means any place or facility where one or more horses are housed or maintained.

5.37.060: VETERINARIAN:

"Veterinarian" means any person legally licensed to practice veterinary medicine who devotes at least fifteen percent (15%) of his or her practice to providing care for equine animals.

5.37.065: WORK:

"Work", with reference to a horse, means that the horse is out of the stable and presented as being available for pulling carriages; in harness; or pulling a carriage.

Article II. Authority To Operate

- 118 **5.37.070: Compliance Responsibility**
119 **5.37.075: Department Contract Required For Operation**
120 **5.37.080: Contract-Based System For Provision Of Carriage Services**
121 **5.37.085: Fees**
122 **5.37.090: Existing Holders' Certificates**
123 **5.37.095: Certificate Not A Franchise And Not Irrevocable**
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125 **5.37.070: COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY:**
- 126 A. All persons shall comply with and operate under requirements of applicable law, including,
127 without limitation, federal, state, county and city laws and ordinances, including, but not
128 limited to, this chapter, title 8 of this code, and all department rules and regulations.
- 129 B. A carriage business shall not be relieved of any responsibility for compliance with the
130 provisions of this chapter, regardless of form the carriage business uses to compensate its
131 drivers - whether by paying salary, wages, or any other form of compensation.
- 132 **5.37.075: DEPARTMENT CONTRACT REQUIRED FOR OPERATION:**
- 133 A. No person shall operate or permit a carriage owned or controlled by such person to be
134 operated as a vehicle for hire upon the streets of Salt Lake City unless such person is
135 authorized to do so under a department contract with the city.
- 136 B. No person shall operate a carriage business in the city unless the person is authorized to do
137 so under a department contract with the city. Nothing in such department contract shall
138 relieve a carriage business from complying with the requirements of applicable laws,
139 including, but not limited to, this chapter, title 8 of this code, and all department rules and
140 regulations.
- 141 **5.37.080: CONTRACT-BASED SYSTEM FOR PROVISION OF CARRIAGE SERVICES:**
- 142 A. The city hereby adopts a contract-based system for provision of carriage services. Only
143 carriage businesses selected pursuant to a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process
144 and who have entered into a department contract with the City pertaining to carriage
145 services may provide such carriage services upon Salt Lake City streets.
- 146 1. Following the RFP process, not more than three (3) carriage businesses shall be
147 awarded a department contract to provide carriage services.
- 148 2. The total number of carriages authorized to operate in the city under all such
149 department contracts shall be not more than thirty (30).

B. Existing certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the city for carriage services shall expire no sooner than one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date hereof. The city may elect, in the city's sole discretion, to continue the expiration date up to an additional one hundred eighty (180) days. Upon expiration, a pro rata refund of that portion of the certificate fee shall be given to those persons whose certificates have expired prior to the portion of the year remaining at the time of expiration.

5.37.085: FEES:

No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall continue in operation prior to the expiration as set forth in section [5.37.080](#) of this chapter unless the holder thereof has paid the annual business regulatory fee as shown on the Salt Lake City consolidated fee schedule, each year for each carriage authorized under a certificate. Such fees shall be in addition to any other fees or charges established by proper authority and applicable to the certificate holder of the carriage or carriages under the holder's operation and control.

5.37.090: EXISTING HOLDERS' CERTIFICATES:

All holders of existing carriage certificates of public convenience and necessity on the effective date hereof shall retain such certificates, allowing them to operate the same number of carriages as they are presently authorized to operate, the public convenience and necessity having heretofore been demonstrated, until such certificates expire as provided in subsection [5.37.080\(B\)](#) of this chapter.

5.37.095: CERTIFICATE NOT A FRANCHISE AND NOT IRREVOCABLE:

No certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in accordance with this chapter, or its successor, shall be construed to be either a franchise or irrevocable.

Article III. Driver Licensing

5.37.100: Licenses Required For Carriage Operators

5.37.105: Carriage Driver License Application:

5.37.110: Application; Verification:

5.37.115: Application; Fee Required:

5.37.120: Fingerprints Required:

5.37.125: Investigation of Applicant:

5.37.130: Driver's Qualifications:

5.37.135: Hearing Upon Rejection:

5.37.140: Term of Carriage Driver License:

5.37.145: License; Display:

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186 **5.37.100: LICENSES REQUIRED FOR CARRIAGE OPERATORS:**
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188 It is unlawful for any person to operate or for a carriage business to permit any person to
189 operate a carriage for hire or a training cart upon the streets of the city without such operator:

- 190 A. being at least twenty one (21) years of age;
- 191 B. having first obtained and having then in force a current Utah motor vehicle operator's
192 license valid in the state of Utah; and
- 193 C. having first obtained and having then in force a current carriage driver license from the City
194 expressly permitting that person to operate a horsedrawn carriage.

195 **5.37.105: CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION:**
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- 197 A. A prospective applicant for a carriage driver license shall provide to the Salt Lake City
198 business licensing supervisor a completed written application using the form provided
199 therefore by the business licensing department. The application form shall include, but
200 is not necessarily limited to, the following information regarding the applicant:
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- 202 1. The correct legal name of the applicant;
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 - 204 2. Any other names or aliases used by the applicant;
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 - 206 3. Age, birth date, and place of birth;
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 - 208 4. Height;
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 - 210 5. Weight;
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 - 212 6. Color of hair;
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 - 214 7. Color of eyes;
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 - 216 8. Present business address and telephone number;
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 - 218 9. Present residence and telephone number;
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 - 220 10. Utah driver's license number;
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 - 222 11. Social security number;
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 - 224 12. A statement of the business, occupation or employment history of the applicant for
225 three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application;

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227 13. A statement detailing the license or permit history of the applicant for the five (5)
228 year period immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, including
229 whether such applicant while previously operating or seeking to operate, in this or any
230 other county, city, state or territory, has ever had a license, permit or authorization to
231 do business denied, revoked or suspended, or has had any professional or vocational
232 license or permit denied, revoked or suspended. In the event of any such denial,
233 revocation or suspension, state the date, the name of the issuing or denying jurisdiction,
234 and state in full the reasons for the denial, revocation or suspension. A copy of any
235 order of denial, revocation or suspension shall be attached to the application;
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237 14. A statement detailing all criminal convictions or pleas of nolo contendere, except
238 those that have been expunged, and the disposition of all such arrests for the applicant
239 for five (5) years prior to the date of the application. This disclosure shall include
240 identification of any circumstances involving animal cruelty and shall include all
241 ordinance violations, excepting minor traffic offenses (any traffic offense designated as
242 a felony, a class A misdemeanor, or an alcohol-related offense shall not be construed as
243 a minor traffic offense), stating the date, place, nature of each conviction or plea of nolo
244 contendere and sentence of each conviction or other disposition; identifying the
245 convicting jurisdiction and sentencing court and providing the court identifying case
246 numbers or docket numbers. Application for a carriage operator's license shall
247 constitute a waiver of disclosure of any criminal conviction or plea of nolo contendere
248 for the purposes of any proceeding involving the carriage horse operator's license;
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250 15. A written certification from the carriage business employing the applicant driver
251 stating that the applicant driver has received training from the said carriage business as
252 to the requirements governing the operation of carriages as set forth in this chapter.
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254 **5.37.110: APPLICATION; VERIFICATION:**
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256 The application for a carriage driver license shall be verified by the applicant under oath, and
257 he/she shall be required to swear to the truthfulness of the matters contained upon the
258 application.

259 **5.37.115: APPLICATION; FEE REQUIRED:**
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261 At the time the carriage driver license application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the business
262 license office the fee shown on the Salt Lake City consolidated fee schedule.

263 **5.37.120: FINGERPRINTS REQUIRED:**
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265 The prospective applicant for a carriage driver license shall be required to file with the police
266 department two (2) sets of fingerprint impressions, which shall be taken under the supervision
267 of the chief of police.

5.37.125: INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT:

- A. The police department shall conduct an investigation of each applicant for each carriage driver license, and shall review all of the information filed by the applicant as required by this article. Upon completion of the investigation, the police department shall recommend approval or disapproval of the proposed application to the business license administrator on the operator application form.
- B. It shall be the duty of the police department to report in writing to the business license administrator any misrepresentation or falsification by the applicant on the police recommendation form which may be uncovered by the police investigation, and any such misrepresentation or falsification will constitute just cause for the business license administrator to refuse to issue a carriage driver license, or to suspend or revoke the same if it has been issued.
- C. The police department's recommendation required by subsection A of this section shall be based upon:
1. Findings of the criteria specified in section 5.37.130 of this chapter, or its successor;
 2. The police department's recommendation may take into account the length of time between any criminal conviction and the application for the license and may also take into account the applicant's rehabilitation efforts, if any.

5.37.130: DRIVER'S QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Except as hereinafter set forth, no permit or renewal of a carriage driver license shall be issued to any of the following persons:
1. Any person under the age of twenty one (21) years;
 2. Any person who is currently required to register with the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry pursuant to title 77, chapter 41 of the Utah Code Annotated, or its successor;;
 3. Any person who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, narcotic or dangerous drugs, a felony conviction for an offense against a person or property, unless a period of not less than five (5) years shall have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement for such offense, whichever is later;
 4. Any person who has been convicted of driving a vehicle recklessly within the five (5) years immediately preceding application for a permit;
 5. Any person who has been convicted of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or of being in or about a vehicle while under the

influence of alcohol or a controlled substance with the intent of driving such vehicle,
within the five (5) years immediately preceding application for a permit;

6. Any person who has been convicted of two (2) or more felonies;

7. Any person who has been convicted of offenses involving animal cruelty.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A3 or A6 of this section, if the hearing examiner receives letters or testimony at a hearing, as provided in [chapter 5.02](#) of this title, which proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the applicant has reformed his/her moral character so as to pose no threat to members of the public, the license shall be issued. Part of the letters or testimony used to establish the preponderance shall come from the applicant's parole officer, if the applicant is still on parole. Failure to provide a recommendation from the applicant's parole officer, if the applicant is on parole, shall be grounds to deny the request.

5.37.135: HEARING UPON REJECTION:

If the application for a carriage driver license is rejected, the applicant shall be entitled, upon request, to a hearing before a hearing examiner as provided in [chapter 5.02](#) of this title, or its successor.

5.37.140: TERM OF CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENSE:

All carriage driver licenses issued pursuant to this Chapter are valid for one year, unless suspended or revoked, and shall be both nonassignable and nontransferable. A carriage driver license may be renewed by submitting the application and renewal fees to the city prior to the expiration of the current license.

5.37.145: LICENSE; DISPLAY:

Every driver operating a carriage under this chapter shall keep his or her current, valid, carriage driver license and Utah motor vehicle operator's license on his or her person while such driver is operating a carriage, and shall exhibit the license upon demand of any police officer, animal services officer, license inspector, or any authorized agent of the license office of the city.

Article IV. Carriage Equipment And Maintenance

5.37.150: Carriage Inspection Prior To Licensing

5.37.155: Periodic Inspections

5.37.150: CARRIAGE INSPECTION PRIOR TO LICENSING:

Prior to the use and operation of any carriage under the provisions of this chapter, the carriage shall be thoroughly examined and inspected by the office of animal services and found to comply with the specifications of section 5.37.155 of this chapter, or its successor.

5.37.155: PERIODIC INSPECTIONS:

A. Specifications: Every carriage operating under this chapter shall be inspected by the office of animal services at least once each year in order to make certain each carriage is being maintained in a safe and efficient operating condition in accordance with the following inspection requirements:

1. Each carriage shall be equipped with two (2) electrified white lights visible for one thousand feet (1,000') to the front of the carriage, and two (2) electrified red lights visible for one thousand feet (1,000') to the rear of the carriage. All lights shall be operational from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise and during times of lessened visibility. Electrified directional signals are required at all times;

2. Each carriage shall be equipped with hydraulic or factory equipped mechanical brakes appropriate for the design of the particular carriage;

3. Each carriage shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem (red triangle) attached to the rear of the carriage;

4. Each carriage shall permanently and prominently display the name and telephone number of the carriage business and the number of the carriage operating it on the rear portion of such carriage;

5. Each carriage shall be equipped with a device to catch horse manure falling to the pavement. Urine must be immediately sprinkled with deodorizing urine solidifying granules that will allow the urine to be removed as solid waste. The driver shall then be responsible for sweeping or shoveling the solidified urine into the device for catching excrement and disposing of both wastes in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. The deodorizing urine solidifying granules shall be eco-friendly, safe, recyclable, non-toxic, and non-harmful to people and property.

6. Each carriage shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;

7. The harness and any other components used to tether the carriage to a horse shall include, but not be limited to, a padded saddle, soft pads, and where appropriate a properly oiled bit. Such harness and other components must be clean, well-maintained, and of high quality;

370 8. Each carriage shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, a blindfold, a
371 cutting implement, a halter with lead, and any other emergency tools the carriage
372 business deems useful for the protection of the horse, driver and passengers in the
373 event of an emergency;

374 9. Upon satisfactory inspection a copy of the completed horse carriage inspection form
375 used by the animal services will be given to the carriage business and a copy of such
376 inspection form shall be kept in the carriage whenever such carriage is being operated
377 on city streets.

378 B. Training Cart: This article shall be fully applicable to training carts with the exception of
379 subsection A2 of this section regarding brakes. In addition, all training carts shall be clearly
380 marked, on the rear portion of such cart, with the words: "CAUTION: HORSE IN TRAINING".

381 **Article V. Conduct Of Drivers And Operation Of Carriages**

382 **5.37.160: Traffic Laws**

383 **5.37.165: Lights**

384 **5.37.170: Speed**

385 **5.37.175: Presence And Control**

386 **5.37.180: Number Of Passengers**

387 **5.37.185: Passengers Restricted To Passenger Area**

388 **5.37.190: Manner And Appearance**

389 **5.37.195: Hours**

390 **5.37.200: Routes**

391 **5.37.205: Termini**

392 **5.37.210: Rates**

393 **5.37.160: TRAFFIC LAWS:**

395 A driver operating a horsedrawn carriage shall be subject to all laws of the city pertaining to the
396 driver of any vehicle.

397 **5.37.165: LIGHTS:**

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399 The driver of each carriage in operation from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset until one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$)
400 hour before sunrise, and in conditions of poor visibility, shall turn on the front and tail lights of
401 the carriage and take any action necessary to make them operational, such as by replacing a
402 light bulb.

403 **5.37.170: SPEED:**

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405 The driver shall not permit the speed at which any horsedrawn carriage is driven to exceed a
406 slow trot.

5.37.175: PRESENCE AND CONTROL:

No driver shall leave the carriage unattended in a public place.

5.37.180: NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:

No driver shall permit more than six (6) passengers, five (5) years of age or older to ride in the carriage at one time, plus no more than two (2) children under five (5) years of age, if seated on the laps of adult passengers, unless the carriage was designed to carry fewer, in which event the carriage shall not carry more passengers than it was designed to carry. With regard to a training cart, no more than two (2) passengers shall be permitted, neither of which shall be a customer for hire.

5.37.185: PASSENGERS RESTRICTED TO PASSENGER AREA:

No driver shall permit a customer to ride on any part of the carriage while in motion, unless the passenger is seated inside the carriage. No customer shall be allowed to ride while sitting on the same seat as the carriage driver at any time while the carriage is in motion.

5.37.190: MANNER AND APPEARANCE:

Drivers shall be courteous in manner and shall adhere to the following standards of appearance, in order to meet the interests of Salt Lake City in such transportation:

- A. Wear enclosed shoes or boots.
- B. Maintain their hair, and beards or mustaches, if any, in a clean and groomed condition.
- C. Maintain their clothes in a clean and repaired condition.
- D. Be free from offensive odor.
- E. Not at any time expose the following body regions: the stomach, back, shoulders, chest, hips, buttocks, abdomen, genitals, or thighs higher than four inches (4") above the knee.
- F. Not wear as outer garments any clothing manufactured and commonly worn as underwear.
- G. Not wear T-shirts as outer garments unless as a part of a company uniform.
- H. Wear shirttails and shirt hems tucked into pants, and shall use a belt or suspenders when pants are designed for their use.
- I. Not wear sweatpants or sweatshirts designed for athletic use.

439 J. At all times bear an identification of the company with which they are associated on their
440 shirts, whether as a shirt logo, name tag, photo identification badge, or otherwise, as shall
441 be approved by the city.

442 K. Any driver who desires that an exception be made to any requirement under this section on
443 any grounds may notify the city law department of the same in writing and request a review
444 of the same by such mayoral hearing examiners as the mayor deems appropriate to
445 consider such matters with the assistance of the city law department. Such exception shall
446 be granted if such driver can demonstrate that the requirement from which an exception is
447 requested is unduly restrictive of any religious, political or personal right of the driver, as
448 provided under the United States or Utah constitution or laws, or Salt Lake City ordinances.

449 **5.37.195: HOURS:**

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451 Neither a carriage business nor any driver shall operate or allow to be operated its carriages on
452 the streets of the city during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. to nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.
453 and four o'clock (4:00) P.M. to six o'clock (6:00) P.M.

454 **5.37.200: ROUTES:**

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456 A. 1. The carriage businesses and drivers shall operate horsedrawn carriages only upon
457 certain streets within specified routes and/or quadrants and according to restrictions
458 authorized by the city's horsedrawn carriage committee. In determining said routes,
459 restrictions, and/or quadrants, the horsedrawn carriage committee shall seek to ensure
460 safe and efficient movement of transportation within the city, and shall take into
461 consideration the location of the streets therein, the expected traffic flow upon such
462 streets, the history of traffic accidents upon such streets, the width of such streets, and
463 any natural or manmade physical features of such streets which may be pertinent to the
464 safe and efficient movement of transportation thereon.

465 2. With regard to the determination as to which holders may operate carriages and as to
466 the number of carriages to be operated by such holders along a particular route or
467 within a particular quadrant within the city, the city horsedrawn carriage committee
468 shall, no later than February 15, 1990, develop a process for allocating in an equitable
469 manner such routes and/or quadrants among holders. Said process shall not
470 unreasonably withhold entry into the market from holders which have not previously
471 operated along a particular route or within a particular quadrant. Said allocation shall be
472 made on an annual basis, no earlier than February 15 of each calendar year.

473 3. As of the effective date hereof, subject to amendment by the city horsedrawn
474 carriage committee as provided in this section, there shall be established a quadrant for
475 the operation of horsedrawn carriages which shall be bounded by the following streets:
476 North Temple, 200 East, 400 South, and 200 West. The maximum number of carriages,

which shall be allowed to operate within said quadrant at any one time, unless amended by the city horsedrawn carriage committee, shall be twenty (20).

B. Carriage businesses are barred from using streets which:

1. Have a speed limit exceeding thirty five (35) miles per hour, unless prior approval is obtained;

2. Do not have traffic signals at major intersections;

3. Involve major arterials during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. to six o'clock (6:00) P.M., including, but not limited to, State Street, 700 East, 500 South and 600 South from 700 East west to I-15.

C. The authorized routes and termini shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the city horsedrawn carriage committee in order to ensure safe and efficient movement of transportation within the city, according to the guidelines set forth in this section. Advance charter carriage rides may deviate from the authorized routes provided that the carriage business obtains a written permit from the city horsedrawn carriage committee authorizing such deviation.

5.37.205: TERMINI:

Approved on street route termini include those areas designated by the city horsedrawn carriage committee. Drivers shall not stop on street longer than the maximum three (3) minutes available in any designated freight or passenger loading zone unless it is at a termini location approved by the city horsedrawn carriage committee or in a legal parking space. Each holder shall obtain permission from the property owner of all off street staging areas before using such areas. Upon request by the city horsedrawn carriage committee, a holder shall verify such permission to use such off street staging area by submitting to the engineer evidence of such written permission from the property owner. Drivers shall not stop at designated bus stops, bus lanes, or any other restricted parking areas.

5.37.210: RATES:

All drivers must make available to any person upon request, the rates for all tours and trips offered by the service. Once a vehicle has been hired for a designated route or termini, the driver may not accept additional passengers without the original contracting passengers' consent.

Article VI. Violations

5.37.215: Revocation Or Suspension

5.37.220: Misdemeanor

5.37.215: REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION:

- A. If any person to whom a business license or a carriage driver license has been issued pursuant to this chapter commits a violation of this chapter, such license may be revoked or suspended according to the procedure provided for revocation or suspension of a business license issued by the city.
- B. Upon a serious violation, or upon any third violation of this chapter by either a driver or a business license licensee within any twelve (12) month period, the city's business licensing office shall consider whether a possible suspension or revocation of a business license issued by the city is warranted. A "serious violation" means a violation resulting in injury to human being or animal or property damage of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more.

5.37.220: MISDEMEANOR:

Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a class B misdemeanor.

Article VII. Suitability Of Horses

5.37.225: Businesses Governed

5.37.230: Identification

5.37.235: Examination Required

5.27.240: Certificate Required

5.37.245: Certificate By Veterinarian; Term

5.37.250: Criteria For Determining Health

5.37.255: Cancellation And Suspension Of Certificate

5.37.260: Police Or Animal Services Orders

5.37.265: Disqualification

5.37.270: Accidents

5.37.275: Examination By The Office Of Animal Services

5.37.225: BUSINESSES GOVERNED:

In addition to the requirements of title 5, chapters 5.02, 5.04, and 5.05, of this code, and other applicable ordinances of this code, or their successors, all carriage businesses authorized by department contract with the city to provide transportation of passengers for hire by horsedrawn carriages shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

5.37.230: IDENTIFICATION:

A. All horses used in a carriage business must be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Animal Services Registry which shall entail providing a copy of the current livestock lifetime travel permit of each horse to animal services. Copies of the foregoing identification documents shall also be kept in the carriage itself while the horse and carriage are providing services within the city.

B. Animal services shall photograph each horse during the annual commercial permit inspection set forth in Salt Lake City Code § 5.37.150.

5.37.235: EXAMINATION REQUIRED:

Every horse shall be examined prior to use in a horsedrawn carriage business, and every six (6) months thereafter, by a veterinarian at no expense to the city. The horse shall be examined and treated for internal parasites; problems with its teeth, legs, hoofs and shoes, or cardiovascular system; drug abuse; any injury, disease, or deficiency observed by the veterinarian at the time or previously, and the general physical condition and ability to perform the work required of it.

5.37.240: DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

An annual physical exam from a licensed veterinarian specializing in equine(s) which shall certify the fitness of the horse to perform such work shall be provided for each horse to be used to pull a carriage. The documentation will ensure the horse is serviceably sound. The extent of the exam shall be left to the determination of the veterinarian. The documentation shall be kept by the office of animal services and made available for inspection. Another copy of such documentation shall be kept in the carriage to which the horse is tethered while the horse is providing services within the City. Proof of regular vaccinations and deworming shall also be provided to the office of animal services on an annual basis. Proof of vaccinations and deworming may include receipts for materials used by the carriage business.

5.37.245: CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENTATION BY VETERINARIAN; TERM:

After performing the physical examination required by section 5.37.235 of this chapter, or its successor, the examining veterinarian may sign a certificate or documentation attesting that the horse is in good health. The certificate or documentation shall specifically identify each horse by its breed, sex, color and identifying markings and shall state, in the opinion of the veterinarian, the maximum load which each horse can reasonably be expected to draw safely and without causing injury to the horse. The certificate or documentation, if issued, shall be valid for a period of not more than six (6) months from the date of signature.

5.37.250: CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING HEALTH:

For purposes of this chapter, a horse shall be deemed to be in good health only if the horse:

A. Strength: Has, in the opinion of the veterinarian, flesh, muscle tone, and weight sufficient to perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of carriages;

- B. Immunizations and Parasite Control: Has been immunized for the following and such vaccination will be effective at all times during the next six (6) months: eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis, tetanus, rhino flu, and dewormed for parasites;
- C. Coggins Test: Has been given a Coggins test with negative results on at least one certificate during its life and since the last time the horse entered the state of Utah; the certificate verifying said test or tests shall be filed with animal services before such horse is used in any carriage business;
- D. In General: Is, in the opinion of the veterinarian, in general good health and in all respects physically fit to perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of carriages.

5.37.255: CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENTATION:

A veterinarian shall cancel a certificate or other provided documentation if the veterinarian learns of a condition which is reasonably expected to make the horse unfit for its work for a period of two (2) weeks or more. If the horse appears to the veterinarian to be suffering from an injury or sickness from which it is expected to recover in under two (2) weeks, the veterinarian shall suspend the certificate or other provided documentation for such horse for the time that the veterinarian expects will be necessary for the horse to recover. Upon written request of a holder for a hearing on such cancellation or suspension of a veterinarian's certificate or other provided documentation, a hearing shall be held by the city within three (3) working days of receipt of such request to determine whether said cancellation or suspension shall remain in effect. A canceled certificate or other provided documentation shall be destroyed by the veterinarian or clearly marked as canceled or invalid. Suspension of a certificate or other provided documentation shall be clearly marked by the veterinarian in non-erasable ink on the original of the certificate or other provided documentation.

5.37.260: POLICE OR ANIMAL SERVICES ORDERS:

A city police officer, a health department officer or an animal services officer may order that a horse not be used to pull a carriage in the city and that the horse be returned to its stable, if the officer has cause to believe that the horse is suffering from any injury, ailment, or other condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage safely. The order shall be effective only for so long as the officer specifies or until a hearing can be held regarding disqualification, or for three (3) working days, whichever is shorter.

5.37.265: DISQUALIFICATION:

The mayor may, upon prior notice and hearing, disqualify a specific horse from use in pulling a carriage in the city, if the mayor finds that the horse presents a hazard to public or passenger safety greater than the hazard posed by a normal horse, or that the horse is in any way unfit for the work of pulling carriages in the city. Before a horse may be disqualified, a hearing shall be

held before the mayor, or his/her designee, at which the carriage business and the owner of the horse may appear and express themselves. At least three (3) working days' notice shall be given of the hearing to the carriage business using the horse. A disqualified horse shall not be used to pull a carriage within the city.

5.37.270: ACCIDENTS:

In addition to any other requirements of law regarding reporting of vehicle accidents, the operator of a horsedrawn carriage shall report to the office of animal services any accident involving such carriage, and no such horse or carriage shall again be operated until such have been inspected by an animal services officer and a determination has been made by such officer that no removal order is necessary as provided by section 5.37.260 of this chapter, or its successor. Whenever a police officer responds to the scene of an accident involving a horsedrawn carriage and a vehicle, the police department shall verify that both the office of animal services and the city's business licensing division have received notice of such accident.

5.37.275: EXAMINATION BY THE OFFICE OF ANIMAL SERVICES:

The office of animal services and its officials may at any reasonable time, examine any horse owned by a carriage business or used by a carriage business to pull a carriage, or may have such a horse examined by a veterinarian. The costs of such examination shall initially be borne by the office of animal services. Such orders shall be in writing and may be given to the driver of a carriage to which the horse is hitched, or to a carriage business owning or having possession of the horse. If such examination determines that such horse is suffering from any injury, ailment or other condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage in the city, the costs for such examination shall be reimbursed to the office of animal services by the certificate holder owning or operating such horse.

Article VIII. Care Of Horses

5.37.280: Physical Condition For Work

5.37.285: Other Regulations Governing Carriage Horses

5.37.290: Stables And Stalls

5.37.295: Cruelty And Neglect Prohibited

5.37.300: Disposing Of Carriage Horses

5.37.280: PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR WORK:

No person shall cause a horse to draw or to be harnessed to a carriage if:

- A. Certifiable: The person attending to the horse knows, or reasonably should know that the horse, if then examined by a veterinarian, would probably not then be eligible for certification, or would be subject to cancellation or revocation of certification;

- 668 B. Acute Ailment: The horse has an open sore or wound, or is lame or appears to have any
669 other injury, sickness, or ailment, unless the person attending to the horse has in his
670 possession a written statement signed by a veterinarian and stating that the horse is fit for
671 pulling a carriage notwithstanding the injury, sickness, or ailment;
- 672 C. Hoofs: The hoofs of the horse are not properly shod and trimmed, utilizing rubber coated
673 heel pads or open steel barium tip shoes to aid in the prevention of slipping. Horses shall be
674 shod and trimmed at least every four (4) to six (6) weeks, or more frequently if necessary by
675 an experienced, competent farrier;
- 676 D. Coat: The horse is not well groomed and/or has fungus, dandruff, or a poor or dirty coat.
- 677 E. Age: The horse is less than three (3) years old. OR
- 678 E. Age: Carriage horses must be at least five (5) years old.

679 **5.37.285: OTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING CARRIAGE HORSES**

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- 681 A. A carriage horse shall not be left untethered or unattended except when confined in a
682 stable or other enclosure.
- 683 B. No carriage horse shall be at work for more than eight (8) total hours in any continuous
684 twenty four (24) hour period. There shall be a rest period of at least fifteen (15) minutes at
685 the end of each two (2) hour work period. During such rest periods, the person in charge of
686 such horse shall make fresh drinking water available to the horse. The horse shall not be
687 allowed to drink in large quantities unless it is first rested.
- 688 C. No carriage horse shall be worked more than five (5) consecutive days without being
689 provided a rest period of at least one (1) day before the resumption of work.
- 690 D. No carriage horse shall be at work:
- 691 1. whenever weather conditions such as icy roads, snow covered roads, heavy precipitation,
692 thunderstorms and other inclement weather conditions are sufficiently unsafe that operation
693 of a carriage results in physical injuries (whether equine or human) or property damage where the
694 unsafe conditions caused or contributed to such injuries or damage.
- 695 2. (i). whenever the ambient temperature drops below ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit; or
- 696 (ii). whenever the ambient heat index exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees
697 Fahrenheit.
- 698 (iii). for purposes of subsection (D)(2), the pertinent ambient temperature and heat
699 index measurements shall be the temperature and heat index measurements calculated

at the weather bug station located closest to Temple Square. If such weather bug station is inoperable or otherwise unavailable, then the pertinent temperature and heat index measurements shall be the measurements calculated by the National Weather Service at the Salt Lake City Airport.

E. An operator of a carriage drawn by a horse already at work at the time the weather, temperature, or heat index reaches the conditions described in subsection D shall return the passengers, if any, to the point of loading and shall rest the horse in sheltered conditions. Thereafter, such horse may be worked only when the weather, temperature, or heat index once again reaches acceptable limits under this section. Carriage businesses shall be responsible for monitoring the pertinent weather conditions, temperature measurements, and heat index measurements, and for insuring their carriages are operated in accordance with the requirements described in this section.

F. Every horse at work shall have a blanket provided by its operator when:

1. the horse is standing idle at its staging point;
2. the horse has been working and is visibly sweating, and
3. the ambient temperature is less than thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F).

5.37.290: STABLES AND STALLS:

All stables used by a carriage business and the keeping of horses therein shall be subject to the provisions of [chapter 8.08](#) of the Salt Lake City Code, or its successor, as well as any and all other applicable laws and ordinances, including the following:

A. Ventilation and fresh air shall be provided, but horses shall not be unnecessarily exposed to drafts during cold weather.

B. Ceilings shall be at least ten feet (10') high from bedding flooring.

C. Stalls shall be constructed and maintained:

1. In good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain them;
2. So as to enable the animals to remain dry and clean;
3. To provide sufficient space as to enable each horse to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit or lie in a comfortable, normal position;

730 4. So that the horses contained therein have easy access to water and to mineralized
731 salt at all times, and to food as needed. Such food and water shall be kept free of
732 contamination.

733 D. Floors shall be level and free from holes or openings, and shall provide proper drainage. No
734 horse shall be stabled on a concrete floor without bedding that is:

735 1. Highly absorbent and comfortable in all stalls and stables in which horses are kept,

736 2. Deep enough to provide warmth to the animal and so as not to show wetness under
737 the pressure of the animal,

738 3. Not of a type that will harm or in any way be a discomfort to the animal.

739 E. Each stall shall be attended to daily, ensuring clean and dry bedding, and all interior areas of
740 a stable and all exterior areas surrounding a stable shall be kept clean, properly drained and
741 free from nuisances including, but not limited to, odors and accumulation of refuse or
742 excrement. Manure accumulations shall be removed from the premises weekly to prevent
743 rodent and vermin activity.

744 F. Each stall shall house one horse only.

745 G. Feed shall be kept in storage areas, constructed to permit extermination treatment in order
746 to be made rodent and insect proof. Feed storage areas shall allow no harborage and shall
747 be kept vermin free. Storage of feed concentrates shall be kept in an area inaccessible to
748 the horses.

749 H. All stables and stalls shall be inspected by animal services prior to use in a horsedrawn
750 carriage business, and every six (6) months thereafter, to verify compliance with this section
751 and all other applicable laws and ordinances. In addition to the regularly scheduled
752 inspections as set forth in this section, the city may perform other inspections of stables and
753 stalls used in any horsedrawn carriage business within the corporate limits of Salt Lake City,
754 in order to administer and enforce the standards herein, provided the authorized
755 employees or agents of animal services schedule an appointment with the licensed owner
756 of the business or provide written notice by mail or by posting at the stable premises for
757 such inspection at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of such inspection. Said
758 inspection shall be conducted during the hours in which the business's horses are working.
759 Nothing herein shall prevent the city from issuing citations or taking other action authorized
760 under the city's ordinances for violations that are in the plain view of city employees or
761 agents.

762 **5.37.295: CRUELTY AND NEGLECT PROHIBITED:**

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764 No horse owned by or within the control of a carriage business shall be treated cruelly,

harassed, or neglected. A carriage business and its owner and managers are all individually responsible to take any action reasonably necessary to assure the humane care and treatment of the horses under their control.

5.37.300: DISPOSING OF CARRIAGE HORSES

- A. A carriage business must report any disposal of a carriage horse by sale, gift, lease, routine death, or other means of disposition, to the office of animal services within ten (10) business days of the date such disposal occurred. Any such disposal of a carriage horse must be properly documented and conducted in a humane manner.
- B. All work-related deaths of carriage horses, including deaths involving circumstances potentially attributable to such horses' working or living conditions, must be reported to animal services within twelve (12) business hours of discovery.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this _____ day of

_____, 2014.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to the Mayor on _____.

Mayor's Action: _____ Approved. _____ Vetoed.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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1 SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE
2 No. _____ of 2014
3 (Updating the City's Ordinances Regarding Carriage Businesses)
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5 An ordinance repealing Chapter 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code in its entirety and
6 renumbering and amending Chapter 5.37 of the Salt Lake City Code, regarding the operation of
7 carriage businesses.
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9 WHEREAS, Salt Lake City Corporation (the "City") has previously enacted ordinances
10 pertaining to the regulation of carriage businesses within the City; and
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12 WHEREAS, ordinances specifically governing carriage businesses can currently be found
13 in Chapters 5.37 and 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code; and
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15 WHEREAS, on rare occasions incidents within the City involving carriage horses have
16 occurred in which carriage horses needed medical care or attention; and
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18 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to consolidate the ordinances governing carriage
19 businesses into a single chapter of the Code in order to facilitate understanding and awareness
20 of all pertinent City ordinances; and
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22 WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to amend the ordinances governing carriage
23 businesses to further provide for the welfare of the carriage horses and to make other changes
24 regarding carriage businesses;
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26 NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:
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28 SECTION 1. Chapter 8.16 of the Salt Lake City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.
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30 **Chapter 8.16**
31 **REGULATION OF HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE BUSINESSES**
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33 **Article I. Suitability Of Horses**
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- 35 ~~8.16.010: Businesses Governed~~
36 ~~8.16.015: Identification Number~~
37 ~~8.16.020: Examination Required~~
38 ~~8.16.025: Certificate Required~~
39 ~~8.16.030: Certificate By Veterinarian; Term~~
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41 ~~8.16.040: Cancellation And Suspension Of Certificate~~
42 ~~8.16.045: Police Or Animal Services Orders~~
43 ~~8.16.050: Disqualification~~
44 ~~8.16.055: Accidents~~

8.16.060: Examination By The Office Of Animal Services

8.16.010: BUSINESSES GOVERNED:

In addition to the requirements of title 5, chapters 5.05, 5.37 of this code, and other applicable ordinances of this code, or their successors, all holders of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the city for the transportation of passengers for hire by horsedrawn carriages shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

8.16.015: IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Each horse used to pull a carriage in the city shall be identified by a brand or mark in accordance with chapter 4-24, Utah Code Annotated, or its successor, which brand or mark uniquely identifies the horse thus marked. The identification brand or mark and description of each of said horses, including age, breed, sex, color and other identifying markings, shall be filed by the carriage horse business with animal services.

8.16.020: EXAMINATION REQUIRED:

Every horse shall be examined prior to use in a horsedrawn carriage business, and every six (6) months thereafter, by a veterinarian and at no expense to the city. The horse shall be examined and treated for internal parasites; problems with its teeth, legs, hoofs and shoes, or cardiovascular system; drug abuse; any injury, disease, or deficiency observed by the veterinarian at the time or previously, and the general physical condition and ability to perform the work required of it.

8.16.025: CERTIFICATE REQUIRED:

No person shall cause or attempt to cause a horse to pull a carriage, unless the horse has been certified pursuant to this section. The certification of the horse may be made subject to a condition, or otherwise limited by the veterinarian. The certificate shall be kept and be available for inspection by the office of animal services at the stable where the certified horse is kept, and a copy of the certificate shall be mailed to the office of animal services within five (5) days from its date.

8.16.030: CERTIFICATE BY VETERINARIAN; TERM:

After performing the physical examination required by section 8.16.020 of this chapter, or its successor, the examining veterinarian may sign a certificate attesting that the horse is in good health. The certificate shall specifically identify each horse by its breed, sex, color and identifying markings and shall state, in the opinion of the veterinarian, the maximum load which each horse can reasonably be expected to draw safely and without causing injury to the horse. The certificate, if issued, shall be valid for a period of not more than six (6) months from the date of signature.

8.16.035: CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING HEALTH:

For purposes of this chapter, a horse shall be deemed to be in good health only if the horse:

A. Strength: Has, in the opinion of the veterinarian, flesh, muscle tone, and weight sufficient to perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of carriages;

B. Immunizations: Has been immunized for the following and such vaccination will be effective at all times during the next six (6) months: eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis, tetanus, rhino flu, and deworming;

C. Coggins Test: Has been given a Coggins test with negative results on at least one certificate during its life and since the last time the horse entered the state of Utah; the certificate verifying said test or tests shall be filed with animal services before such horse is used in any carriage business;

D. In General: Is, in the opinion of the veterinarian, in general good health and in all respects physically fit to perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of carriages.

8.16.040: CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATE:

A veterinarian shall cancel a certificate, if the veterinarian learns of a condition which is reasonably expected to make the horse unfit for its work for a period of two (2) weeks or more. If the horse appears to the veterinarian to be suffering from an injury or sickness from which it is expected to recover in under two (2) weeks, the veterinarian shall suspend the certificate for such horse for the time that the veterinarian expects will be necessary for the horse to recover. Upon written request of a holder for a hearing on such cancellation or suspension of a veterinarian's certificate, a hearing shall be held by the city within three (3) working days of receipt of such request to determine whether said cancellation or suspension shall remain in effect. A canceled certificate shall be destroyed by the veterinarian or clearly marked as canceled or invalid. Suspension of a certificate shall be clearly marked by the veterinarian in nonerasable ink on the original of the certificate.

8.16.045: POLICE OR ANIMAL SERVICES ORDERS:

A city police officer, a health department officer or an animal services officer may order that a horse not be used to pull a carriage in the city and that the horse be returned to its stable, if the officer has cause to believe that the horse is suffering from any injury, ailment, or other condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage safely. The order shall be effective only for so long as the officer specifies or until a hearing can be held regarding disqualification, or for three (3) working days, whichever is shorter.

8.16.050: DISQUALIFICATION:

The mayor may, upon prior notice and hearing, disqualify a specific horse from use in pulling a carriage in the city, if the mayor finds that the horse presents a hazard to public or passenger safety greater than the hazard posed by a normal horse, or that the horse is in any way unfit for the work of pulling carriages in the city. Before a horse may be disqualified, a hearing shall be held before the mayor, or his/her designee, at which the carriage business and the owner of the horse may appear and express themselves. At least three (3) working days' notice shall be given of the hearing to the carriage business using the horse. A disqualified horse shall not be used to pull a carriage within the city.

8.16.055: ACCIDENTS:

In addition to any other requirements of law regarding reporting of vehicle accidents, the operator of a horsedrawn carriage shall report to the office of animal services any accident involving such carriage, and no such horse or carriage shall again be operated until such have been inspected by an animal services officer and a determination has been made by such officer that no removal order is necessary as provided by section 8.16.050 of this chapter, or its successor.

8.16.060: EXAMINATION BY THE OFFICE OF ANIMAL SERVICES:

The office of animal services and its officials may at any reasonable time, examine any horse owned by a carriage business or used by a carriage business to pull a carriage, or may have such a horse examined by a veterinarian. The costs of such examination shall initially be borne by the office of animal services. Such orders shall be in writing and may be given to the driver of a carriage to which the horse is hitched, or to a carriage business owning or having possession of the horse. If such examination determines that such horse is suffering from any injury, ailment or other condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage in the city, the costs for such examination shall be reimbursed to the office of animal services by the certificate holder owning or operating such horse.

Article II. Care Of Horses

8.16.065: Physical Condition For Work

8.16.067: Other Regulations Governing Carriage Horses

8.16.070: Stables And Stalls

8.16.075: Cruelty And Neglect Prohibited

8.16.065: PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR WORK:

No person shall cause a horse to draw or to be harnessed to a carriage if:

- 176 A. ~~Certifiable: The person attending to the horse knows, or reasonably should know that the~~
177 ~~horse, if then examined by a veterinarian, would probably not then be eligible for~~
178 ~~certification, or would be subject to cancellation or revocation of certification;~~
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180 B. ~~Acute Ailment: The horse has an open sore or wound, or is lame or appears to have any~~
181 ~~other injury, sickness, or ailment, unless the person attending to the horse has in his~~
182 ~~possession a written statement signed by a veterinarian and stating that the horse is fit for~~
183 ~~pulling a carriage notwithstanding the injury, sickness, or ailment;~~
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185 C. ~~Hoofs: The hoofs of the horse are not properly shod and trimmed, utilizing rubber coated~~
186 ~~heel pads or open steel barium tip shoes to aid in the prevention of slipping. Horses shall be~~
187 ~~shod and trimmed at least every four (4) to six (6) weeks, or more frequently if necessary by~~
188 ~~an experienced, competent farrier;~~
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190 D. ~~Coat: The horse is not well groomed and/or has fungus, dandruff, or a poor or dirty coat.~~
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192 **8.16.067: OTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING CARRIAGE HORSES:**
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- 194 A. ~~A carriage horse shall not be left untethered or unattended except when confined in a~~
195 ~~stable or other enclosure.~~
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197 B. ~~No carriage horse shall be at work for more than nine (9) total hours in any continuous~~
198 ~~twenty four (24) hour period. There shall be a rest period of at least fifteen (15) minutes at~~
199 ~~the end of each two (2) hour work period. During such rest periods, the person in charge of~~
200 ~~such horse shall make fresh drinking water available to the horse. The horse shall not be~~
201 ~~allowed to drink in large quantities unless it is first rested.~~
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203 C. ~~No carriage horse shall be worked more than five (5) consecutive days without being~~
204 ~~provided a rest period of at least one day before the resumption of work.~~
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206 D. ~~No carriage horse shall be at work:~~
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208 ~~1) whenever the ambient temperature, with the wind chill factor, drops below ten degrees~~
209 ~~Fahrenheit below zero (-10°F), or~~
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211 ~~2) whenever the combination of the ambient temperature and the relative humidity exceeds~~
212 ~~one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit (150°F). For purposes of this subsection,~~
213 ~~temperatures shall be those measured in the downtown area of the city and broadcast by~~
214 ~~the local radio stations or as measured and announced by the national weather service. An~~
215 ~~operator of a carriage drawn by a horse already at work at the time the temperature~~
216 ~~reaches the above described conditions shall return the passengers, if any, to the point of~~
217 ~~loading and shall rest the horse in sheltered conditions. Thereafter, such horse may be~~
218 ~~worked only when the temperature once again reaches acceptable limits under this section.~~
219 ~~Every horse at work shall have a blanket provided by its operator when standing idle at its~~

staging point, the horse has been working and is visibly sweating, and the ambient temperature is less than twenty degrees Fahrenheit (20°F).

8.16.070: STABLES AND STALLS:

All stables used by a carriage business and the keeping of horses therein shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 8.08 of this title, or its successor, as well as any and all other applicable laws and ordinances, including the following:

A. Ventilation and fresh air shall be provided, but horses shall not be unnecessarily exposed to drafts during cold weather.

B. Ceilings shall be at least ten feet (10') high from bedding flooring.

C. Stalls shall be constructed and maintained:

1. In good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain them;
2. So as to enable the animals to remain dry and clean;
3. To provide sufficient space as to enable each horse to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit or lie in a comfortable, normal position;
4. So that the horses contained therein have easy access to water and to mineralized salt at all times, and to food as needed. Such food and water shall be kept free of contamination.

D. Floors shall be level and free from holes or openings, and shall provide proper drainage. No horse shall be stabled on a concrete floor without bedding that is:

1. Highly absorbent and comfortable in all stalls and stables in which horses are kept,
2. Deep enough to provide warmth to the animal and so as not to show wetness under the pressure of the animal,
3. Not of a type that will harm or in any way be a discomfort to the animal.

E. Each stall shall be attended to daily, ensuring clean and dry bedding, and all interior areas of a stable and all exterior areas surrounding a stable shall be kept clean, properly drained and free from nuisances including, but not limited to, odors and accumulation of refuse or excrement. Manure accumulations shall be removed from the premises weekly to prevent rodent and vermin activity.

F. Each stall shall house one horse only.

G. Feed shall be kept in storage areas, constructed to permit extermination treatment in order to be made rodent and insect proof. Feed storage areas shall allow no harborage and shall be kept vermin free. Storage of feed concentrates shall be kept in an area inaccessible to the horses.

H. All stables and stalls shall be inspected by animal services prior to use in a horsedrawn carriage business, and every six (6) months thereafter, to verify compliance with this section and all other applicable laws and ordinances. In addition to the regularly scheduled inspections as set forth in this section, the city may perform other inspections of stables and stalls used in any horsedrawn carriage business within the corporate limits of Salt Lake City, in order to administer and enforce the standards herein, provided the authorized employees or agents of animal services schedule an appointment with the licensed owner of the business or provide written notice by mail or by posting at the stable premises for such inspection at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of such inspection. Said inspection shall be conducted during the hours in which the business's horses are working. Nothing herein shall prevent the city from issuing citations or taking other action authorized under the city's ordinances for violations that are in the plain view of city employees or agents.

~~8.16.075: CRUELTY AND NEGLECT PROHIBITED:~~

~~No horse owned by or within the control of a carriage business shall be treated cruelly, harassed, or neglected. A carriage business and its owner and managers are all individually responsible to take any action reasonably necessary to assure the humane care and treatment of the horses under their control.~~

SECTION 2. Chapter 5.37 of the Salt Lake City Code is hereby renumbered and amended to read as follows:

Article I. Definitions

- 5.37.005: Definitions And Interpretation Of Language**
- 5.37.008: Animal Services Or Office Of Animal Services**
- 5.37.010: Applicant**
- 5.37.015: Carriage Or Horsedrawn Carriage**
- 5.37.020: Carriage Business**
- 5.37.025: ~~Carriage Stand~~Carriage Day**
- 5.37.030: ~~Carriage Stand~~Department Contract**
- 5.37.035: Driver**
- 5.37.040: Holder**
- 5.37.045: Horse**
- 5.37.047: Horsedrawn Carriage Committee**
- 5.37.050: Person (Rep. by Ord. 37-99 § 1, 1999)**
- 5.37.055: Stable**
- 5.37.060: Veterinarian**

307 **5.37.065: Work**

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309 **5.37.005: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE:**

310 The words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings defined and set
311 forth in this article.

312 **5.37.008: ANIMAL SERVICES OR OFFICE OF ANIMAL SERVICES:**

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314 "Animal services" or "office of animal services" means that division or office of the city or that
315 person or entity with which the city has contracted to perform animal control and inspection
316 services on behalf of the city.

317 **5.37.010: APPLICANT:**

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319 "Applicant" means the person signing an application either for a carriage business license or for
320 a driver's license under this chapter.

321 **5.37.015: CARRIAGE OR HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE:**

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323 "Carriage" or "horsedrawn carriage" means any device in, upon, or by which any person is or
324 may be transported or drawn upon a public way and which is designed to be drawn by horses.

325 **5.37.020: CARRIAGE BUSINESS:**

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327 "Carriage business" means any person offering to transport another person for any valuable
328 consideration and by means of a horsedrawn carriage.

329 **5.37.025: CARRIAGE STAND: CARRIAGE DAY:**

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331 "Carriage stand" means that portion of a curb lane designated by the city's division of
332 transportation for loading and unloading of passengers for horsedrawn carriages. "Carriage
333 day" means the operating of a horsedrawn carriage for business on the streets of Salt Lake City
334 for at least one hour during any calendar day.

335 **5.37.030: DEPARTMENT CONTRACT: CARRIAGE STAND:**

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337 "Carriage stand" means that portion of a curb lane designated by the city's division of
338 transportation for loading and unloading of passengers for horsedrawn carriages. "Department
339 contract" means a valid, existing, and current contract negotiated and approved by the city's
340 department of public services for providing horsedrawn carriage services upon Salt Lake City
341 streets.

342 **5.37.035: DRIVER:**

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344 "Driver" means any person operating or in actual physical control of a horsedrawn carriage, or

345 any person sitting in the driver's seat of such carriage with the intention of causing it to be
346 moved by a horse.

347 **5.37.040: HOLDER:**

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349 "Holder" means any person to whom a certificate of convenience and necessity has been issued
350 and which certificate is unexpired.

351 **5.37.045: HORSE:**

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353 "Horse" means an animal purely of the genus *Equus caballus*, specifically excluding crosses with
354 other genera.

355 **5.37.047: HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE COMMITTEE:**

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357 "Horsedrawn carriage committee" means a committee appointed by the mayor to consider
358 issues pertaining to the operation of horsedrawn carriages in the city, which shall include the
359 city transportation engineer, a police department representative, a city attorney
360 representative, a business licensing division representative, an appointed city representative,
361 and an animal services representative. Any changes or revisions, revisions, etc., to the horse
362 drawn carriage business operations described in Chapter title 5.37 and/or 8, shall be reviewed
363 by the horsedrawn carriage committee. However, any determinations by the committee that
364 would be inconsistent with the provisions of the Salt Lake City Code shall be submitted to the
365 City Council for a final decision. All recommendations from the committee will be provided to
366 the council.

367 **5.37.050: PERSON:**

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369 (Rep. by Ord. 37-99 § 1, 1999)

370 **5.37.055: STABLE:**

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372 "Stable" means any place or facility where one or more horses are housed or maintained.

373 **5.37.060: VETERINARIAN:**

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375 "Veterinarian" means any person legally licensed to practice veterinary medicine who devotes
376 at least fifteen percent (15%) of his or her practice to providing care for equine animals.

377 **5.37.065: WORK:**

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379 "Work", with reference to a horse, means that the horse is out of the stable and presented as
380 being available for pulling carriages; in harness; or pulling a carriage.

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382 Article II. Authority To Operate

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384 5.37.070: Compliance Responsibility

385 5.37.075: Department Contract Required For Operation

386 5.37.080: Contract Based System For Provision Of Carriage Services

387 5.37.085: Fees

388 5.37.090: Existing Holders' Certificates

389 5.37.095: Certificate Not A Franchise And Not Irrevocable

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391 5.37.070: COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY:

392 A. All persons shall comply with and operate under requirements of applicable law, including,
393 without limitation, federal, state, county and city laws and ordinances, including, but not
394 limited to, this chapter, title 8 of this code, and all department rules and regulations.

395 B. A carriage business shall not be relieved of any responsibility for compliance with the
396 provisions of this chapter, regardless of form the carriage business uses to compensate its
397 drivers - whether by paying salary, wages, or any other form of compensation.

398 5.37.075: DEPARTMENT CONTRACT REQUIRED FOR OPERATION:

399 A. No person shall operate or permit a carriage owned or controlled by such person to be
400 operated as a vehicle for hire upon the streets of Salt Lake City unless such person is
401 authorized to do so under a department contract with the city.

402 B. No person shall operate a carriage business in the city unless the person is authorized to do
403 so under a department contract with the city. Nothing in such department contract shall
404 relieve a carriage business from complying with the requirements of applicable laws,
405 including, but not limited to, this chapter, title 8 of this code, and all department rules and
406 regulations.

407 5.37.080: CONTRACT-BASED SYSTEM FOR PROVISION OF CARRIAGE SERVICES:

408 A. The city hereby adopts a contract-based system for provision of carriage services. Only
409 carriage businesses selected pursuant to a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process
410 and who have entered into a department contract with the City pertaining to carriage
411 services may provide such carriage services upon Salt Lake City streets.

412 1. Following the RFP process, not more than three (3) carriage businesses shall be
413 awarded a department contract to provide carriage services.

414 2. The total number of carriages authorized to operate in the city under all such
415 department contracts shall be not more than thirty (30).

416 B. Existing certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the city for carriage
417 services shall expire no sooner than one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date
418 hereof. The city may elect, in the city's sole discretion, to continue the expiration date up to
419 an additional one hundred eighty (180) days. Upon expiration, a pro rata refund of that
420 portion of the certificate fee shall be given to those persons whose certificates have expired
421 prior to the portion of the year remaining at the time of expiration.

422 **5.37.085: FEES:**

423 No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall continue in operation prior to the
424 expiration as set forth in section 5.37.080 of this chapter unless the holder thereof has paid the
425 annual business regulatory fee as shown on the Salt Lake City consolidated fee schedule, each
426 year for each carriage authorized under a certificate. Such fees shall be in addition to any other
427 fees or charges established by proper authority and applicable to the certificate holder of the
428 carriage or carriages under the holder's operation and control.

429 **5.37.090: EXISTING HOLDERS' CERTIFICATES:**

430 All holders of existing carriage certificates of public convenience and necessity on the effective
431 date hereof shall retain such certificates, allowing them to operate the same number of
432 carriages as they are presently authorized to operate, the public convenience and necessity
433 having heretofore been demonstrated, until such certificates expire as provided in subsection
434 5.37.080(B) of this chapter.

435 **5.37.095: CERTIFICATE NOT A FRANCHISE AND NOT IRREVOCABLE:**

436 No certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in accordance with this chapter, or its
437 successor, shall be construed to be either a franchise or irrevocable.

438 **Article II. Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity**

439 **5.37.070: Certificate; Required**

440 **5.37.075: Certificate; Additional Application Information**

441 **5.37.080: Fees; Annual Operation**

442 **5.37.085: Existing Holders' Certificates**

443 **5.37.090: Licensing For All Certificated Vehicles**

444 **5.37.095: Minimum Use Of Carriages Required**

445 **5.37.100: Compliance Responsibility**

446 **5.37.070: CERTIFICATE; REQUIRED:**

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448 No person shall operate, or permit a horsedrawn carriage owned or controlled by him or her to
449 be operated, as a carriage for hire upon the streets of the city, without first having obtained a

450 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the city in accordance with chapter 5.05 of
451 this title, or its successor.

452 **5.37.075: CERTIFICATE; ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

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454 In addition to the application information required under chapter 5.05 of this title, or its
455 successor, the application, verified under oath, shall show the experience of applicant in the
456 transportation of passengers by horsedrawn carriage and shall show the specific route or routes
457 within the city along which applicant proposes to operate one or more horsedrawn carriages.

458 **5.37.080: FEES; ANNUAL OPERATION:**

459
460 No certificate shall be issued or continued in operation unless the holder thereof has paid an
461 annual business regulatory fee as shown on the Salt Lake City consolidated fee schedule, for
462 each horsedrawn carriage authorized under a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

463 **5.37.085: EXISTING HOLDERS' CERTIFICATES:**

464 A. The three (3) horsedrawn carriage companies operating horsedrawn carriages under
465 revocable permit and licensing agreements with the city as of the effective date hereof
466 shall, upon application as provided in chapter 5.05 of this title and section 5.37.075 of this
467 chapter, or their successors, have a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to
468 them, allowing them to operate the following number of carriages, plus one training cart as
469 set forth in this section, or its successor, without the hearing provided in this article, the
470 public convenience and necessity having heretofore been demonstrated:

Carriage Horse Livery Ltd.	15 carriages
Carriage For Hire	10 carriages
The Carriage Connection	6 carriages

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472 Said carriages shall be of types customarily known in the carriage industry as "vis à vis",
473 "landau", "brougham", "victoria" and/or "rockaway", and shall meet all of the equipment,
474 registration, and other requirements of this chapter before being used to transport
475 customers. Said horsedrawn carriages shall operate only within specified routes and/or
476 quadrants as set forth in section 5.37.170 of this chapter, or its successor.

477 B. Each holder may operate one training cart, that is, a two (2) wheel, horsedrawn vehicle with
478 extra long shafts, designed for training purposes. Said training cart shall not be used for the
479 transport of customers for hire and shall meet all of the equipment, registration and other
480 requirements of this chapter and shall operate only within routes specifically authorized by

the city's transportation engineer as set forth in section 5.37.170 of this chapter, or its successor.

5.37.090: LICENSING FOR ALL CERTIFICATED VEHICLES:

A. A holder is required to have the total number of carriages authorized under such holder's certificate of convenience and necessity and to obtain the license plate required by section 5.05.155 of this title, or its successor, for each and every carriage.

B. In the event the holder does not license the total number of carriages authorized by the certificate before February 15 of any year, such holder shall forfeit the right to any carriage not so licensed, unless such carriage is licensed within five (5) days of written notice being given by the city; that authority shall automatically revert to the city, and the certificate shall be modified to reflect the total number of vehicles actually licensed before February 15 of any year.

Such forfeited right to operate any carriage may be reissued to any person; provided, however, it shall not be reissued except upon application required by section 5.05.105 of this title, or its successor, and by a showing of public convenience and necessity as required by section 5.05.140 of this title, or its successor.

C. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit a holder from having carriages in excess of the number authorized under such holder's certificate for the purpose of replacement or substitution of an authorized carriage under repair, maintenance or breakdown; provided, however, any such carriage shall not be used as a carriage other than as a replacement or substitution as herein provided. The type or style, color, seating capacity, year of manufacture, and serial number or identification number of any substitute carriage shall be filed with the licensing office.

5.37.095: MINIMUM USE OF CARRIAGES REQUIRED:

A. No certificate issued in accordance with section 5.37.070 of this chapter, or its successor, shall be construed to be either a franchise or irrevocable. It is the intent of the city that all carriages authorized be actually used for the transportation of passengers for hire. In order to implement that intent, the city hereby imposes the following requirements:

1. Each certificate holder shall have in service at least one carriage authorized under its certificate for a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) carriage days during any calendar six (6) months.

2. Within thirty (30) days following each June 30 and December 31, a holder of a certificate shall file a report with the city license supervisor's office. Such report shall be in writing, signed by the holder or by some person authorized to sign the same on behalf of the holder, and shall be properly verified. The report shall contain the following information:

518 a. A list of all carriages licensed under a certificate during the preceding calendar
519 six (6) months, showing the serial number and the city business license plate
520 number for each carriage. Such list shall include any carriage which has been
521 salvaged or otherwise removed from the fleet, as well as the replacement
522 thereof;

523 b. The number of carriage days each such carriage was in service during the
524 preceding calendar six (6) months;

525 c. The holder may also file with such report a written statement of the
526 circumstances that caused the authorized carriages to be in service for less than
527 the required number of carriage days;

528 d. A statement that the information contained in the report was obtained from
529 the company records, and that all statements contained in the report are true
530 and accurate.

531 B. In the event the carriages licensed under the provisions of this chapter are not actually in
532 service for the minimum required carriage days during any calendar six (6) months as set
533 forth in this section, or its successor, the right to operate one or more carriage may, upon at
534 least ten (10) days' notice to the holder, and upon the hearing had therefor, be revoked by
535 the city. The holder may appear in person or be represented by counsel at such hearing to
536 show cause, if any he or she has, why the right to operate such carriage or carriages should
537 not be revoked. If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the city shall find that the holder has
538 shown extenuating circumstances, the city may grant continuance of authority.

539 C. Upon revocation by the city of such authority, the certificate shall be modified to reflect the
540 number of carriages actually in service for the required minimum number of carriage days
541 during such calendar six (6) months. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of the
542 license fee. Such forfeited right to operate any carriage may be reissued only upon
543 application required by section 5.05.105 of this title, or its successor, and by a showing of
544 public convenience and necessity as required by section 5.05.140 of this title, or its
545 successor.

546 D. Each holder shall maintain and keep current at the place of business a daily log showing all
547 trips made by every operator during such operator's hours of work showing time(s) and
548 place(s) or origin and destination of trips, and the specific carriage(s) and horse(s) operated.
549 Such logs shall be made available to the city for inspection upon reasonable notice.

550 **5.37.100: COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY:**

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552 The holder shall not be relieved of any responsibility for compliance with the provisions of this
553 chapter, whether the holder pays salary, wages or any other form of compensation to drivers.

Article III. Driver Licensing

5.37.100: Licenses Required For Carriage Operators

5.37.105: Carriage Driver License Application:

5.37.110: Application; Verification:

5.37.115: Application; Fee Required:

5.37.120: Fingerprints Required:

5.37.125: Investigation of Applicant:

5.37.130: Driver's Qualifications:

5.37.135: Hearing Upon Rejection:

5.37.140: Term of Carriage Driver License:

5.37.145: License; Display:

5.37.1005: LICENSES REQUIRED FOR CARRIAGE OPERATORS:

It is unlawful for any person to operate or for a carriage businessholder to permit any person to operate a carriage for hire or a training cart upon the streets of the city without such operator:

A. a) being at least twenty one (21) years of age; and

B. b) having first obtained and having then in force a current Utah motor vehicle operator's license valid in the state of Utah; and

A-C. having first obtained and having then in force a current carriage driver license from the City expressly permitting that person to operate a horsedrawn carriage.

5.37.105: CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION:

A. A prospective applicant for a carriage driver license shall provide to the Salt Lake City business licensing supervisor a completed written application using the form provided therefore by the business licensing department. The application form shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following information regarding the applicant:

1. The correct legal name of the applicant;

2. Any other names or aliases used by the applicant;

3. Age, birth date, and place of birth;

4. Height;

5. Weight;

594 6. Color of hair;

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597 7. Color of eyes;

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599 8. Present business address and telephone number;

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601 9. Present residence and telephone number;

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603 10. Utah driver's license number;

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605 11. Social security number;

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607 12. A statement of the business, occupation or employment history of the applicant for
608 three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application;

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610 13. A statement detailing the license or permit history of the applicant for the five (5)
611 year period immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, including
612 whether such applicant while previously operating or seeking to operate, in this or any
613 other county, city, state or territory, has ever had a license, permit or authorization to
614 do business denied, revoked or suspended, or has had any professional or vocational
615 license or permit denied, revoked or suspended. In the event of any such denial,
616 revocation or suspension, state the date, the name of the issuing or denying jurisdiction,
617 and state in full the reasons for the denial, revocation or suspension. A copy of any
618 order of denial, revocation or suspension shall be attached to the application;

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620 14. A statement detailing all criminal convictions or pleas of nolo contendere, except
621 those that have been expunged, and the disposition of all such arrests for the applicant
622 for five (5) years prior to the date of the application. This disclosure shall include
623 identification of any circumstances involving animal cruelty and shall include all
624 ordinance violations, excepting minor traffic offenses (any traffic offense designated as
625 a felony, a class A misdemeanor, or an alcohol-related offense shall not be construed as
626 a minor traffic offense), stating the date, place, nature of each conviction or plea of nolo
627 contendere and sentence of each conviction or other disposition; identifying the
628 convicting jurisdiction and sentencing court and providing the court identifying case
629 numbers or docket numbers. Application for a carriage operator's license shall
630 constitute a waiver of disclosure of any criminal conviction or plea of nolo contendere
631 for the purposes of any proceeding involving the carriage horse operator's license;

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633 15. A written certification from the carriage business employing the applicant driver
634 stating that the applicant driver has received training from the said carriage business as
635 to the requirements governing the operation of carriages as set forth in this chapter.

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637 **5.37.110: APPLICATION; VERIFICATION:**

The application for a carriage driver license shall be verified by the applicant under oath, and he/she shall be required to swear to the truthfulness of the matters contained upon the application.

5.37.115: APPLICATION; FEE REQUIRED:

At the time the carriage driver license application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the business license office the fee shown on the Salt Lake City consolidated fee schedule.

5.37.120: FINGERPRINTS REQUIRED:

The prospective applicant for a carriage driver license shall be required to file with the police department two (2) sets of fingerprint impressions, which shall be taken under the supervision of the chief of police.

5.37.125: INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT:

A. The police department shall conduct an investigation of each applicant for each carriage driver license, and shall review all of the information filed by the applicant as required by this article. Upon completion of the investigation, the police department shall recommend approval or disapproval of the proposed application to the business license administrator on the operator application form.

B. It shall be the duty of the police department to report in writing to the business license administrator any misrepresentation or falsification by the applicant on the police recommendation form which may be uncovered by the police investigation, and any such misrepresentation or falsification will constitute just cause for the business license administrator to refuse to issue a carriage driver license, or to suspend or revoke the same if it has been issued.

C. The police department's recommendation required by subsection A of this section shall be based upon:

1. Findings of the criteria specified in section 5.37.130 of this chapter, or its successor;
2. The police department's recommendation may take into account the length of time between any criminal conviction and the application for the license and may also take into account the applicant's rehabilitation efforts, if any.

5.37.130: DRIVER'S QUALIFICATIONS:

673 A. Except as hereinafter set forth, no permit or renewal of a carriage driver license shall be
674 issued to any of the following persons:

675 1. Any person under the age of twenty one (21) years;

676 2. Any person who is currently required to register with the Sex and Kidnap Offender
677 Registry pursuant to title 77, chapter 41 of the Utah Code Annotated, or its successor;;

678 3. Any person who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, narcotic or
679 dangerous drugs, a felony conviction for an offense against a person or property, unless
680 a period of not less than five (5) years shall have elapsed since the date of conviction or
681 the date of release from confinement for such offense, whichever is later;

682 4. Any person who has been convicted of driving a vehicle recklessly within the five (5)
683 years immediately preceding application for a permit;

684 5. Any person who has been convicted of driving a vehicle while under the influence of
685 alcohol or a controlled substance, or of being in or about a vehicle while under the
686 influence of alcohol or a controlled substance with the intent of driving such vehicle,
687 within the five (5) years immediately preceding application for a permit;

688 6. Any person who has been convicted of two (2) or more felonies;

689 7. Any person who has been convicted of offenses involving animal cruelty.

690 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A3 or A6 of this section, if the hearing
691 examiner receives letters or testimony at a hearing, as provided in chapter 5.02 of this title,
692 which proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the applicant has reformed his/her
693 moral character so as to pose no threat to members of the public, the license shall be
694 issued. Part of the letters or testimony used to establish the preponderance shall come
695 from the applicant's parole officer, if the applicant is still on parole. Failure to provide a
696 recommendation from the applicant's parole officer, if the applicant is on parole, shall be
697 grounds to deny the request.

698 **5.37.135: HEARING UPON REJECTION:**

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700 If the application for a carriage driver license is rejected, the applicant shall be entitled, upon
701 request, to a hearing before a hearing examiner as provided in chapter 5.02 of this title, or its
702 successor.

703 **5.37.140: TERM OF CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENSE:**

704 All carriage driver licenses issued pursuant to this Chapter are valid for one year, unless
705 suspended or revoked, and shall be both nonassignable and nontransferable. A carriage driver

license may be renewed by submitting the application and renewal fees to the city prior to the expiration of the current license.

5.37.145110: LICENSE; DISPLAY:

Every driver operating a carriage under this chapter shall keep his or her current, valid, carriage driver license and Utah motor vehicle operator's license on his or her person while such driver is operating a carriage, and shall exhibit the license upon demand of any police officer, animal services officer, license inspector, or any authorized agent of the license office of the city.

Article IV. Carriage Equipment And Maintenance

5.37.15105: Carriage Inspection Prior To Licensing

~~5.37.16020: Satisfactory Inspection; Sticker Issued~~

5.37.1556525: Periodic Inspections

5.37.15150: CARRIAGE INSPECTION PRIOR TO LICENSING:

Prior to the use and operation of any carriage under the provisions of this chapter, the carriage shall be thoroughly examined and inspected by the office of animal services and found to comply with the specifications of section 5.37.15525 of this chapter, or its successor.

~~5.37.16020: SATISFACTORY INSPECTION; STICKER ISSUED:~~

~~When the office of animal services finds that a carriage has met the specifications established by section 5.37.1265 of this chapter, or its successor, the office of animal services shall issue a sticker to that effect.~~

5.37.15525: PERIODIC INSPECTIONS:

A. Specifications: Every carriage operating under this chapter shall be inspected by the office of animal services at least once each year in order to make certain each carriage is being maintained in a safe and efficient operating condition in accordance with the following inspection requirements:

1. Each carriage shall be equipped with two (2) electrified white lights visible for one thousand feet (1,000') to the front of the carriage, and two (2) electrified red lights visible for one thousand feet (1,000') to the rear of the carriage. All lights shall be operational from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise and during times of lessened visibility. Electrified directional signals are required at all times;

- 743 2. Each carriage shall be equipped with hydraulic or factory equipped mechanical brakes
744 appropriate for the design of the particular carriage;
- 745 3. Each carriage shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem (red triangle)
746 attached to the rear of the carriage;
- 747 4. Each carriage shall permanently and prominently display the name and telephone
748 number of the carriage business and the number of the carriage operating it on the rear
749 portion of such carriage;
- 750 5. Each carriage shall be equipped with a device to catch horse manure falling to the
751 pavement. Urine must be immediately sprinkled with deodorizing urine solidifying
752 granules that will allow the urine to be removed as solid waste. The driver shall then be
753 responsible for sweeping or shoveling the solidified urine into the device for catching
754 excrement and disposing of both wastes in accordance with all federal, state and local
755 laws, rules and regulations. The deodorizing urine solidifying granules shall be eco-
756 friendly, safe, recyclable, non-toxic, and non-harmful to people and property.
- 757 6. Each carriage shall be equipped with a deodorizing non toxic liquid that will not harm
758 people, animals, or property, that will be used to dilute and deodorize any horse urine
759 deposited in the right of way. The carriage business shall be responsible for providing
760 the diluting liquid and shall maintain documentation in the carriage as to the
761 composition of such liquid;
- 762 6. Each carriage shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
- 763 7. The harness and any other components used to tether the carriage to a horse shall
764 include, but not be limited to, a padded saddle, soft pads, and where appropriate a
765 properly oiled bit. Such harness and other components must be clean, well-maintained,
766 and of high quality;
- 767 8. Each carriage shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, a blindfold, a
768 cutting implement, a halter with lead, and any other emergency tools the carriage
769 business deems useful for the protection of the horse, driver and passengers in the
770 event of an emergency;
- 771 9. Upon satisfactory inspection a copy of the completed the hHorse cCarriage
772 inspection fForm used by the animal services will be given to the carriage business and
773 a copy of such inspection form shall be kept in the carriage whenever such carriage is
774 being operated on city streets. Carriage Company.
- 775 B. Training Cart: This article shall be fully applicable to training carts, as described in
776 subsection 5.37.085B of this chapter, or its successor, with the exception of subsection A2
777 of this section regarding brakes. In addition, all training carts shall be clearly marked, on the

778 rear portion of such cart, with the words: "CAUTION: HORSE IN TRAINING". (~~Ord. 17-02-5-7,~~
779 ~~2002; Ord. 88-97-5-1, 1997; Ord. 52-89-5-1, 1989~~)

780 **Article V. Conduct Of Drivers And Operation Of Carriages**

781 **5.37.16730: Traffic Laws**

782 **5.37.16735: Lights**

783 **5.37.17840: Speed**

784 **5.37.17845: Presence And Control**

785 **5.37.18950: Number Of Passengers**

786 **5.37.15985: Passengers Restricted To Passenger Area**

787 **5.37.19020160: Manner And Appearance**

788 **5.37.195205165: Hours**

789 **5.37.20021170: Routes**

790 **5.37.2051175: Termini**

791 **5.37.2102180: Rates**

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793 **5.37.1630: TRAFFIC LAWS:**

794 A driver operating a horsedrawn carriage shall be subject to all laws of the city pertaining to the
795 driver of any vehicle.

796 **5.37.1635: LIGHTS:**

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798 The driver of each carriage in operation from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset until one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$)
799 hour before sunrise, and in conditions of poor visibility, shall turn on the front and tail lights of
800 the carriage and take any action necessary to make them operational, such as by replacing a
801 light bulb.

802 **5.37.1740: SPEED:**

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804 The driver shall not permit the speed at which any horsedrawn carriage is driven to exceed a
805 slow trot.

806 **5.37.17545: PRESENCE AND CONTROL:**

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808 No driver shall leave the carriage unattended in a public place.

809 **5.37.18050: NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:**

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811 No driver shall permit more than six (6) passengers, five (5) years of age or older to ride in the
812 carriage at one time, plus no more than two (2) children under five (5) years of age, if seated on
813 the laps of adult passengers, unless the carriage was designed to carry fewer, in which event
814 the carriage shall not carry more passengers than it was designed to carry. With regard to a

815 training cart, no more than two (2) passengers shall be permitted, neither of which shall be a
816 customer for hire.

817 | **5.37.1855: PASSENGERS RESTRICTED TO PASSENGER AREA:**

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819 No driver shall permit a customer to ride on any part of the carriage while in motion, unless the
820 passenger is seated inside the carriage. No customer shall be allowed to ride while sitting on
821 the same seat as the carriage driver at any time while the carriage is in motion.

822 | **5.37.190160: MANNER AND APPEARANCE:**

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824 Drivers shall be courteous in manner and shall adhere to the following standards of
825 appearance, in order to meet the interests of Salt Lake City in such transportation:

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827 A. Wear enclosed shoes or boots.

828 B. Maintain their hair, and beards or mustaches, if any, in a clean and groomed condition.

829 C. Maintain their clothes in a clean and repaired condition.

830 D. Be free from offensive odor.

831 E. Not at any time expose the following body regions: the stomach, back, shoulders, chest,
832 hips, buttocks, abdomen, genitals, or thighs higher than four inches (4") above the knee.

833 F. Not wear as outer garments any clothing manufactured and commonly worn as underwear.

834 G. Not wear T-shirts as outer garments unless as a part of a company uniform.

835 H. Wear shirttails and shirt hems tucked into pants, and shall use a belt or suspenders when
836 pants are designed for their use.

837 I. Not wear sweatpants or sweatshirts designed for athletic use.

838 J. At all times bear an identification of the company with which they are associated on their
839 shirts, whether as a shirt logo, name tag, photo identification badge, or otherwise, as shall
840 be approved by the city.

841 K. Any driver who desires that an exception be made to any requirement under this section on
842 any grounds may notify the city law department of the same in writing and request a review
843 of the same by such mayoral hearing examiners as the mayor deems appropriate to
844 consider such matters with the assistance of the city law department. Such exception shall
845 be granted if such driver can demonstrate that the requirement from which an exception is
846 requested is unduly restrictive of any religious, political or personal right of the driver, as
847 provided under the United States or Utah constitution or laws, or Salt Lake City ordinances.

848 | 5.37. ~~19165~~: HOURS:

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850 | Neither a carriage business~~licensee~~ nor any driver shall operate or allow to be operated its
851 | carriages on the streets of the city during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. to nine o'clock
852 | (9:00) A.M. and four o'clock (4:00) P.M. to six o'clock (6:00) P.M.

853 | 5.37. ~~20170~~: ROUTES:

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855 | A. 1. The carriage businesses ~~licensees~~ and drivers shall operate horsedrawn carriages only
856 | upon certain streets within specified routes and/or quadrants and according to
857 | restrictions authorized by the city's horsedrawn carriage committee. In determining said
858 | routes, restrictions, and/or quadrants, the horsedrawn carriage committee shall seek to
859 | ensure safe and efficient movement of transportation within the city, and shall take into
860 | consideration the location of the streets therein, the expected traffic flow upon such
861 | streets, the history of traffic accidents upon such streets, the width of such streets, and
862 | any natural or manmade physical features of such streets which may be pertinent to the
863 | safe and efficient movement of transportation thereon.

864 | 2. With regard to the determination as to which holders may operate carriages and as to
865 | the number of carriages to be operated by such holders along a particular route or
866 | within a particular quadrant within the city, the city horsedrawn carriage committee
867 | shall, no later than February 15, 1990, develop a process for allocating in an equitable
868 | manner such routes and/or quadrants among holders. Said process shall not
869 | unreasonably withhold entry into the market from holders which have not previously
870 | operated along a particular route or within a particular quadrant. Said allocation shall be
871 | made on an annual basis, no earlier than February 15 of each calendar year.

872 | 3. As of the effective date hereof, subject to amendment by the city horsedrawn
873 | carriage committee as provided in this section, there shall be established a quadrant for
874 | the operation of horsedrawn carriages which shall be bounded by the following streets:
875 | North Temple, 200 East, 400 South, and 200 West. The maximum number of carriages,
876 | which shall be allowed to operate within said quadrant at any one time, unless
877 | amended by the city horsedrawn carriage committee, shall be twenty~~nineteen~~ (2019).
878 | ~~Subject to reallocation by the city horsedrawn carriage committee as provided in this~~
879 | ~~section, the three (3) carriage companies in operation as of the effective date hereof~~
880 | ~~shall be allowed to operate the following number of carriages within the~~
881 | ~~forementioned quadrant:~~

Carriage Horse Livery Ltd.	10 carriages
Carriage For Hire	5 carriages
The Carriage Connection	4 carriages

882 | B. Carriage businesses~~Licensees~~ are barred from using streets which:

- 883 1. Have a speed limit exceeding thirty five (35) miles per hour, unless prior approval is
884 obtained;
- 885 2. Do not have traffic signals at major intersections;
- 886 3. Involve major arterials during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. to six o'clock
887 (6:00) P.M., including, but not limited to, State Street, 700 East, 500 South and 600
888 South from 700 East west to I-15.

889 C. The authorized routes and termini shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the
890 city horsedrawn carriage committee in order to ensure safe and efficient movement of
891 transportation within the city, according to the guidelines set forth in this section. Advance
892 charter ~~tours-carriage rides~~ may deviate from the authorized routes provided that the
893 carriage business obtains a written permit from the city horsedrawn carriage committee
894 authorizing such deviation.

895 ~~driver stays on streets already approved for routes. A driver must receive prior~~
896 ~~permission of the city horsedrawn carriage committee to deviate from streets which~~
897 ~~have not been approved for routes or destinations which require use or crossing of~~
898 ~~streets designated as arterial or collector streets on the city's major street plan and~~
899 ~~official map.~~

900 **5.37.20175: TERMINI:**

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902 Approved on street route termini include those areas designated by the city horsedrawn
903 carriage committee. Drivers shall not stop on street longer than the maximum three (3)
904 minutes available in any designated freight or passenger loading zone unless it is at a termini
905 location approved by the city horsedrawn carriage committee or in a legal parking space. Each
906 holder shall obtain permission from the property owner of all off street staging areas before
907 using such areas. Upon request by the city horsedrawn carriage committee, a holder shall verify
908 such permission to use such off street staging area by submitting to the engineer evidence of
909 such written permission from the property owner. Drivers shall not stop at designated bus
910 stops, bus lanes, or any other restricted parking areas.

911 **5.37.210180: RATES:**

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913 All drivers must make available to any person upon request, the rates for all tours and trips
914 offered by the service. Once a vehicle has been hired for a designated route or termini, the
915 driver may not accept additional passengers without the original contracting passengers'
916 consent.

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Article VI. Violations

920 **5.37.212185: Revocation Or Suspension**

921 **5.37.223190: Misdemeanor**

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923 **5.37.215185: REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION:**

924 **A.** If any person to whom a business license or a carriage driver license has been issued
925 pursuant to this chapter commits a violation of this chapter, such license may be
926 revoked or suspended according to the procedure provided for revocation or
927 suspension of a business license issued by the city.

928 **B.** Upon a serious violation, or upon any third violation of this chapter by either a driver or
929 a business license licensee within any twelve (12) month period, ~~a referral shall be made~~
930 ~~by animal services to the city's business licensing office shall consider whether a for~~
931 possible suspension or revocation of a business license issued by the city is warranted. A
932 "serious violation" means a violation resulting in injury to human being or animal or
933 property damage of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more.

934 **5.37.22190: MISDEMEANOR:**

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936 Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a class B misdemeanor.

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Article VII. Suitability Of Horses

942 **5.37.225: Businesses Governed**

943 **5.37.230: Identification**

944 **5.37.235: Examination Required**

945 **5.27.240: Certificate Required**

946 **5.37.245: Certificate By Veterinarian; Term**

947 **5.37.250: Criteria For Determining Health**

948 **5.37.255: Cancellation And Suspension Of Certificate**

949 **5.37.260: Police Or Animal Services Orders**

950 **5.37.265: Disqualification**

951 **5.37.270: Accidents**

952 **5.37.275: Examination By The Office Of Animal Services**

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954 **5.37.2258-16.010: BUSINESSES GOVERNED:**

955 In addition to the requirements of title 5, chapters 5.02, 5.04, and 5.05, ~~5.37~~ of this code, and
956 other applicable ordinances of this code, or their successors, all carriage businesses authorized
957 by department holders of a contract with the city certificate of public convenience and

958 | necessity issued by the city for to provide the transportation of passengers for hire by
959 | horsedrawn carriages shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

960 | **5.37.2308-16.015: IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:**

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962 | Each horse used to pull a carriage in the city shall be identified by a brand or mark in
963 | accordance with chapter 4-24, Utah Code Annotated, or its successor, which brand or mark
964 | uniquely identifies the horse thus marked. The identification brand or mark and description of
965 | each of said horses, including age, breed, sex, color and other identifying markings, shall be
966 | filed by the carriage horse business with animal services.

967 | A. All horses used in a carriage business must be registered with the Utah Department of
968 | Agriculture and Animal Services Registry which shall entail providing a copy of the
969 | current livestock lifetime travel permit of each horse to animal services. Copies of the
970 | foregoing identification documents shall also be kept in the carriage itself while the
971 | horse and carriage are providing services within the city.

972 | B. Animal services shall photograph each horse during the annual commercial permit
973 | inspection set forth in Salt Lake City Code § 5.37.150.

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975 | **5.37.2358-16.020: EXAMINATION REQUIRED:**

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977 | Every horse shall be examined prior to use in a horsedrawn carriage business, and every six (6)
978 | months thereafter, by a veterinarian and at no expense to the city. The horse shall be examined
979 | and treated for internal parasites; problems with its teeth, legs, hoofs and shoes, or
980 | cardiovascular system; drug abuse; any injury, disease, or deficiency observed by the
981 | veterinarian at the time or previously, and the general physical condition and ability to perform
982 | the work required of it.

983 | **5.37.2408-16.025: DOCUMENTATION CERTIFICATE REQUIRED:**

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985 | An annual physical exam from a licensed veterinarian specializing in equine(s) which shall
986 | certify the fitness of the horse to perform such work shall be provided for each horse to be
987 | used to pull a carriage. The documentation will ensure the horse is serviceably sound. The
988 | extent of the exam shall be left to the determination of the veterinarian. The documentation
989 | shall be kept by the office of animal services and made available for inspection. Another copy
990 | of such documentation shall be kept in the carriage to which the horse is tethered while the
991 | horse is providing services within the City. Proof of regular vaccinations and deworming shall
992 | also be provided to the office of animal services on an annual basis. Proof of vaccinations and
993 | deworming may include receipts for materials used by the carriage business. No person shall
994 | cause or attempt to cause a horse to pull a carriage, unless the horse has been certified
995 | pursuant to this section. The certification of the horse may be made subject to a condition, or
996 | otherwise limited by the veterinarian. The certificate shall be kept and be available for
997 | inspection by the office of animal services at the stable where the certified horse is kept, and a

998 | ~~copy of the certificate shall be mailed to the office of animal services within five (5) days from~~
999 | ~~its date.~~

1000 | **5.37.2458-16.030: CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENTATION BY VETERINARIAN; TERM:**
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1002 | After performing the physical examination required by section ~~5.37.2358-16.020~~ of this chapter,
1003 | or its successor, the examining veterinarian may sign a certificate or documentation attesting
1004 | that the horse is in good health. The certificate or documentation shall specifically identify each
1005 | horse by its breed, sex, color and identifying markings and shall state, in the opinion of the
1006 | veterinarian, the maximum load which each horse can reasonably be expected to draw safely
1007 | and without causing injury to the horse. The certificate or documentation, if issued, shall be
1008 | valid for a period of not more than six (6) months from the date of signature.

1009 | **5.37.2508-16.035: CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING HEALTH:**
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1011 | For purposes of this chapter, a horse shall be deemed to be in good health only if the horse:
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1013 | A. Strength: Has, in the opinion of the veterinarian, flesh, muscle tone, and weight sufficient to
1014 | perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of carriages;

1015 | B. Immunizations and Parasite Control: Has been immunized for the following and such
1016 | vaccination will be effective at all times during the next six (6) months: eastern equine
1017 | encephalitis, western equine encephalitis, tetanus, rhino flu, and dewormed for
1018 | parasitesing;

1019 | C. Coggins Test: Has been given a Coggins test with negative results on at least one certificate
1020 | during its life and since the last time the horse entered the state of Utah; the certificate
1021 | verifying said test or tests shall be filed with animal services before such horse is used in any
1022 | carriage business;

1023 | D. In General: Is, in the opinion of the veterinarian, in general good health and in all respects
1024 | physically fit to perform the work for which the horse is used, including the pulling of
1025 | carriages.

1026 | **5.37.2558-16.040: CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATE OR**
1027 | **DOCUMENTATION:**
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1029 | A veterinarian shall cancel a certificate or other provided documentation, if the veterinarian
1030 | learns of a condition which is reasonably expected to make the horse unfit for its work for a
1031 | period of two (2) weeks or more. If the horse appears to the veterinarian to be suffering from
1032 | an injury or sickness from which it is expected to recover in under two (2) weeks, the
1033 | veterinarian shall suspend the certificate or other provided documentation for such horse for
1034 | the time that the veterinarian expects will be necessary for the horse to recover. Upon written
1035 | request of a holder for a hearing on such cancellation or suspension of a veterinarian's
1036 | certificate or other provided documentation, a hearing shall be held by the city within three (3)

1037 working days of receipt of such request to determine whether said cancellation or suspension
1038 shall remain in effect. A canceled certificate or other provided documentation shall be
1039 destroyed by the veterinarian or clearly marked as canceled or invalid. Suspension of a
1040 certificate or other provided documentation shall be clearly marked by the veterinarian in non-
1041 erasable ink on the original of the certificate or other provided documentation.

1042 **5.37.2608-16.045: POLICE OR ANIMAL SERVICES ORDERS:**
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1044 A city police officer, a health department officer or an animal services officer may order that a
1045 horse not be used to pull a carriage in the city and that the horse be returned to its stable, if the
1046 officer has cause to believe that the horse is suffering from any injury, ailment, or other
1047 condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage safely. The order shall be effective
1048 only for so long as the officer specifies or until a hearing can be held regarding disqualification,
1049 or for three (3) working days, whichever is shorter.

1050 **5.37.2658-16.050: DISQUALIFICATION:**
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1052 The mayor may, upon prior notice and hearing, disqualify a specific horse from use in pulling a
1053 carriage in the city, if the mayor finds that the horse presents a hazard to public or passenger
1054 safety greater than the hazard posed by a normal horse, or that the horse is in any way unfit for
1055 the work of pulling carriages in the city. Before a horse may be disqualified, a hearing shall be
1056 held before the mayor, or his/her designee, at which the carriage business and the owner of
1057 the horse may appear and express themselves. At least three (3) working days' notice shall be
1058 given of the hearing to the carriage business using the horse. A disqualified horse shall not be
1059 used to pull a carriage within the city.

1060 **5.37.2708-16.055: ACCIDENTS:**
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1062 In addition to any other requirements of law regarding reporting of vehicle accidents, the
1063 operator of a horsedrawn carriage shall report to the office of animal services any accident
1064 involving such carriage, and no such horse or carriage shall again be operated until such have
1065 been inspected by an animal services officer and a determination has been made by such
1066 officer that no removal order is necessary as provided by section 5.37.2608-16.050 of this
1067 chapter, or its successor. Whenever a police officer responds to the scene of an accident
1068 involving a horsedrawn carriage and a vehicle, the police department shall verify that both the
1069 office of animal services and the city's business licensing division have received notice of such
1070 accident.

1071 **5.37.2758-16.060: EXAMINATION BY THE OFFICE OF ANIMAL SERVICES:**
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1073 The office of animal services and its officials may at any reasonable time, examine any horse
1074 owned by a carriage business or used by a carriage business to pull a carriage, or may have such
1075 a horse examined by a veterinarian. The costs of such examination shall initially be borne by the
1076 office of animal services. Such orders shall be in writing and may be given to the driver of a
1077 carriage to which the horse is hitched, or to a carriage business owning or having possession of

1078 the horse. If such examination determines that such horse is suffering from any injury, ailment
1079 or other condition significantly affecting its ability to pull a carriage in the city, the costs for
1080 such examination shall be reimbursed to the office of animal services by the certificate holder
1081 owning or operating such horse.

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Article VIII. Care Of Horses

1087 5.37.280: Physical Condition For Work

1088 5.37.285305: Other Regulations Governing Carriage Horses

1089 5.37.290: Stables And Stalls

1090 5.37.295: Cruelty And Neglect Prohibited

1091 5.37.300: Disposing Of Carriage Horses

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1093 5.37.2808-16.065: PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR WORK:

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1095 No person shall cause a horse to draw or to be harnessed to a carriage if:

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1097 A. Certifiable: The person attending to the horse knows, or reasonably should know that the
1098 horse, if then examined by a veterinarian, would probably not then be eligible for
1099 certification, or would be subject to cancellation or revocation of certification;

1100 B. Acute Ailment: The horse has an open sore or wound, or is lame or appears to have any
1101 other injury, sickness, or ailment, unless the person attending to the horse has in his
1102 possession a written statement signed by a veterinarian and stating that the horse is fit for
1103 pulling a carriage notwithstanding the injury, sickness, or ailment;

1104 C. Hoofs: The hoofs of the horse are not properly shod and trimmed, utilizing rubber coated
1105 heel pads or open steel barium tip shoes to aid in the prevention of slipping. Horses shall be
1106 shod and trimmed at least every four (4) to six (6) weeks, or more frequently if necessary by
1107 an experienced, competent farrier;

1108 D. _Coat: The horse is not well groomed and/or has fungus, dandruff, or a poor or dirty coat.

1109 E. Age: The horse is less than three (3) years old. OR

1110 E. Age: Carriage horses must be at least five (5) years old.

1111 5.37.2858-16.067: OTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING CARRIAGE HORSES

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- 1113 A. A carriage horse shall not be left untethered or unattended except when confined in a
1114 stable or other enclosure.
- 1115 B. No carriage horse shall be at work for more than ~~eight~~ nine (98) total hours in any
1116 continuous twenty four (24) hour period. There shall be a rest period of at least fifteen (15)
1117 minutes at the end of each two (2) hour work period. During such rest periods, the person
1118 in charge of such horse shall make fresh drinking water available to the horse. The horse
1119 shall not be allowed to drink in large quantities unless it is first rested.
- 1120 C. No carriage horse shall be worked more than five (5) consecutive days without being
1121 provided a rest period of at least one (1) day before the resumption of work.
- 1122 D. No carriage horse shall be at work:
- 1123 1. ~~1~~ whenever weather conditions such as icy roads, snow covered roads, heavy
1124 precipitation, thunderstorms and other inclement weather conditions are sufficiently unsafe
1125 that operation of a carriage results in physical injuries (whether equine or human) or property
1126 damage where the unsafe conditions caused or contributed to such injuries or damage.
- 1127 2. (i). whenever the ambient temperature, ~~with the wind chill factor,~~ drops below ten (10)
1128 ~~ten-degrees Fahrenheit; below zero (- 10°F),~~ or
- 1129 (ii). ~~2~~ whenever the combination of the ambient heat index temperature and the
1130 relative humidity exceeds one hundred four (104) one hundred fifty-degrees Fahrenheit
1131 ~~(150°F).~~
- 1132 (iii). for purposes of subsection (D)(2), the pertinent ambient temperature and heat
1133 index measurements shall be the temperature and heat index measurements calculated
1134 at the weather bug station located closest to Temple Square. If such weather bug
1135 station is inoperable or otherwise unavailable, then the pertinent temperature and heat
1136 index measurements shall be the measurements calculated by the National Weather
1137 Service at the Salt Lake City Airport.
- 1138 E. ~~For purposes of this subsection, temperatures shall be those measured in the downtown~~
1139 ~~area of the city and broadcast by the local radio stations or as measured and announced by~~
1140 ~~the national weather service. An operator of a carriage drawn by a horse already at work at~~
1141 ~~the time the weather, temperature, or heat index reaches the conditions described in above~~
1142 ~~described conditions~~ subsection D shall return the passengers, if any, to the point of loading
1143 and shall rest the horse in sheltered conditions. Thereafter, such horse may be worked only
1144 when the weather, temperature, or heat index once again reaches acceptable limits under
1145 this section. Carriage businesses shall be responsible for monitoring the pertinent weather
1146 conditions, temperature measurements, and heat index measurements, and for insuring
1147 their carriages are operated in accordance with the requirements described in this section.

1148 F. Every horse at work shall have a blanket provided by its operator when:

1149 1. the horse is standing idle at its staging point;

1150 2. the horse has been working and is visibly sweating, and

1151 3. the ambient temperature is less than ~~thirty-two~~ twenty-degrees Fahrenheit (~~32~~20°F).

1152 **5.37.2908.16.070: STABLES AND STALLS:**

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1154 All stables used by a carriage business and the keeping of horses therein shall be subject to the
1155 provisions of chapter 8.08 of the Salt Lake City Code~~is title~~, or its successor, as well as any and
1156 all other applicable laws and ordinances, including the following:

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1158 A. Ventilation and fresh air shall be provided, but horses shall not be unnecessarily exposed to
1159 drafts during cold weather.

1160 B. Ceilings shall be at least ten feet (10') high from bedding flooring.

1161 C. Stalls shall be constructed and maintained:

1162 1. In good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain them;

1163 2. So as to enable the animals to remain dry and clean;

1164 3. To provide sufficient space as to enable each horse to turn about freely and to easily
1165 stand, sit or lie in a comfortable, normal position;

1166 4. So that the horses contained therein have easy access to water and to mineralized
1167 salt at all times, and to food as needed. Such food and water shall be kept free of
1168 contamination.

1169 D. Floors shall be level and free from holes or openings, and shall provide proper drainage. No
1170 horse shall be stabled on a concrete floor without bedding that is:

1171 1. Highly absorbent and comfortable in all stalls and stables in which horses are kept,

1172 2. Deep enough to provide warmth to the animal and so as not to show wetness under
1173 the pressure of the animal,

1174 3. Not of a type that will harm or in any way be a discomfort to the animal.

1175 E. Each stall shall be attended to daily, ensuring clean and dry bedding, and all interior areas of
1176 a stable and all exterior areas surrounding a stable shall be kept clean, properly drained and

1177 free from nuisances including, but not limited to, odors and accumulation of refuse or
1178 excrement. Manure accumulations shall be removed from the premises weekly to prevent
1179 rodent and vermin activity.

1180 F. Each stall shall house one horse only.

1181 G. Feed shall be kept in storage areas, constructed to permit extermination treatment in order
1182 to be made rodent and insect proof. Feed storage areas shall allow no harborage and shall
1183 be kept vermin free. Storage of feed concentrates shall be kept in an area inaccessible to
1184 the horses.

1185 H. All stables and stalls shall be inspected by animal services prior to use in a horsedrawn
1186 carriage business, and every six (6) months thereafter, to verify compliance with this section
1187 and all other applicable laws and ordinances. In addition to the regularly scheduled
1188 inspections as set forth in this section, the city may perform other inspections of stables and
1189 stalls used in any horsedrawn carriage business within the corporate limits of Salt Lake City,
1190 in order to administer and enforce the standards herein, provided the authorized
1191 employees or agents of animal services schedule an appointment with the licensed owner
1192 of the business or provide written notice by mail or by posting at the stable premises for
1193 such inspection at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of such inspection. Said
1194 inspection shall be conducted during the hours in which the business's horses are working.
1195 Nothing herein shall prevent the city from issuing citations or taking other action authorized
1196 under the city's ordinances for violations that are in the plain view of city employees or
1197 agents.

1198 | **5.37.2958-16.075: CRUELTY AND NEGLECT PROHIBITED:**
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1200 No horse owned by or within the control of a carriage business shall be treated cruelly,
1201 harassed, or neglected. A carriage business and its owner and managers are all individually
1202 responsible to take any action reasonably necessary to assure the humane care and treatment
1203 of the horses under their control.

1204 | **5.37.300: DISPOSING OF CARRIAGE HORSES**
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1206 A. A carriage business must report any disposal of a carriage horse by sale, gift, lease, routine
1207 death, or other means of disposition, to the office of animal services within ten (10)
1208 business days of the date such disposal occurred. Any such disposal of a carriage horse
1209 must be properly documented and conducted in a humane manner.
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1211 B. All work-related deaths of carriage horses, including deaths involving circumstances
1212 potentially attributable to such horses' working or living conditions, must be reported to
1213 animal services within twelve (12) business hours of discovery.
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1217 | SECTION 343. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.
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ATTACHMENT I

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY



TO: City Council Members

FROM: Jan Aramaki/Ben Luedtke
Policy Analysts

DATE: January 2, 2014

**RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO
HORSE-DRAWN
CARRIAGE REGULATIONS**

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Briefing: January 7, 2014

Set Date: took place on
December 3, 2013

Public Hearing: January 7, 2014

Potential Action: Not yet
determined

Council Sponsor: Council Member Charlie Luke

ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE

Salt Lake City regulates horse-drawn carriages on City streets. The proposed changes to horse-drawn carriage regulations came about after a horse collapsed in downtown Salt Lake City in August of 2013, while pulling a carriage.

On September 24, 2013, the City Council received a report from Council staff with background information on horse-drawn carriages as well as best practices¹ of other cities around the nation. Council Member Charlie Luke provided recommendations (see attached memo) to temporarily regulate horse-drawn carriages until a permanent solution could be implemented.²

Following the Council's discussion, the Council took five straw poll votes. The majority of the Council supported: 1) turning the information over to the Mayor's Administration and Salt Lake County Animal Services to develop recommendations to horse-drawn carriage regulations and using Council Member Charlie Luke's recommendation memo as part of the framework; and 2) having the Mayor's Administration research whether to include a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach.

The proposal was made available to the horse-drawn carriage business, Humane Society of Utah, PETA, equine veterinarians and all individuals who provided comment when this issue was first presented to the City Council. On December 4, 2013, the new information provided by the Administration was published on Open City Hall for public input prior to the Council having the opportunity to discuss this proposal on January 7, 2014.

¹ Attachment I: Best practices found in other cities

² Attachment II: Council Member Charlie Luke's recommendations memo



Goal of the briefing: The goal of this briefing is to answer any questions the Council may have of the Administration's proposal and to give the Council the opportunity to discuss policy issues prior to the public hearing that will be held during the formal meeting. A date has not yet been identified for the Council to take any action. Council staff requests direction from the Council regarding additional changes or needed clarification before taking formal action.

NEW INFORMATION

The following information is a summary of the proposed changes from the Administration before the City Council that were posted on Open City Hall for comment.

1. Defining veterinarian as *“any person legally licensed to practice veterinary medicine who devotes at least fifteen (15%) of his or her practice to providing care for equine animals.”*
2. Implementing more detailed criteria governing carriage drivers, including, but not limited to: criminal background checks, licensing requirements, application information and process, and driver's qualifications.
3. Imposing stricter standards relating to carriage equipment and maintenance, including, but not limited to: requirement to be equipped with urine dilution, deodorant and dispersion; emergency equipment, quality of harness and attached gear.
4. Allowing advance charter tours to deviate from the authorized routes provided that the carriage business obtains a permit from the City horse-drawn carriage committee.
5. Setting a minimum age of three years for horses used to pull carriages.
6. Changing how horses are identified: eliminating branding and instead using identification documents that contain a photograph with accompanying description of said horse (age, breed, sex, color and description of any identifying markings).
7. Changing regulations that govern how long a horse can work to a maximum of eight hours in any 24 hour period with a rest break of at least ten minutes at the end of each one-hour work period.
8. Restricting a horse-drawn carriage to operate when adverse weather conditions exist, when temperatures as measured at the Salt Lake City Airport drops below ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit or whenever the heat index exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees F.
9. Consolidating two chapters of Salt Lake City Code governing horse-drawn carriages into one; repealing Chapter 8.16 (Animals: Regulation of Horse-drawn Carriages) and moving all those sections into Chapter 5.37 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations: Horse-drawn Carriages) for consistency.
10. Eliminating references to specific horse-drawn carriage businesses.
11. In addition, the Administration provided pros and cons to the Council's interest to research a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach. This policy issue would require the Council's further discussion and consideration to determine that a contract-based regulatory system, such as the one implemented for taxicab services, would better serve the needs of the City with respect to the regulation of horse-drawn carriage businesses.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. Open City Hall received 44 comments from the public as of December 31, 2013.³

The Council may wish to discuss with the Administration and/or Salt Lake County Animal Services issues raised or recommendations made through Open City Hall comments.

³ Refer to Attachment III to review a summary of recommendations/concerns raised in Open City Hall.

2. According to Section 5.37.165: HOURS, a horse drawn carriage is restricted from operating on City streets during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.

Council staff assumes this restriction was to avoid conflicts with rush hour traffic during weekdays.

The Council may wish to specify in City code that horse-drawn carriages are allowed to operate within these time frames on the weekend.

3. No changes were proposed to the carriage routes. Routes remain as “bounded by the following streets: North Temple, 200 East, 400 South and 200 West.”

The Council may wish to discuss route alternatives.

4. On page 2 of the Administration’s transmittal, they responded to the Council’s interest to research a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach by providing pros and cons.

This policy issue would require the Council’s further discussion and consideration to determine that a contract-based regulatory system, such as the one implemented for taxicab services.

The Council may wish to discuss the pros and cons in more detail with the Administration to identify which system would better serve the needs of the City with respect to the regulation of horse-drawn carriage businesses.

5. The Administration maintains a horse-drawn carriage committee in Section 5.37.047 which states it is appointed by the Mayor that includes the City’s transportation engineer.

The Council may wish to ask the Administration to elaborate on the other key players that would be part of this committee and their plans to reactivate this committee.

6. Administration recommends using a heat index for the maximum temperature but using ambient air temperature for the lower limit. Council suggested using ambient air temperature for both because heat index is complicated to interpret. The proposed temperature range is 10°F (-10°F with wind chill)—104°F heat index.

The Council may wish to discuss the pros and cons of using ambient air temperature versus a heat index.⁴

7. Although the County worked with the Administration to help develop the proposed amendment to horse-drawn carriage regulations, they submitted additional recommendations to Council staff after the amendment was drafted.

Salt Lake County Animal Services expresses that the City Council consider maintaining Chapter 8.16 rather than repealing as presented by the Administration. They believe that keeping the County’s designated role under a separate chapter of *Salt Lake City Code* will more clearly separate and identify the role played by Animal Services.

The County’s additional recommended changes are noted below under the heading of “Additional & Background Information” for the Council’s review.

The Council may wish to ask the County to elaborate on their additional recommended changes.

ADDITIONAL & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Additional County comments were given to Council staff after the amendment was drafted for the Council’s consideration and discussion. (Note: any wording in “red” represents the County’s additional recommended changes to the proposed amendment on multiple Sections of City Code.)

- a. Add the following players to be part of the horse-drawn carriage committee: carriage business owner, a representative from the police department, City Attorney’s Office, Business Licensing Division, Salt Lake

⁴ See Attachment IV on historical air temperature and air quality data.

County Animal Services and an appointed City representative with a statement that says all recommendations from the committee will be provided to the Council.

- b. Add “carriage businesses” to Section 8.04.190, Commercial Establishments: Operation of Standards; and to Section 8.04.210, Emergency Suspension of Permit/Registration.
- c. Strike out Section 5.37.225 Revocation or Suspension.
- d. Section 5.37.165, Periodic Inspections: add a section for carriage inspection that says: “Prior to use a carriage inspection shall be thoroughly examined and inspected. Animal Services has stricken “by animal services.”
- e. Section 5.37.165(6), Periodic Inspections: Animal Services provides more specific language to say “Urine must be immediately sprinkled with deodorizing urine solidifying granules that will allow the urine to be removed as solid waste. The driver shall then be responsible for sweeping or shoveling the solidified urine into the device for catching excrement and disposing of both wastes in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations. The deodorizing urine solidifying granules shall be eco-friendly, safe, recyclable, non-toxic, and non-harmful to people and property.”
- f. Section 5.37.165, Periodic Inspections, add language that says: “Upon satisfactory inspection a copy of the Horse Carriage Inspection Form will be given to the Carriage Company.”
- g. Add language to say: “All horses used in a carriage business must be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Animal Services. Registry shall entail providing a copy of current livestock lifetime travel permit of each horse to Animal Services.”
- h. Include language that says: “Animal Services will photograph each horse during the annual commercial permit inspection.”
- i. Section 5.37.250, change “Certificate Required” to “Documentation Required” and delete proposed language and replace with language as follows:

~~Certificate~~ **Documentation** Required

~~No person shall cause or attempt to cause a horse to pull a carriage, unless the horse has been certified pursuant to this section. The certification of the horse may be made subject to a condition, or otherwise limited by the veterinarian. The certificate shall be kept and be available for inspection by the office of animal services at the stable where the certified horse is days from its date. Another copy of the certificate shall be kept in the carriage to which the horse is tethered while the horse is providing services within the City.~~

An annual physical exam from a licensed veterinarian specializing in equine(s) which shall certify the fitness of the horse to perform such work shall be provided for each horse used to pull a carriage. The documentation will ensure the horse is serviceably sound. The extent of the examine shall be left to the veterinarian’s determination. The documentation shall be kept and available for inspection by the office of Animal Services. Proof of regular vaccinations and deworming shall also be provided on an annual basis. Proof of vaccinations and deworming may include receipts for materials used by the permit holder.”

- j. Section 5.37.255, Certificate by Veterinarian; term, insert words “or documentation” after the word certificate to read as follows:

After performing the physical examination required by Section 5.37.245 of this chapter, or its successor, the examining veterinarian may sign a certificate **or documentation** attesting that the horse is in good health. The certificate **or documentation** shall specifically identify each horse by its breed, sex, color and identifying markings and shall state, in the opinion of the veterinarian, the maximum load which each horse can reasonably be expected to draw safely and without causing injury to the horse. The certificate **or documentation**, if issued, shall be valid for a period of not more than six (6) months from the date of signature.

- k. Section 5.37.260B, Criteria for Determining Health, suggests the following changes:

B. Immunizations **and Parasite Control:** Has been immunized for the following and such vaccination will be effective at all times during the next six (6) months; eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis, tetanus, rhino flu and ~~deworming~~ **dewormed for parasites.**

- l. Section 5.37.265, Cancellation and Suspension of Certificate:

A veterinarian shall cancel a certificate **or provide documentation** if the veterinarian learns of a condition which is reasonably expected to make the horse unfit for its work for a period of two (2) weeks or more. If the horse appears to the veterinarian to be suffering from an injury or sickness from which it is expected to recover in under two (2) weeks, the veterinarian shall suspend the certificate for such horse for the time that the veterinarian expects will be necessary for the horse to recover. Upon written request of a holder for a hearing on such cancellation or suspension of a veterinarian's certificate, a hearing shall be held by the city within three (3) working days of receipt of such request to determine whether said cancellation or suspension shall remain in effect. A canceled certificate shall be destroyed by the veterinarian or clearly marked as canceled or invalid. Suspension of a certificate shall be clearly marked by the veterinarian in non-erasable ink on the original of the certificate.

- m. Section 5.37.280, Accidents

In addition to any other requirements of law regarding reporting of vehicle accidents, the operator of a horse-drawn carriage shall report to the office of animal services any accident involving such carriage, and no such horse or carriage shall again be operated until such have been inspected by an Animal Services officer and a determination has been made by such officer that no removal order is necessary as provided by section 5.37.275 of this chapter, or its successor. **In addition to the above, Salt Lake City Police Department shall report any vehicle accidents involving carriages to the office of Animal Services.**

- n. Section 5.37.290E, Physical Condition for Work, recommendation to specify that a horse must be at least five (5) years old rather than three (3) years old. |

- o. Add a Section titled **"Disposing of Carriage Horses"** to read:

A. Any disposal of a carriage horse (by sale, giving away, lease, or routine death) must be reported to Animal Services within ten (10) days. All disposals (sale, euthanasia, etc.) must be in a humane manner.

B. All work related deaths, or suspicious deaths of carriage horses must be reported to Animal Services within twelve (12) business hours.

- p. Section 5.37.295D2, Other Regulations Governing Carriage Horses, add language "with the wind chill factor (-10 F)

No carriage horse shall be at work:

2. Whenever the ambient temperature as measured at the Salt Lake City Airport, drops below ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit **with the wind chill factor (-10 degrees F), or . . .**

- q. Section 5.37.29, Other Regulations Governing Carriage Horses, rather than having the temperature calculated by the National Weather Service and measured at the Salt Lake City Airport, Animal Services suggests language **by the weather bug station closest to Temple Square.**⁵

⁵ WeatherBug is a private company with over 8,000 weather stations around the U.S. that provides live local information.

Cold air-induced late-phase bronchoconstriction in horses

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Keywords: horse; bronchoconstriction; exercise; airway desiccation**Summary**

Reason for performing study: Inspired air is warmed to body temperature and fully humidified by the upper airway mucosa under normal resting conditions. This conditioning process may not be completed by the upper airways during conditions of increased minute ventilation or when the inspired air is unusually cold, resulting in cooling and desiccation of lower respiratory surfaces. Excess heat and water loss from intrapulmonary airways is believed to be the provocative stimulus for exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (occurring immediately after exercise) and associated late phase airway obstruction (occurring a few hours after exercise).

Hypothesis: Exercise while breathing cold air results in airway obstruction in horses.

Methods: Eight healthy horses performed a 15 min submaximal exercise challenge in a random crossover design. Independent variable was inspired air temperature during the challenge (25 or -5°C). The dependent variables were total respiratory impedance, resistance, and reactance at 5, 24 and 48 h post exercise challenge, expressed as a percentage of the prechallenge baseline.

Results: No significant effect of inspired air temperature was found on any respiratory mechanical parameter 5 h after exercise challenge. However, cold inspired air was associated with higher respiratory impedance and resistance 48 h after the exercise challenges.

Conclusions: These findings support the hypothesis that submaximal exercise while breathing subfreezing air can adversely affect respiratory mechanical properties in normal horses. However, the timecourse for development of abnormal respiratory mechanical properties is longer than that reported in other mammals.

Clinical relevance: Exercise in cold weather may be a common cause of lower airway disease in horses.

Introduction

Exercise while breathing cold air reliably produces bronchoconstriction in human subjects with pre-existing airway hyperreactivity, a response termed hyperpnoea-induced bronchoconstriction. This response is typically transient and resolves spontaneously within 30–60 min. The occurrence of a second phase of bronchoconstriction (termed a late phase response due to its similarity to the late-phase response to allergen exposure in subjects with allergic asthma) is less reliably detected in man,

due to variability in timing of the response, interference by diurnal variation and difficulty in restricting potentially confounding medications for a prolonged period. Nevertheless, carefully controlled studies have shown that the late fall in 1 sec forced expiratory volume (FEV₁, an indicator of airway obstruction) after exercise was greater than the spontaneous decay of lung function at the corresponding clocktime on the nonexercise control day in subjects with pre-existing asthma (Chhabra and Ojha 1998).

Exercise while breathing cold air is also associated with chronic airway disease that has many similarities to asthma. This syndrome, known as 'ski asthma' due to its initial description in elite cross-country skiers, has been described in a variety of winter athletes (Sue-Chu *et al.* 1999). The initiating cause of the disease is believed to be excess loss of heat and water from the surfaces of the lower airways, due to exposure to unconditioned air, a process exacerbated by decreasing inspired air temperature and increasing minute ventilation. Airway cooling and desiccation cause airway mucosal damage and osmotic activation of airway mast cells and epithelial cells. These changes are believed to be key components of the pathway leading to chronic airway disease. We have previously demonstrated that strenuous exercise while breathing cool air (4°C) allows penetration of unconditioned air into the lower airways of horses resulting in airway mucosal damage (Davis *et al.* 2002a). Having demonstrated the hypothesised initiating stimulus and initial pathological step in the development of chronic airway disease, we hypothesised that submaximal exercise, while breathing subfreezing air, can cause airway obstruction in horses.

Materials and methods

All experiments were reviewed and approved by the Oklahoma State University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Eight healthy mature horses were housed in individual stalls and fed grass hay supplemented with commercial grain mix throughout training and participation in these experiments. Training consisted of walking, trotting and cantering 3 times weekly on a motorised high-speed treadmill in an indoor climate-controlled facility (ambient temperature 25°C) for 12 weeks. A single graded exercise test was performed after 12 weeks of training to determine the speed and slope that corresponded to a heart rate of 170 beats/min for each horse, and this speed and slope were used for all subsequent exercise tests.

Horses were assigned to either cold air or warm air exercise tests in a randomised crossover design with a minimum 1 week washout between exercise tests. Each exercise test consisted of walking (1.8 m/sec, 0° slope, 5 min), trotting (3.5–4 m/sec,

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TABLE 1: Respiratory reactivity to aerosolised histamine after exercise while breathing either warm or cold air. R₃ reactivity: % of pre-aerosol baseline in resistance measured at 3 Hz; R₅ reactivity: % of pre-aerosol baseline in resistance measured at 5 Hz; Time: time post exercise challenge. Data are expressed as the mean \pm s.d. of 8 horses for each challenge and timepoint. There was no statistically significant effect of inspired air temperature on respiratory reactivity

Time	R ₃ reactivity		R ₅ reactivity	
	Cold	Warm	Cold	Warm
0 h	105 \pm 11	108 \pm 13	105 \pm 11	108 \pm 14
5 h	120 \pm 18	114 \pm 8	115 \pm 14	114 \pm 12
24 h	116 \pm 10	110 \pm 19	114 \pm 7	113 \pm 14
48 h	112 \pm 10	119 \pm 17	114 \pm 9	119 \pm 13

0° slope, 5 min) and cantering (6.8–9.5 m/sec, 2.5° slope, 5 min), differing only in the temperature and relative humidity (RH) of the inspired air: 25°C and 55% RH (12.6 g H₂O/m³ air) for warm air exercise tests and -5°C and >95% RH (3.5 g H₂O/m³ air) for cold air exercise tests. The cold air was produced by drawing ambient air through a high volume air chiller connected to a loose-fitting facemask worn by the horse during exercise. The volume of air delivered (3800 l/min) was in excess of the reported maximal inspiratory rate for horses exercising at submaximal levels (Lekeux and Art 1994) to prevent the horses from inhaling unchilled ambient air during exercise.

Total respiratory mechanical properties were measured using an impulse oscillometry system specifically customised for use in horses¹ (Van Erck *et al.* 2003). Impulse oscillometry employs externally-generated multifrequency pulses of air, superimposed over the horse's regular breathing pattern, and measures the airflow and driving pressure of those air pulses as they enter an airtight facemask worn by the horse. Measured signals are filtered by different frequencies and the different components representing airflow impedance are calculated using alternating current theory. Components of impedance include resistance (energy lost to friction of air movement through respiratory structures, conceptually equivalent to conventional pulmonary resistance) and reactance (energy stored then released by respiratory structures, conceptually equivalent to conventional dynamic compliance). Although reactance of a closed system is typically a negative number, it is expressed as an absolute value to permit conceptual translation of the value to the corresponding physiological property. An additional feature of impulse oscillometry is the ability to calculate these values for different frequencies, with the different frequencies in general representing different levels of the respiratory tract (i.e. the lower the frequency, the more influence possible by peripheral respiratory structures; Vogel and Smidt 1994).

Horses were trained to stand quietly with their head in a neutral position (head and neck at approximately 45° to vertical and the head and neck forming a 90° angle), without sedation during the measurements, and an air-tight facemask was used to connect the oscillometry system to the subject. An electronic signal was collected for a minimum of 20 sec after the subject assumed a rhythmic breathing pattern (subjectively determined by the operator). Total respiratory impedance at 5 Hz (Z₅), and respiratory resistance and reactance at 3 and 5 Hz (R₃, R₅ and X₃, X₅, respectively) were calculated as average values over the entire 20 sec (Baseline). The oscillation head was then replaced with a nonbreathing aerosol chamber and histamine aerosol (10 mg/ml) was delivered for 30 sec using a jet nebulizer². The oscillation head was immediately replaced and total respiratory mechanical properties were measured as for baseline. The measurements acquired immediately after the histamine aerosol challenge were used to quantify airway reactivity and expressed as a percentage

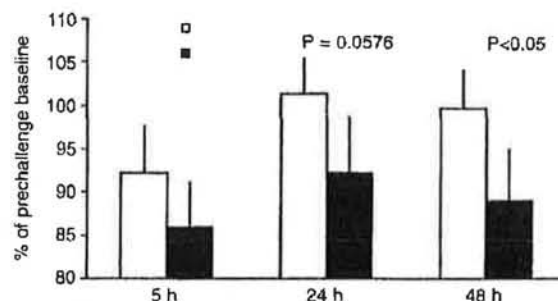


Fig 1: Effect of inspired air temperature on post exercise total respiratory impedance at 5 Hz. Horses (n = 8) were examined before and after equivalent submaximal exercise challenges while breathing either room temperature (□) or subfreezing air (■; random order with 2 week washout between challenges). Post exercise measurements are expressed as % of measurements obtained immediately prior to the exercise challenge.

of the prehistamine baseline. Baseline and reactivity measurements were performed immediately before, and 5, 24 and 48 h after each exercise challenge. Post exercise values were expressed as the percentage of the prechallenge baseline to correct for horse-to-horse and day-to-day variation (in agreement with standard practice in human bronchoprovocation studies). Data were analysed using a 2-way repeated measures ANOVA using timepoint and challenge as independent variables. PC SAS Version 9.2³ and PROC MIXED was used to conduct the repeated measures analysis. An autoregressive with period one covariance structure was used in a REPEATED statement. A SLICE option in an LSMEANS statement was used to assess simple effect of challenge for each timepoint. *Post hoc* testing was performed at each timepoint to test the hypothesis that cold air challenge increased resistance and decreased reactance relative to warm air challenge. In all cases, $P < 0.05$ was considered significant.

Results

Baseline total respiratory impedance (Z₅) was significantly higher before the warm air compared to the cold air exercise challenge (mean \pm s.d. 0.96 \pm 0.04 vs. 0.90 \pm 0.06 respectively, $P = 0.03$). No other respiratory mechanical parameter was significantly different prior to the exercise challenges. No significant effect of inspired air temperature was found on any respiratory mechanical parameter 5 h after the exercise challenge. However, cold inspired air was associated with higher baseline Z₅ (Fig 1), and R₃ (Fig 2) 48 h after the exercise challenges. In addition, baseline R₅ was nearly significant 48 h after challenge ($P = 0.0518$). In contrast to our hypothesis, cold inspired air was not associated with a decrease in reactance (X₃ and X₅) at any time (Fig 3). There was no significant effect of inspired air temperature on total respiratory reactivity at any frequency (Table 1). In general, measured responses were modest, with fewer than 20% of the R₃, R₅ and Z₅ responses to inhaled histamine exceeding 125% of prehistamine baseline.

Discussion

Exercise-induced bronchoconstriction is a commonly reported phenomenon in human subjects with asthma (McFadden Jr. 1999), as well as to a lesser extent normal human subjects (Mahler and Loke 1981). The syndrome is characterised by acute bronchoconstriction occurring typically within 5–10 min of cessation of strenuous exercise, particularly when that exercise is performed while breathing cold air. Two basic hypotheses have

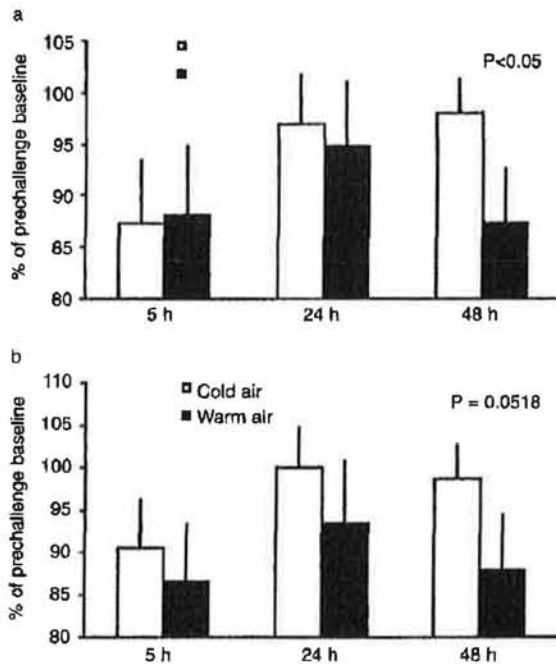


Fig 2: Effect of inspired air temperature on post exercise total respiratory resistance. Horses ($n = 8$) were examined before and after equivalent submaximal exercise challenges while breathing either room temperature (■) or subfreezing air (□; random order with 2 week washout between challenges). Post exercise measurements are expressed as % of measurements obtained immediately prior to the exercise challenge. (a) Total respiratory resistance at 3 Hz; (b) Total respiratory resistance at 5 Hz.

been advanced to explain the acute bronchoconstriction: reflex bronchovascular engorgement due to airway cooling (McFadden 1999), and activation of biochemical pathways by hyperosmolarity due to excessive water loss from the airway mucosa (Daviskas *et al.* 1991). Currently, the preponderance of evidence supports the latter hypothesis, including the demonstrated release of bronchospastic mediators immediately after exercise and associated with airway obstruction (Hallstrand *et al.* 2005), and the pharmacological ability to block both the release of these mediators and the occurrence of bronchoconstriction. The occurrence of late phase bronchoconstriction (a second round of airway obstruction occurring 4–5 h after the acute phase, analogous to late phase bronchoconstriction in allergen-mediated asthma) is less universal and considered by some investigators an epiphenomenon rather than an inherent feature of the response to exercise (Zawadzki *et al.* 1988). However, animal models have demonstrated clearly the occurrence of a late phase of airway inflammation, obstruction and hyperactivity, particularly after repeated challenges with simulated exercise (Davis and Freed 1997, 2001). The magnitude (or indeed, detectable occurrence) of the late phase bronchoconstrictive response seems to be a nonlinear function of the challenge intensity, with only the most profound challenges predictably causing significant bronchoconstriction (Davis *et al.* 2002c). It is tempting to speculate that the chemical mediators of airway inflammation induced by exercise, while breathing cold air, cause airway obstruction. However, it is possible to block the development of late phase airway obstruction in dogs through inhibition of cyclooxygenase or lipoxygenase without an effect on late phase airway inflammation (Davis *et al.* 2002b), suggesting a

divergence of the pathways leading to airway obstruction and inflammation (and the importance of endogenous eicosanoids in the former). Alternatively, cold air-induced mucosal damage may result in decreased epithelial-derived prostaglandin E₂ (an important inhibitor of airway smooth muscle contraction in man and some laboratory animals) resulting in bronchospasm (Hallstrand *et al.* 2005). However, there may be important species differences, since *in vitro* studies using horse airways have failed to demonstrate a role for endogenous prostaglandins in the relaxation of airway smooth muscle (Wang *et al.* 1992) or acetylcholine release by airway nerves (Zhao *et al.* 1994). Given the apparent differences between species, further studies in horses pharmacologically targeting specific biochemical pathways are needed to identify the mechanism(s) of cold air-induced bronchoconstriction in this species.

The data set of the current study displays some unexpected patterns that merit discussion. First, it appears that the respiratory resistance values remain relatively constant following cold air exposure and the statistically significant differences in respiratory resistance are due to a decrease in baseline following exercise while breathing warm air. This observation might lead to the conclusion that exercise causes an improvement in respiratory mechanical properties that is lost when the inspired air is cold. However, such a beneficial effect of exercise has not been reported previously, and we know of no physiological response to exercise that would produce improvements in pulmonary mechanical properties 48 h after exercise. The experimental design did not hold constant numerous other patient, technical and environmental factors that could influence pulmonary mechanics and may have contributed to coincidental fluctuations in baseline mechanics that were not part of the experimental design. When the

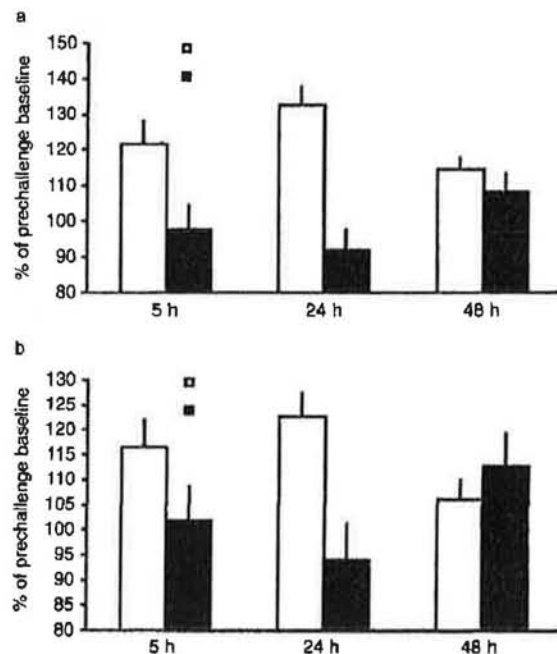


Fig 3: Effect of inspired air temperature on post exercise total respiratory reactance. Horses ($n = 8$) were examined before and after equivalent submaximal exercise challenges while breathing either room temperature (■) or subfreezing air (□; random order with 2 week washout between challenges). Post exercise measurements are expressed as % of measurements obtained immediately prior to the exercise challenge. (a) Total respiratory reactance at 3 Hz; (b) Total respiratory reactance at 5 Hz.

data are considered against the substantial backdrop of scientific literature pertaining to the effects of cold air as a bronchoprovocation stimulus, it appears that the most appropriate conclusion is that breathing cold air during submaximal exercise results in airway obstruction relative to a similar exercise session while breathing warm air. A second unexpected effect was the large increase in respiratory reactance after exercise while breathing cold air. The primary reason this increase did not result in statistical significance was the specific construction of the *post hoc* testing, in the study, that specified a hypothesised decrease in reactance as is normally measured under conditions of peripheral airway constriction (Van Erck *et al.* 2003). The authors are unable to provide an explanation for these data, based on existing scientific literature, and propose to confirm this unusual response in a second study.

In the current study, the onset of cold air-induced airway obstruction occurred substantially longer after exercise than in man and other animal models of exercise-induced bronchoconstriction. A measurable late phase response is typically apparent within 4–6 h after the inciting exercise challenge (Sano *et al.* 1998), and the same timecourse is found in the canine wedged bronchoscope model (Freed and Adkinson 1990). In the latter model, the late phase obstruction persists for at least 24 h (Davis and Freed 2001). Similar studies measuring the duration of the late phase response have not been performed in man. A possible explanation for the apparent discrepancy between the equine responses to cold air inhalation and the human and canine responses is simply that the biochemical processes immediately following airway cooling and desiccation are slower in horses. It is interesting to note that exercise-induced airway inflammation that typically accompanies late phase airway obstruction is also not present 5 h after exercise in horses (Davis *et al.* 2005), but develops eventually along a similar timeline as airway obstruction (M.S. Davis, unpublished data). Therefore, although exercise-induced inflammation and obstruction are not directly related, it is probable that they share at least the initial part of their pathophysiological pathways; and it is this portion of the response that may have a slower progression compared to man and dogs.

The horses in this study did not consistently demonstrate hyperreactivity to aerosolised histamine, in contrast to human and canine responses to cold air inhalation. This negative outcome may partially be due to the nature of the airway responses to cold air and, partially, due to the experimental design. Airway cooling and desiccation causes goblet cell degranulation and increased intraluminal mucus (Freed *et al.* 1994; Omori *et al.* 1995), and it has previously been demonstrated in the canine wedged bronchoscope model that this mucus blanket can effectively impede diffusion of a histamine aerosol into the airway wall (Davis and Freed 2001). Therefore, it is possible that the aerosol histamine failed to penetrate to the airway smooth muscle as effectively as in the unchallenged or warm air challenge animals. When designing the histamine challenges, the goals were to use the minimum dose of histamine that would reliably produce a 25% increase in respiratory resistance. The study sought to avoid greater perturbations of respiratory mechanics in order to minimise the chances of clinical dyspnoea in the event that cold air inhalation caused significant hyperreactivity, both for the safety of the experimental subjects and also to avoid the need for sedation on subsequent examinations, if the subjects learned to resent the aerosol challenge. Unfortunately, the subjects nevertheless learned to anticipate aerosol administration and, in numerous instances, appeared to hold their breath during the histamine aerosol challenge. As a result, the delivered dose was probably lower than originally designed and more variable from horse to horse and across examinations for a given horse. For

these reasons, we cannot rule out conclusively the possibility that exercise while breathing cold air can lead to airway hyperreactivity in horses.

The magnitude of the alterations in respiratory mechanics induced by a single episode of exercise while breathing cold air was relatively modest compared to other diseases and provocative agents. Horses with recurrent airway obstruction can have 2–3 fold greater pulmonary resistance and elastance compared to unaffected horses (Armstrong *et al.* 1986). However, horses with inflammatory airway disease (which has been incriminated as a cause of poor performance by numerous investigators) do not display abnormal baseline pulmonary mechanics (Couetil *et al.* 2001; Pirrone *et al.* 2005). Furthermore, studies using the canine wedged bronchoscope model of have shown that repeated peripheral airway cooling and desiccation leads to cumulative increases in airway resistance (Davis and Freed 1999; Davis and Freed 2001). Therefore, horses routinely exercised in cold conditions are likely to experience greater alterations of pulmonary mechanical properties, increasing the likelihood of an adverse effect on exercise performance.

The results of this study, combined with previous studies, demonstrate that horses are susceptible to airway injury and obstruction secondary to breathing cold air while exercising. The fact that these responses can be elicited in normal horses at submaximal exercise intensities, and under environmental conditions that are quite commonly encountered during routine equine athletic activities, suggests that cold air-induced airway injury may be an important and ubiquitous factor in the development of lower airway disease in horses.

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NOAA's National Weather Service

Attachment III

Heat Index

Temperature (°F)

Relative Humidity (%)

	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	128	136					
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95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
100	87	95	103	112	121	132										

Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity

Caution

Extreme Caution

Danger

Extreme Danger

ATTACHMENT IV

Summary Tables: Air Temperatures, AQI Data for Salt Lake City

EPA Daily Data on AQI in Salt Lake City

January 1, 2002 -December 31, 2012	Days of Data	<u>Days >50</u> <u>AQI</u>	<u>Days >100</u> <u>AQI</u>	<u>Days >150</u> <u>AQI</u>	<u>Days >200</u> <u>AQI</u>	<u>Days>300</u> <u>AQI</u>
	4,017	2152	367	65	2	0
	% of Days Affected	53.57%	9.14%	1.62%	0.05%	0
	Average # of Days per Year	195.5	33.3	5.9	0.2	0
	AQI Health Risk	Moderate	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy	Hazardous

*Note: This data was collected at multiple locations throughout the City with regular rotations. Hence these figures are a citywide aggregate average of those individual locations. Also, some days of data (less than 1%) were removed for analysis because of errors or a lack of data.

NOAA Maximum and Minimum Air Temperature Data from the Triad Center (KSL Building & LDS Business College at corner of N 3rd West and W North Temple)

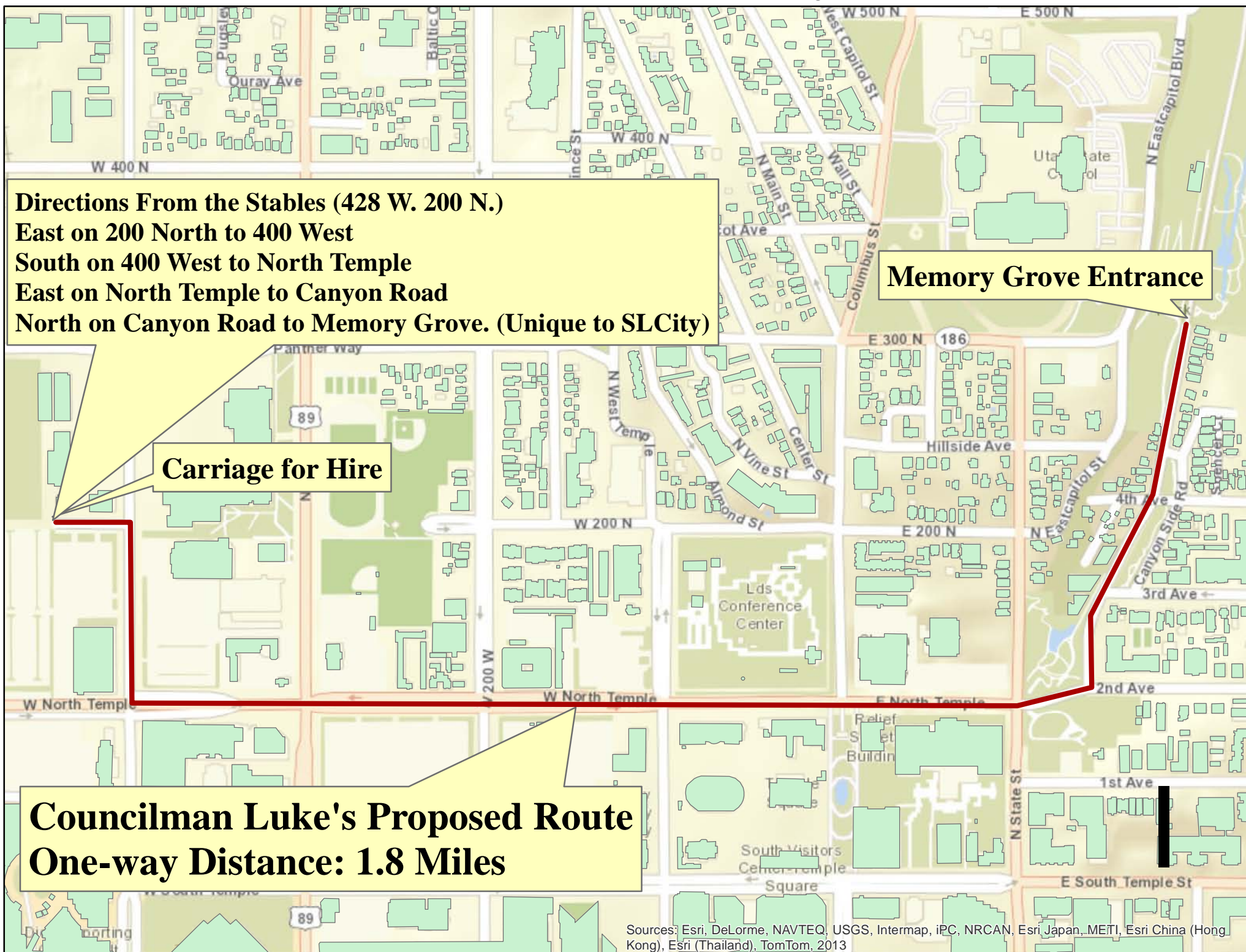
<u>Days</u> <u>>80°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>85°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>90°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>95°F</u>	952 Days of Data	<u>Days</u> <u><32°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><20°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><10°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><0°F</u>
289	211	138	59	January 1, 2011- August 25, 2013	223	49	8	2
30.36%	22.16%	14.50%	6.20%	% of Days Affected	23.42%	5.15%	0.84%	0.21%
110.8	80.9	52.9	22.6	Average # of Days per Year	85.5	18.8	3.1	0.8

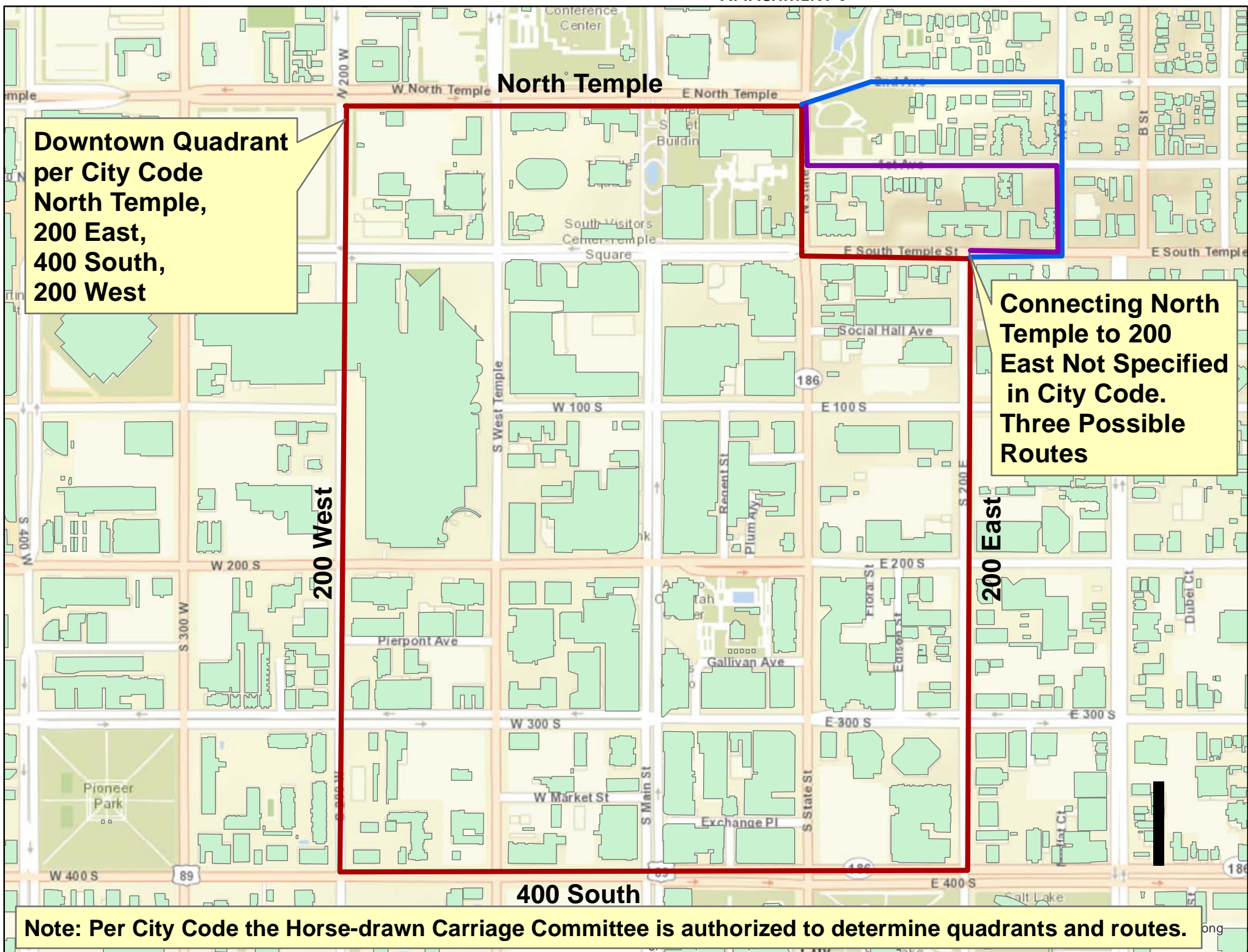
*Note: This data is for ambient air temperature and does not reflect wind chill or heat index calculations.

NOAA Maximum and Minimum Air Temperature Data from SLCity Airport

<u>Days</u> <u>>80°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>85°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>90°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u>>95°F</u>	23,772 Days of Data	<u>Days</u> <u><32°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><20°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><10°F</u>	<u>Days</u> <u><0°F</u>
7109	5174	3318	1746	August 1, 1948-August 31, 2013	8051	2626	677	151
29.90%	21.77%	13.96%	7.34%	% of Days Affected	33.87%	11.05%	2.85%	0.64%
109.2	79.4	50.9	26.8	Average # of Days per Year	123.6	40.3	10.4	2.3

*Note: This data is for ambient air temperature and does not reflect wind chill or heat index calculations.





Horse-drawn carriage regulations

What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

All Statements sorted chronologically

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Introduction

Proposed Ordinance Revisions that Pertain to Horse-drawn Carriage Regulations

The City Council is interested in what you think about the proposed changes. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance amendments.](#)

The Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, City & Council Building, 451 S State Street, room 315, 7:00 p.m. Earlier in the meeting, the Council will also hold a discussion about this topic (time of the discussion to be determined).

Introduction

Salt Lake City regulates horse-drawn carriages on City streets. The proposed changes to horse-drawn carriage regulations came about after a horse collapsed in downtown Salt Lake City in August of 2013, while pulling a carriage.

Summary of the proposed changes to City ordinance include:

1. Defining veterinarian as "any person legally licensed to practice veterinary medicine who devotes at least fifteen (15%) of his or her practice to providing care for equine animals."
2. Implementing more detailed provisions regarding the criteria governing carriage drivers, including, but not limited to: criminal background checks, licensing requirements, application information and process, and driver's qualifications.
3. Imposing stricter standards relating to carriage equipment and maintenance, including, but not limited to: requirement to be equipped with urine dilution, deodorant and dispersion; emergency equipment, quality of harness and attached gear.
4. Allowing advance charter tours to deviate from the authorized routes provided that the carriage business obtains a permit from the City horse-drawn carriage committee.
5. Setting a minimum age of three years for horses used to pull carriages.
6. Changing how horses are identified: eliminating branding and instead using identification documents that contain a photograph with accompanying description of said horse (age, breed, sex, color and description of any identifying markings).
7. Changing regulations that govern how long a horse can work to a maximum of eight hours in any 24 hour period with a rest period of at least ten minutes at the end of each one-hour work period.
8. Restricting a horse-drawn carriage to operate when adverse weather conditions exist, when temperatures as measured at the Salt Lake City Airport drops below ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit or whenever the ambient heat index exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees F.
9. Consolidating two chapters of Salt Lake City Code governing horse-drawn carriages into one; repealing Chapter 8.16 (Animals: Regulation of Horse-drawn Carriages) and moving all those sections into Chapter 5.37 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations: Horse-drawn Carriages) for consistency.
10. Eliminating references to specific horse-drawn carriage businesses.
11. In addition, the Administration provided pros and cons to the Council's interest to research a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach. This policy issue would require the Council's further discussion and consideration to determine that a contract-based regulatory

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system, such as the one implemented for taxicab services, would better serve the needs of the City with respect to the regulation of horse-drawn carriage businesses.

BACKGROUND:

On September 24, 2013, the City Council received a report from City Council staff with background information on horse-drawn carriages as well as best practices of other cities around the nation. Council Member Charlie Luke provided to his Council colleagues recommendations to temporarily regulate horse-drawn carriages until a permanent solution could be implemented.

Following the Council's discussion, the Council took five straw poll votes. The majority of the Council supported: 1) turning the information to the Mayor's Administration and Salt Lake County Animal Services to develop recommendations to horse-drawn carriage regulations and using Council Member Charlie Luke's recommendation as part of the framework in developing their recommendations; and 2) having the Mayor's Administration research whether to include a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach.

The Administration has submitted a proposal for revisions to City code. The Council welcomes your input on the proposal.

If you are unable to attend the January 7, 2014 Council meeting, it can be viewed on SLCTV cable channel 17 or viewed live online at www.slcgov.com/slctv/ - select "Watch SLCTV live on your PC or Mac."

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Attendees: 1486

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James Shelton outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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I am glad that y'all do such stuff as this.
Thank you for doing this.
The horses deserve better and y'all are making it happen.
Thank you for caring about them this much.
Continue the good work.

Animal Rights Activist,
James Shelton

Name not shown inside Council District 3

January 17, 2014, 2:36 PM

I have never liked horse-drawn carriages in urban areas. I am sorry not to have spoken up sooner, but now that it is up for debate, I'd like to add my voice and say that I think the practice should be abolished in Salt Lake City.

January 16, 2014, 1:40 PM

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Jack Winward inside Council District 3

January 16, 2014, 9:52 AM

Replace with a more humane and modern, yet still quaint and fun option: beer trolleys.

LiSandra Nazario outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 15, 2014, 7:28 PM

I think horse drawn carriages should be banned eventually. Baby steps!

January 14, 2014, 10:58 PM

I agree with changing the current standards horses have to put up with. I would like to see them off the streets but realize that we must compromise. Please sympathize with these hurting souls. I hope to see fast results.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 12, 2014, 9:13 PM

It is totally inappropriate to use horses in this manner. Paved city streets are no place for horses when they

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must compete with vehicles and other obstructions. Those who are so enamored of this practice need to find other ways to amuse themselves that don't involve animal abuse.

January 11, 2014, 10:47 AM

It is useless (the horse cab), and it is deadly, and it is HORRIBLE practice, it has to STOP forever ! Shame on you in a front of thinking people!

Melissa Weber Holmberg outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 11, 2014, 2:34 AM

"Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man." Arthur Schopenhauer We as humans need to protect those who do not have a voice. We need to put a stop to horse-drawn carriages.

Yesica Reyes outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 10, 2014, 12:07 PM

Please ban this inhumane and cruelty practice, is not fair use the pain and suffer of animals for our entertainment, lets show our children how to treat our animals. just get in the place of the horses for a day and think to do that every day for life with no other option and no matter the weather just for the benefit of the dealer, that's slavery.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 9, 2014, 8:15 PM

I am very concerned about this misguided practice. These horses don't belong on city roads behind buses and cars. This was a quaint practice at one time, but not in the 21st century in urban areas. Earlier this week, Mayor Bill de Blasio unequivocally reaffirmed his stance against the use of carriage horses in New York City. So, Salt Lake City, let's do all we can to stop this business.

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Sandra Crow inside Council District 5

January 8, 2014, 4:39 PM

I urge City Council to ban the practice of horse-drawn carriages within the downtown area of Salt Lake City. It is inhumane for these animals to be made to work tirelessly in all kinds of inclement weather, to stand for endless hours on hot or cold pavement waiting for a fare, and to endure the exhaust, noise, and danger of city traffic, and in so doing, to possibly endanger the passengers of their carriage if they were to get spooked or sickened by same. Horse-drawn carriages were once commonplace in American cities - at the TURN OF THE CENTURY - but times have changed and they are no longer a necessary mode of travel. It's time that the citizens of Salt Lake City trade the nostalgia and novelty of horse-drawn carriages for the health and well-being of feeling, breathing, sentient beings who deserve a far better life than that. If one wants to experience such nostalgia, perhaps it would be more appropriate (and fitting) at a more controlled environment such as a heritage site like This is the Place or Wheeler Farms. Thank you for considering this citizen's point of view.

Sincerely,
Sandra Crow
9th and 9th, SLC

Name not shown inside Council District 4

January 8, 2014, 8:48 AM

I urge the City Council to either increase regulations on the businesses who operate horse drawn carriages around Temple Square or ban them altogether. Between traffic disruptions (ESPECIALLY for the Christmas light events) and abuse of the horses themselves (we all know the incident last summer) and running them in inclement weather is just terrible. Half the time they stand around in the freezing sleet and snow when no one wants to even ride in the open carriages due to freezing temperatures. It is shameful and I trust the City Council will review all sides of the issue which is much appreciated by the residents of this great city.

Thank you,
Taylor

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 11:11 PM

I think having the carriages in Salt Lake City adds a lot to the enjoyment of the downtown area. We have ridden in the carriages and think it is a wonderful thing. It seems to me that people are going a little crazy because one horse collapsed. I think for the number of horses they have and the time they have spent, they are well within the appropriate guidelines. I approve of making sure better guidelines are in place, but please don't let a bunch of over-reaction by animal rights activists put a stop to this enjoyable activity for visitors and residents of Salt Lake City.

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I would like to see the carriage horses banned. It is obvious that those running that business are only in it for the money with no concern for the welfare of the animals.

Jessi Hildebrandt inside Council District 3

January 7, 2014, 7:58 PM

This is not enough! It's not 'a good step' or a good 'stride', this is slavery and until it's abolished it won't be 'good enough'. Stop the Carriage For Hire! It's disgusting and an archaic means for humans to feel nostalgic; a completely selfish and sadistic form of entertainment. I work on south temple across the street from the temple and have to watch these poor, beautiful creatures suffer everyday! Please stop this now! For the animals and for the sale of human progression!

Michele Deisering outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 6:22 PM

I think the revisions are a good step forward, but they are not specific enough. The proposed ordinance talks about carriage horses working limited time and enjoying more leisure/relaxation time but does not state specifically how much. 1 minute more or an hour or two more? I'd like to see more specificity. Actually, I'd like to see carriage horses outlawed completely. It is a different time. Those horses shouldn't be forced to breath in car exhaust and stand all day on the pavement. It's inhumane.

Name not shown in (your neighborhood)

January 7, 2014, 4:27 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages, ist animal cruelty

L.R.

Susan Zub outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 4:17 PM

If you will not consider banning horse-drawn carriages altogether, please consider adopting all 11 proposed items in support of more humane practices and the alleviation of avoidable tragedies.

Jordan Halliday inside Council District 5

January 7, 2014, 3:58 PM

A city isn't a place for horses. Horses are sensitive to loud sounds and noises. Unexpected noises and loud sounds are what cities are made of... Salt Lake City included. I have witnessed horses bucking while pulling a carriage near temple square due to a sudden honk from a car horn. This not only puts the safety of the citizens riding the carriage in danger. It also puts the horse in danger as well as citizens not riding in the carriage. There needs to be a change and it needs to happen soon.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 3:44 PM

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Please seriously consider banning all horse-drawn carriages. It is the humane and compassionate thing to do.

Respectfully,

Margaret G. Tyler, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology
St. Louis Community College
8 Cambridge Court
St. Louis, MO 63122
mtyler@stlcc.edu

Name not shown inside Council District 6

January 7, 2014, 3:36 PM

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January 7, 2014, 3:31 PM

Now, We the people don't really need to tell you that, Something is wrong. Do We?
Colleen Thorne

CHRISTIE BOGLE inside Council District 2

January 7, 2014, 3:06 PM

I have written extensively in a blog about this issue and encouraged horse owners, like myself, to speak out about this issue. I have owned horses for over 13 years and ridden (intermittently) for 32 years. My daughter and I are hoping to open a horse-related small business. The thing that puzzles me most is why the City feels compelled and why the citizens feel compelled to single out this one vein of the equine industry. Yes, I realize it is likely because it is the one we see every day that we are downtown. However, I know that we have greater sense than to operate with an "out of sight, out of mind" mentality.

I cannot reason out why the city feels both compelled and empowered to make so many regulations about the care and management of horses that pull carriages. At the same time, I wonder if any of my fellow horse community feels artificially buffered by the distance. Is the city not going to feel the same compulsion or obligation to address business owners in Salt Lake City that operate their horse-related businesses in barns, pastures, etc? What then can we expect from the city regarding horse shows at the Fair Grounds and in Salt Lake City-located equestrian facilities? What about those horses and horse owners? Are we now going to be leveled with fines if we don't oil our tack and disperse our urine? Are we going to be ticketed for riding when it is hot or not having a blanket during a rest break in the winter. What if my horse got his shoes done late?

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It seems like I am being facetious, but these are exactly the measures being suggested by the city regarding carriage horses. The city is suggesting to remove the wording that isolates the laws to one business, which means that (now) any horse carriage business (is that including equine schools that also teach carriage driving? Does it apply to my local in-city-limits barn where we may have carriages and carts? Who else will now be subject to these regulations?

Another concern that each of us should consider is that the regulations are so specific and based on "current" (read that as "ever changing") veterinary recommendations. As you all know, veterinarians come with a full body of medical knowledge about what is best for individuals and communities. If the law dictates what a vet may permit, the law is practicing medicine. That is not the function of the law. Many horse owners will balk at being told how to accomplish their veterinary goals... and rightly so. If a parent is allowed to say "no" to vaccinations, why not a horse owner? I especially disagree with the regulation to compel horse businesses to deworm. My veterinarian does fecal egg counts rather than deworming because it is healthier for the horse not to consume undue poisons.

I reject any regulations be written in about specific veterinary or farrier choices. The requirement to have the veterinarian determine the fitness of the horse is sufficient.

In contrast, I approve of another regulation. I agree with an increase in the minimum age for a horse to increase from 3 to AT LEAST 4. Personally, 5 is better. Horses are not even done growing until they are 4. They should not be in training until then. A year of training would be minimal (in my thinking) before a horse is 'street ready.'

Christie Bogle
Salt Lake City, UT

January 7, 2014, 3:03 PM

I think that the well being and health of the horses should be put first. Since there have been incidents of animal abuse with these carriage horses, revisions to the regulations definitely need to be made.

January 7, 2014, 2:09 PM

Where motor vehicles are present; horse-drawn carriages should not. They should have minimal shifts avoiding the long and over exposure to heat, etc as those on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Otherwise, I oppose all use of horses for luxury or tourism.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 2:01 PM

I am very opposed to the idea of horse-drawn carriages in downtown Salt Lake. I believe moving the carriages off the street and moving them to a safer place where they won't be spooked by or struck by a car, endangering

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the lives of pedestrians and the horse involved, is the very least we should do. Quite honestly, I have never looked at Carriage Rides the same since i saw the story about Jerry the Carriage Horse. It deeply saddens me to see these animals working and i'm anxious that they too will suffer the fate of Jerry, Cletus, and all the horses that have died or been injured at the hands of carriages in dangerous locations where they must inhale car exhaust, walk on the hot pavement, and compete with nearby cars. Thank you for your considerations. - Halley

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 12:17 PM

Please ban horse drawn carriages in your city. Obviously, the people in charge can't take care of the animals. This horse was not hydrated and probably overworked on a hot day. The horse collapses and no veterinary care was given?!!! Totally inhumane, shut it down for the good of the animal and people!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 12:10 PM

I think this is very cruel to do to these animals...we are their caretakers not ours to mistreat

January 7, 2014, 12:09 PM

We are all aware that every living creature has a habitat in which it is able to live comfortable. Busy, polluted streets full of people are not suitable conditions for horses. Horses are not used to being near cars, trains and buildings. The horse is not able to let us know all the suffering that goes on from pulling a carriage, for the purpose of what?

Is not like they are being used to deliver food to poor people they are mainly used for transportation and sight seeing. There is no need to use the horses at a populated city when we have trains, cars and people walking downtown. Trains, cars and people can also cause fear to these poor animals and horses are forced to be around cars, trains, people, bicyclist daily, again for what purpose?

I can go on an on about the many documented accidents that have happened as a result of having these poor animals in an environment that is simply not suited for them. In many cases the horses have collapsed and died. Not only have the animals died there have also been many instances in which bicyclist, carriage drivers, elderly people and children have suffered from horse carriage related accidents. Not to mention the many accidents that also happen and go on without being documented.

It is time to stop the suffering of these animals, we have to understand that it is not only them who suffer daily for no valid reason but they also pose a threat to many people including children bicyclist and pedestrians. Every animal has a place where they belong and polluted, busy downtown streets are simply not the suitable conditions for horses.

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January 7, 2014, 11:53 AM

Horse-drawn carriages should be banned permanently. Stop now!

January 7, 2014, 11:53 AM

Please provide protection for these great animals. Sure it is nice to have a carriage ride but is it necessary in our city with so much transportation available and some for free?

January 7, 2014, 11:12 AM

In this day and age it is just plain cruel to be exploiting these animals, please put a stop to this practice. Arguments about economy, jobs and livelihood were also made by the slave owners but that does not make it right.

January 7, 2014, 10:55 AM

I support the changes in the horse-drawn Carriage Regulations.

January 7, 2014, 9:47 AM

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I am for the retiring of horse drawn carriages in SLC. These horses are subjected to a very stressful environment & it is not humane.

January 7, 2014, 9:37 AM

I think it's crucial to completely ban horse- drawn carriages. The noise, pollution, heat, and cement roads are all detriments to horses regardless of their medical care. Please ban completely. Time for all of us to recognize animals' rights to a good life. Wanna see the city--walk or take a cab!

Janice Douma outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 9:27 AM

Always thought the horse-drawn carriage was a neat thing. But as many others share, how inhumane for these beautiful majestic animals. These are living beings, how would the owners like to pull carts around in hot temps and work all day. How many more lives will be lost like this? Nobody even looked upset over Jerry laying there. Time to end the Horse-drawn carriage folks this is the 21st century and these horses deserve much better.

January 7, 2014, 9:23 AM

Please ban all horse-drawn carriages.

January 7, 2014, 9:07 AM

The ordinances must be revised to ban horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. Having a veterinarian for a collapsed horse is not enough - the conditions these horses labor under are inhumane to begin with and this practice should be abolished.

Regina Drake outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 9:00 AM

PLEASE do the right thing and STOP this cruelty.

January 7, 2014, 8:19 AM

It is extremely unfortunate that the people who are engaged in the business of horse drawn carriage service for sightseeing treat the animals who pull these carriages as expendable. People who use these services are apparently unaware of the abusive conditions under which these animals are made to work and the very poor care that they receive..the bare minimum to keep them alive as an income source with no veterinary care when needed. Please shut down these abusive operations in your beautiful city. Animal abuse should never be

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tolerated in any form. Mahatma Gandhi said the measure of a country is how it treats its animals. Please be part of the solution instead of enacting a measure to continue this abuse and find homes for these beautiful animals instead of sending them to slaughter when the owners can no longer operate their abusive business. Thanks for doing the right thing to represent Salt Lake City.

Amy Meyer inside Council District 2

January 7, 2014, 8:07 AM

I took this photo on the streets of Salt Lake City last summer. I think it speaks for itself. It's time for a change, and the proposed regulations do not do enough.

January 7, 2014, 8:04 AM

I support the ban on horse-drawn carriages and urge you to follow New York City's lead in their effort to eliminate them.

Charlene Cooper
Poestenkill, NY 12140

January 7, 2014, 6:47 AM

Dear Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Becker,

My son is now 10 years old and loves living downtown in beautiful Salt Lake City. However, every time he sees the carriages pulled by horses through the downtown traffic he asks me when I am going to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to ask him to end this practice. He has found this condition to be obviously wrong, since he was a small child.

The horses that draw these carriages walk in an unnatural environment, hard pavement, heavy traffic, and often along the same route, over and over again. It is my belief, and the belief of many others now that this practice isn't humane, and it should be put behind us. Horses need a balanced way to exercise, and pulling carriages for the whole day and standing in one place between shifts certainly doesn't provide this.

Thank you for considering the comments from Salt Lake City citizens.

Sincerely,

Rachel White

Kathleen Fowler outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 2:52 AM

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I'm glad the City Council is ready to consider changes to the ordinance concerning horse carriages in the city. As you are probably aware from the number of comments you have received, most people love horses and hate to see them suffer. The city is a very inhospitable environment for a horse, particularly in extremely hot or cold weather. I hope you will ban horse carriages altogether, but at the very least, more stringent protections need to be in place to assure the welfare of these unfortunate creatures. Here's your chance for some very positive PR for your city!

Betty Sisti outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 12:23 AM

Please listen to these people who have a voice for the animals. Have a conscience and do what is right. Money is not the most important thing in this world. Living animals under our care come first.

Igor Khomyakov outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 7, 2014, 12:22 AM

Every year I return to Salt Lake City to ski. I love Salt Lake City. I hope that the citizens of Salt Lake City will make the humane choice and will vote to cease cruel horse drawn carriages.

January 7, 2014, 12:17 AM

I come to Salt Lake City every year to ski. It is the snow capital of skiing world. I hope that the citizens of this great city will vote against the cruelty to retire horse drawn carriages.

Brigitte Jolliffe outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 11:03 PM

I sincerely hope that you will vote to cease horse drawn carriages in your city. Horses should not have to be subject to excess traffic and noise, which would be unbearable in a city of your size. The continual pollution from traffic would also be detrimental to the health of horses, let alone humans. I was distressed to hear of the recent plight of Jerry, a horse of the company 'Carriage for Hire'. It is disturbing that following Jerry's collapse he was not checked by an equine veterinarian. If this had occurred this horse may still be living. Working under stress of 97 degree heat together with loud noise of the city, pollution, heavy traffic would all have contributed to this poor creatures demise. We live in an era where animals well being must be a priority if they are to work in our society. The best option would be to cease horse-drawn carriages all together. If this is not on your agenda, then the working conditions must be changed. For example; not allowing the horse to travel down streets with excessive vehicular access; ensuring horses are medically checked on a regulatory basis; period of work per day by a horse is reduced. I sincerely hope my suggestions are considered.

Max Chang outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 11:00 PM

Anyone who goes downtown can see the horse drawn carriages, and even take a ride. The experience is

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definitely amazing, to see the beautiful city, and what it has to offer. But the horses that draw these carriages walk in an unnatural environment, hard pavement, heavy traffic, and often along the same route, over and over again. It is my belief, and the belief of many others now that this practice isn't humane, and it should be put behind us. Horses need a balanced way to exercise, and pulling carriages for the whole day and standing in one place between shifts certainly doesn't provide this.

Ericka Hurst outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 10:50 PM

I am for the ending of this cruelty for the following reasons: 1) These horses are getting poor treatment, working in the worst weather conditions, obviously this company is not taking care of their health either. 2) It is dangerous for the animal and also for the public. Horses are animals, you never know how an animal is going to react to unforeseen events as for example a camera flash or a loud sound. The downtown streets are busy, especially during the weekends. What are we waiting for? A fatal accident that includes humans and animals. One of the state obligations is guarantee the safety of it's citizens. There have been incidents in New York City where horses have darted into traffic causing collisions 3) This company lied to the public when Jerry died, they showed the picture of a different horse and they claimed that Jerry was alive. 4) The downtown streets are busy already and the horses cause even more traffic congestion. Not only are they causing more traffic congestion but they are also traffic hazards.

January 6, 2014, 9:04 PM

It is cruel to ask these majestic creatures, who can't speak for themselves, to operate in such inhumane conditions for mere luxuries for humans. If more people knew about the abuses these animals face, they wouldn't ever ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Please be compassionate and protect these horses. Thank you.

Pattie Gallo outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 8:37 PM

Please end this cruelty to these horses. It is time to move into the 20th Century and listen to the world conscience and stop this inhumane treatment of animals. These horses deserve better than this. There is no real reason to continue the horse and carriage rides. Please stop this in our beautiful city of Salt Lake. Not what we want to be known for.

Wendi Hicks outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 8:21 PM

I am for the retiring of horse drawn carriages in SLC. These horses should not be subjected to dealing with traffic and the pollution from tail pipes that they have to breathe daily..not a normal situation for a horse to be in. Give them a chance at a healthy retirement. Thank you. Wendi L. Hicks.

Rafael Molina-Cornejo outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 7:59 PM

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I believe that implementing regulations to improve working conditions will benefit not only the horses themselves who are suffering in a cruel life of servitude but the workers of the businesses who will stop losing horses due to poor treatment.

Sawson Gholami inside Council District 6

January 6, 2014, 7:40 PM

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Name not shown inside Council District 7

January 6, 2014, 6:40 PM

To the Salt Lake City Council:

I have read the 11 proposed changes to the horse drawn carriage "rules", and I just don't feel that they are comprehensive at all.

There is entirely too much traffic on the roads in downtown Salt Lake, which, on any given day, are completely clogged with cars, buses and bicycles.

The only way it could ever be fair to the creatures who do all the work, the horses, is if you removed them from harms way entirely.

When I refer to "harms way", I mean both harm to humans as well as the horses.

If the carriages operated within parks, like Liberty Park, on paths where there are no cars or bicycles or humans, in other words, on dirt paths, it would be better for the horses and the humans.

Feed and water stations could be set up, so that animals were never drinking the nasty water I sometimes see them allowed to drink from the gutters.

Also, the paths would be much easier on the horses legs.

Sugarhouse, downtown, Liberty Park, etc. are perfect venues for this type of business. You would greatly reduce the risk to all with this simple change, and all who want to avail themselves of this type of entertainment would soon adjust to the change, and in the end, it would provide a solution to most of the concerns.

If this can't be done, I truly feel it is time to end a practice that is simply no longer safe nor humane.

Rita Bednarz in (your neighborhood)

January 6, 2014, 6:29 PM

It's the right thing to do... if humans don't step in and be the voice where there is none, then who. Animals have feelings, they feel pain and suffering much like ourselves. Let this new ordinance stand in poor Jerry's name, for his unnecessary suffering and death.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 5:49 PM

Only in certain countries do these types of barbaric acts happen. Be a hero for horses, make a difference in

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their lives! Make your children and grandchildren proud by showing them compassion! Our youth needs it!

January 6, 2014, 5:43 PM

Please ban the practice of horse-drawn carriages, every horse is a victim. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

David Hatfield outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 5:07 PM

I appreciate the opportunity to express my absolute hope that you (our City Council) will ban the use of horse-drawn carriages. I have read all of the available info regarding this as well as have attended all previous meetings. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting on the 7th.

My feelings are this: with the increase in traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian); the obvious year-round poor air quality; the increase and decrease in average temperatures in summer and winter respectively; and finally the witnessed and reported poor treatment of the horses have convinced me that this would-be service has long out-lived its usefulness and practicality, not to mention how cruel it is to the animals. I believe it is not only a hazard to the citizens in the areas of this practice, but also a horrible situation for the horses.

I am completely convinced that these horses are not properly cared for where they are housed, and are extremely mistreated while being used through dehydration, lack of food and rest, and exposure to elements completely contrary to the rights and needs of these gentle beings.

For these reasons, I want to see a complete ban of this practice in our city, and I do not believe it would be missed by anyone other than those making money from it.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

Dave Hatfield, MBA, LT, U. S. Navy (Retired)
909 E. Millcreek Way
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
801-230-0587

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 5:01 PM

Please STOP this abuse.. Owners are cruel, they are not going to change. The Animals suffer. This picture looks like any 3er world country.

M Checkman outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 4:42 PM

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Horse drawn carriages have no place on the city streets of Salt Lake City. Those days are long past. This type of transportation is cruel to an animal. The city streets of SLC are dangerous enough for pedestrians and bicyclists looking out for inconsiderate drivers. The weather here is too extreme for an animal to be healthy and happy pulling a carriage. The death of this horse should be evidence enough of what people are capable of to make a buck for

Shannon Ledezma outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 4:29 PM

Please ban the horse drawn carriages from Salt Lake City. These beautiful horses deserve humane treatment and they do not have a voice in their current treatment. They are forced to endure the elements of heat and cold, pollution from the cars and poor air quality. Obviously with the collapse of the horse and his death, no one is checking the horses health, nor or the people who are "responsible" for this horse and the other horses welfare are turning a blind eye to what is really affecting these beautiful horses. If we, the people, do not stand up for these intelligent creatures, no one will. Please ban this inhumane treatment of the horse drawn carriage. I am a life long owner and responsible horse lover.

Dixie Oyler inside Council District 7

January 6, 2014, 4:01 PM

I love all animals and especially horses. To know that one recently died due to the abusive actions of a local

horse drawn carriage
company makes me very

sad. Please enact more

stringent laws so another magnificent animal is not
lost. Thank you.

January 6, 2014, 3:58 PM

What is needed a complete ban on horse-drawn carriage rides to ensure the safety of the horses and the people. One carriage ride accident is one too many. Tourism will not be hurt by the loss of this outdated attraction. With today's technology invest in an attraction that will be relevant with the times.

January 6, 2014, 3:37 PM

I wish SLC would ban horse drawn carriages. As a resident that works at City Creek I find it disturbing and inhumane that the city allows horses to pull people around on our downtown streets. I recently stood on the corner waiting for my husband to pick me up from work and watched as several horses passed by in the dark

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looking as though they were struggling for their lives to get up a very slight hill. It was frigid cold out and very slippery on the roads - exactly the reason I didn't drive in the first place. I stood and listened around me to see if others were as disturbed as I was. Sure enough several people, possible tourists, discussed their upset and wonder as to why these horses were subjected to this treatment on a cold dark slippery pre-christmas night while the streets were overly crowded and the train whizzed by. And what about public safety? I truly could see the horses wanting to get away from the cars speeding past them with their exhaust hanging thick in the air. One horse in particular seemed very confused and was frequently veering from its path. If you don't care about the cruelty to these gentle animals then consider the upset it causes to people like me and our desire to avoid it at all costs even if it means staying away from downtown - the incident was very upsetting and I went to a Christmas dinner with it on my mind continuing to discuss it all night. Or consider the havoc that could happen if one of these animals decided it had had enough of the treatment and made a run for it as it pasted the train ramp where many people were standing. This is a recipe for disaster. Lets use some common sense and end the unnecessary practice of carriages on our streets.

January 6, 2014, 3:34 PM

Dear sir/madam,

Please consider humane practices and remove the suffering of horses used for carriages.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 2:50 PM

Please, folks, do the humane thing and outlaw horse drawn carriages altogether. This is a needless & vain frivolity that does, indeed, have victims.
Thank you.

January 6, 2014, 2:36 PM

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Salt Lake City, City Council,

I urge you to follow in the humane footsteps of New York City Mayor de Blasio and ban the horse-drawn carriage business. Horses are majestic animals who have through the ages been partners to and helped man, but now to use them to earn a dollar or give people a thrill is just not the right or humane thing to do especially

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in light of Jerry's horrific death.

Thank you,
Beverly Cooper
Columbus, Ohio

January 6, 2014, 2:29 PM

Horse-drawn carriages have demonstrated to be inhumane, cruel and dangerous practices time and time again- not just in Salt Lake, but cities across the entire country like NYC. We have advanced (hopefully) too much as a civilization to allow such a disgusting practice to continue. With obesity rates at their highest (and temperatures at some of the lowest we have seen in decades) horse-drawn carriages do nothing but a disservice for civilians who should be walking/exercising/using public transit to tour the city, while simultaneously exposing sensitive, intelligent creatures like horses to the harsh outdoor elements. These animals are far too often neglected and abused in an under-regulated, antiquated system that frankly needs to GO.

January 6, 2014, 2:26 PM

I urge your city to ban horse drawn carriages! The horses lives are absolutely miserable, harsh, and heartbreakingly sad! Please also retire the horses to a horse sanctuary, or work with organizations that can help find them kind homes to live out the rest of their poor lives! Thank you!!

January 6, 2014, 2:15 PM

Please stop horse-drawn carriages in your city. It's not a good life for a horse, there is a lot of suffering for them, thank you.
Sincerely, Christina Milauskas

January 6, 2014, 1:58 PM

Debbie Genry outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

Horse Drawn Carriages should not be allowed on city streets I have never seen a happy horse pulling a carriage on a street Horses are not suppose to spend that many hours on asphalt It is a cruel and inhumane pratice. Thank you all for considering to remove them from you streets!

January 6, 2014, 1:45 PM

Teresa Jolley outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

I think it is inhumane to make horses walk around the city streets carrying our lazy human butts around for our enjoyment while they suffer to do so. The heat, the cold, the exhaust, the bad pollution, all effect these animals

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terribly. In my opinion, horses belong in pastures where they can live their life in pleasure, not in pain and suffering for our human desires. I commend you for looking in to this matter and I presume you'll do the right thing for these helpless animals.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 1:16 PM

While downtown on Christmas Eve, I saw many of these horse drawn carriages. Not one of the horses looked happy. Inactive carriages on the sides of the streets had horses with their heads hanging low, dried sweat obvious on their bodies. They looked miserable, as well as overworked. It was cold out, it can't be healthy for these poor animals to be working so hard. One horse hauling an overloaded carriage? It was outrageous! I have watched carriage drivers that will pull so hard on the reins that the horse is rolling its eyes with pain. It's barbaric and very cruel to these gentle sweet animals. I would love to see this industry shut down. The horses should be retired to loving and caring homes where they can run and play, graze and be treated well.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 1:07 PM

Thank you for your humane and serious consideration of the horse-drawn carriage issue. The proposed changes to the ordinance are okay, as far as they go (except that the permitted temperature range allows for too-great extremes of temperature, and should be restricted to a more temperate range, and also account for wind-chill and heat-index), in that enhancing the welfare of animals is better than not doing so. Yet, these proposals only attempt to curb some of the excesses of an industry that has run its course, is inherently inhumane, and should be entirely banned. That this is recognized is shown by bans on horse-drawn carriages already enacted by many of the world's leading tourist destinations, including London, Oxford, Paris, Beijing, Toronto, Las Vegas, Reno, Palm Beach, etc., and imminently, as Mayor De Blasio has pledged, New York City.

None of the cities that banned horse-drawn carriage has suffered any diminution in tourism. And if desired, Salt Lake City could replace horse-drawn carriages with an innovation that has been successfully implemented in Michigan: a battery-powered device that converts the carriages into self-powered "horseless" carriages, which creates a bygone-style tourist conveyance, without the use of a horse.

New York City has had such restrictions as are now proposed for Salt Lake City on the books for years: stipulation for hours, temperature, break times, etc. But there has been no way to monitor or enforce these. They have been strictly complaint-driven, and often unheeded even then. Citizens concerned with animal welfare have documented countless infringements, in vain.

For wellness, horses require daily turnout to pasture, and interaction with other horses. Few urban carriage-horse businesses have been able or willing to provide this. The constant exposure to exhaust is detrimental to the horses, as are long hours in all weathers. Trudging on pavement makes carriage horses vulnerable to lameness in various forms, and this is common among carriage horses. The fact that, as prey animals, horses are easily spooked by unexpected sounds or sights--even after years of working in city streets--makes carriage horses in modern city streets a danger to themselves and others.

I am among the many people who avoid parts of towns where I am likely to encounter the unbearably sad sight

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of depressed carriage horses, treated not like animals, but like combustion engines. I have also seen in sanctuaries and loving homes, how these horses, removed or retired from the streets, blossom from depressed nags to robust, youthful, bright, and happy horses, when lovingly cared for in a more natural pasture environment, and as part of a herd.

As we evolve as a society--and as we come to understand the vital importance of respecting nature and all creatures--we set aside practices that we have come to understand as inhumane and disrespectful. If you can do no more at this time, please adopt the proposals, as a step forward, and a mitigation of some of the suffering. But please be aware that adopting such proposals, by causing the basic issue to be tabled, can also prolong the suffering of animals trapped in an inherently inhumane situation. If you can ban horse-drawn carriages, that is unquestionably what should be done. If you cannot yet do so, then the proposals are better than nothing. But only a ban--with the stipulation that the horses be retired to loving homes and sanctuaries, and not be put to work elsewhere, or sold to kill buyers--will solve the problem as it needs to be solved, and as cities around the country and around the world have solved it.

Thank you for your compassionate concern for the well-being of the horses.

Florencia Campos Yapura inside Council District 2

January 6, 2014, 1:06 PM

I support the ban on horse-drawn carriages. This company had the 8th accident with its horses in October. What happened to the fact that they can only have 3 per year to not have its licence revoked? This is a hazard to the horses and the public.

Name not shown inside Council District 4

January 6, 2014, 12:54 PM

A resounding YES to changing the identification requirement to photographs instead of branding, and to restricting the hours a horse can be worked to a maximum of 8 hours with a 10-minute break every hour. HOWEVER, I believe the temperature limits are still too lenient. 32 degrees for the lower limit and an ambient heat index of 85 degrees would be much more humane. Please protect the horses, who cannot protect themselves!!!!

Respectfully submitted January 6, 2014

January 6, 2014, 12:50 PM

As a human society, it is time to change the exploitation of animals for entertainment and financial gain. Animals deserve to live in peace and dignity..we must respect them and be their guardians, not their slavemasters or abusers. There is no reason to use horses for carriages in congested city environments which is torture to these noble creatures who have built our world. We must grow beyond barbarism towards animals. What happened to the carriage horse Jerry last summer was nothing short of murder...he was worked to death & lived in miserable conditions for a horse, just for humans to have a few minutes of "entertainment". This must end.

J'Aime MacPherson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 11:53 AM

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It's too dangerous in the streets for horse drawn carriages. It's cruel to the animal and this is not what this animal is for. Not for your entertainment or others. Salt Lake City needs to protect animals and their rights. I would never ever use this and I know many more who wouldn't. Ban it all together and don't allow animals on busy streets with cars. This is dangerous and cruel.

January 6, 2014, 11:52 AM

We need to ban this practice all together. With all the traffic, trax, busses and cars downtown, we don't need this type of thing. It's sooo much stress on the horses and with the

January 6, 2014, 11:32 AM

Please stop allowing this inhumane treatment of horses, that clearly shortens their life span.

steven beier inside Council District 6

January 6, 2014, 11:26 AM

Glad to see some compassion for animals in this place though it took gross negligence and discovering that one of the companies lied to keep it's license. So the counsel is revising it's policies to address the specifics of this incident, these guidelines are clearly not going far enough to address all of the concerns, including traffic safety and the weather (particularly the summer heat). Why someone (including the horses) would want to bake in "104 degree ambient temperature" in the smoggy air of SLC is beyond me. Sounds charming and romantic alright.

January 6, 2014, 11:12 AM

My gosh - this is the 21st century. Why are animal abuses being tolerated in SLC?

January 6, 2014, 11:01 AM

I am very glad to see that the City Council of Salt Lake City have shown the the courage and moral fortitude it takes to debate this issue. I know many may think it an unimportant topic and look only at it in economical terms. But as good citizens of this great nation and even better human beings of a Merciful God, I believe we must act 'humanely' toward all His creation if we are to be blessed. As the Scriptures say, "The righteous care for the needs of their animals." - Proverbs 12:10.

Horses were once a necessary means of transportation. But now with hundreds of thousands of high speed cars and trucks on the crowded city streets, they are actually in the way and it puts them and citizens in great danger. They are meant to live in the country in fields and to walk/run on softer tracks. There should be a total

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band on horse drawn carriages in cities period! Thank You.... Robert C. Ange

January 6, 2014, 11:01 AM

Please BAN horse-drawn carriages. Horses suffer too much. They are forced to pull carriages in all kinds of weather, maneuver around traffic, aren't rested enough (if at all), often don't receive proper - if any - veterinary care and are pushed beyond their endurance. Tourists can get around in trolley cars or motorized rickshaws. For the sake of innocent animals, please BAN horse-drawn carriages. And ensure all the retired/soon-to-be-retired horses are sent to legitimate caring sanctuaries.

January 6, 2014, 10:40 AM

Many cities in the US and other countries have banned horse-drawn carriages because of the suffering of the poor horses. Today's streets are no place for a horse. Please follow the lead of the humane and progressive places that have banned this cruel industry.

January 6, 2014, 10:40 AM

I believe that horse drawn carriages should be outlawed in every state. It is a cruel and inhumane practice.

January 6, 2014, 10:14 AM

A start but not enough. I am canceling my tourism visit to your city till horse-drawn Carriages are banned. I would ride a person pulled carriage if any you want to do that. aka rickshaw

January 6, 2014, 10:07 AM

it is a start but not enough,,I will not go on with my planned trip to your city till horse-drawn Carriage is banned.
Terry Brewster
I would ride a person pulled carriage if any you want to do that. aka. ricksha

January 6, 2014, 9:24 AM

Outlaw horse drawn carriages. They are cruel.

Loretta Banta outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 9:02 AM

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While I applaud SLC's efforts to protect these working animals, I believe a better solution is to ban them outright. Streets designed for, and full of cars, are not a safe environment for horses.

Lori Smith outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 8:54 AM

Thank you for proposing the changes listed to better the treatment, welfare and care of carriage horses and re-haul of this touristic, money-driven industry in SLC. I do believe the horses (like my border collie too :) should have a job, and are happier having one. However, it should be done with ultimate consideration of the animal to ensure it's safety, health and welfare. If you cannot make the horse-drawn carriage industry a humane one, it should be banned outright as the mayor of NYC has announced. So either make sure the horses are PROPERLY cared for (by horse vets) and treated well (BOTH ON AND OFF the streets), or ban horse-driven carriages in SLC too.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 8:15 AM

Horse-drawn carriages do not belong on the streets in 2014. Ban them and save the horses lives.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 6, 2014, 8:13 AM

If NYC can get on board with the progressive movement to eliminate horse drawn carriages so can SLC. There is no need to continue this ancient form of entertainment. Tourists and city residents alike are not inclined to spend 60 or so dollars to go on a ride with the horse struggling to maneuver through traffic. Having worked on the upper east side in NYC for many years I purposely walked to the subway another way so I did not have to pass the horses on 61st and 5th. Let's be realistic here - if it is a money thing for the city I am sure we can find a thousand other ways to bring in the revenue without abusing animals. Please please reconsider the needs of your city residents and move in the right direction of protecting and removing these abused and neglected animals.

January 6, 2014, 8:07 AM

I find it sickening when I travel to a city to see the use and abuse of horses working relentlessly on pavement or cobblestone surrounded by honking cars in all types of weather just so greedy humans can make money.

January 6, 2014, 7:27 AM

Please seek to do the right thing for these marvelous animals that are spending their ENTIRE lives to add to our human lives. How can we allow mistreatment of these animals??? Please make certain these animals are treated fairly!!!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 11:22 PM

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I ask that you reconsider this issue. To use animals, horses in this case, for a "business" is archaic. The stress the animal endures in it's daily activities is unnatural-weather extremes, automobiles, uneducated public, fumes, noises. For a service that is an amusement to most people is not a necessity any longer. The animals will find loving, caring homes through proper rescues. This is not just an issue for Salt Lake City, but nation wide--these animals do not need to be doing this task any longer. City streets are not for any animal. Thank you for looking into this matter, and I hope you can set a precedence for the nation by banning carriage horse businesses.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 11:07 PM

This is a simple questions: Are we willing to accept the continued abuse and obvious neglect of the horses pulling the horse drawn carriages in our city? I say, absolutely NOT.

Do we want to continue to embrace this archaic, abusive form of "entertainment", when most other cities are ending the abuse based on the fact that horses, just like Jerry, are injured and die in the "business" of horse drawn carriages? I don't.

The proposed stricter regulations just don't cut it. There are plenty of animal rescue groups, who will gladly place these horses in loving, safe homes. Please end the abuse of these beautiful horses for good!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandy, Utah

Megan Weiss inside Council District 3

January 5, 2014, 10:21 PM

Hello all,

Thank you so much for the proposed regulations. It's good to see Salt Lake City is taking a step to put an end to animal cruelty happening literally in our streets. The way we treat the animals living in our city reflects on the way we treat each other, and this is why the lives and well-being of the carriage horses must be so keenly looked at.

I am 19 years old and have grown up all my life in Salt Lake City just up State street behind the capitol, driving past the horses everyday to and from high school on 200 South, City Academy. Now, I am living in Europe attending Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland and in all my travels was surprised to see that there are no horse-drawn carriages in that part of the world anymore. Not in Florence, Prague, London, Paris, Rome nor Zurich or Luzern. Nowhere. The reason why is because, like many others are arguing in their statements here, it is archaic, it is inhumane and it is barbaric.

From the blazing hot days of summer that can feel overwhelming even at a relatively low 90 degrees Fahrenheit to the recent air quality putting people in their beds with sinus infections all lead me to believe that no creature deserves to be without a break working ruthlessly in the conditions within the heart of our city.

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While the proposals are an optimistic step, I hope you will consider our opinions as well as the trending actions throughout the rest of the Western world to reach the conclusion of banning horse-drawn carriages in downtown Salt Lake City.

If you do reach this conclusion, I would also request you consider the well-being of the horses as they move on to a new part of life, preferably at a non-slaughter farm. Again, all creatures we co-habitate with here in Utah are also creatures of God, and a regulation of what happens to the currently employed horses could grant them a full life where they would be happiest, particularly after months or years of inhumane treatment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Megan Weiss, student.

January 5, 2014, 9:38 PM

I am encouraged that you intend to act humanely on behalf of horses, recognizing that they are creatures capable of feeling and suffering, just as we are.

January 5, 2014, 8:58 PM

This as you are probably aware is also a current issue in N.Y.C. and being taken very seriously by newly elected Mayor Bill De Blasio. He recently was credited with saying that he supports a complete ban on this industry due to several factors one specifically being the inherent cruelty involved in this archaic business. Once considered quaint and charming by many it is anything but for the horses and can no longer be justified given today's heavily trafficked urban areas which offer great potential for injury or death, not only to horses but humans as well. Cruelty laws are seldom enforced with penalties, if any, being minimal or non-existent. Obvious common and ethical sense would seem to militate on the side of forever banning this trade. We feel we are not alone in the belief that all animals have an inherent and non negotiable right to an existence free from cruelty and abuse. It does well to acknowledge that there currently exist a growing epiphany of consciousness among all people in all nations concerning issues of animal welfare. Thank you for your consideration. James and April Thompson Hendersonville, N.C.

Bonnie Mangold outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 8:45 PM

Dear Council Members,

I no longer live in SLC, but in the past I had much exposure to the horse-drawn carriages and many adamant opinions. Hence I still have an interest and have read all the background materials and proposed changes to this ordinance as well as all the posted comments. I was predisposed to oppose the entire horse-drawn carriage business, but have reconsidered my position. I can see, for example, that my Border Collie would be happier having a real job to do rather than attempting to herd the ATVs that pass by my house. So I see the

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validity of the point that horses might be better off working than standing in the corner of a field.

It seems clear from the comments that very few people have the expertise - myself included - to merit having an opinion. Many comments are driven simply by one agenda or another. I think the Council would be well served to seriously consider (as did I) the views of those who do have expertise - Dr. Henneman for example. I have taken animals to her and have found her to be extraordinarily knowledgeable, and I do know that she is in demand worldwide for her work with horses. (After reading her comments I reconsidered my opposition.)

I do think that any vet working with these horses should have experience with horses higher than a 15% of practice level. Given the great difference in animals that a vet may treat and their differing issues, 15% seems very low. It would be like going to a surgeon for a hip replacement whose practice consists of only 15% hip replacement surgeries. I would (and did) prefer closer to 100% myself. That seems to me to be the most important issue along with temperature restrictions. In this regard common practice or what's done elsewhere are not adequate criteria to govern the decision. These limits should be based on the best available science.

My concluding thought is that I believe we humans have an ethical/moral responsibility to care for the animals over which we have dominion. We do not have dominion so that we can abuse them. Dominion brings with it greater responsibility, not less, and husbandry implies good and wise management. Hence, if you err, please err on the side of compassionate husbandry.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Mangold
PO Box 91
Teasdale, UT 84773

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 7:36 PM

Please ban the use of horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City and all other cities. Using horses on hot streets in the middle of summer heat is beyond cruel. Animals in our care should not be exploited for money. Thank you for reading my comment.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 7:27 PM

These revisions do not go far enough. Horse drawn carriages should be banned, period. The conditions and environment these animals are subjected to is nothing more than pure animal abuse. The horse, Jerry, did not have to die, but there will certainly be more deaths of this kind no matter the number of revisions or associated good intentions since there will always be owners or handlers who will push the limit of regulations and compassion.

January 5, 2014, 6:26 PM

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Ban horse-drawn carriages and prosecute those responsible for the horse's death!

Paula Garcia
Teacher

January 5, 2014, 5:19 PM

I think it's about time some humane consideration for proper animal treatment be considered, which means a ban on horse-drawn carriages in the city.

Kathleen Caldwell outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 3:42 PM

Any reasonable person with common sense would know that it is inherently dangerous, stressful and cruel to make an animal to walk on concrete all day in weather extremes with traffic, noxious fumes, and startling noise all around. Would you subject your pet dog to this?

Kathleen Caldwell Chapel Hill, NC

Adriana Rojas outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 3:16 PM

Having worked in midtown Manhattan in NYC, I have seen on a daily basis the hardships placed on horses, all in the name of the city's 'economy' and 'tradition'. I fully support a ban on horse-drawn carriages, an archaic, inhumane, and yes, 'barbaric' practice. Cities like Salt Lake City, or like NYC where I live, are NOT farm country. These are NOT environments akin to a horse's natural habitat, such as lush countrysides, with farms and winding paths where not a vehicle breathing out fumes is to be seen. The sounds of a running creek, birds and country wildlife are a far cry from the terrifying sounds these animals are exposed to in a big city. Aside from the sights and sounds of their surroundings, consideration needs to be given to the "work 'til you drop" attitude many horse-carriage drivers have regarding their horse's work schedules - something that would be considered CRIMINAL if inflicted upon humans. If 'tradition' is part of the lame logic justifying this horrific practice, well... slavery was 'tradition' once, wasn't it? How did that work out for us? Mob lynchings were considered traditional 'family activities' once upon a time... seen any of those lately? Come on Salt Lake City... if NYC can do it (and actually have a Mayor with the guts to officially articulate it)... it can't be that hard for you to be just as progressive.

Terri David outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 3:03 PM

Horse-drawn carriages should be banned. There have been too many accidents and too many deaths of horses. Horses don't belong in traffic, this mode of transportation is inherently cruel. If people were dying instead of horses, a ban would be passed.

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Please remove horse-drawn carriages from your city streets. Please move them into greener and more placid places, such as parks as tours, etc. Thank you.

January 5, 2014, 2:30 PM

Thank you for considering changing the horse-drawn carriage regulations to protect the hardworking horses. As a horse owner and advocate, as well as a mother and frequent traveler, I believe it is critical that our leaders care for those people and life species which have no voice. Please take a stand for the horses and show the world your town cares for more than just money. Sincerely, Sylvia Donnelly

January 5, 2014, 2:22 PM

While the changes are positive, an outright ban on all horse-drawn carriages would be even better; the proposed changes do not go far enough in alleviating non-necessary animal suffering. I encourage you to support of a ban on horse-drawn carriages.

January 5, 2014, 2:12 PM

This is not good for the horses! Something needs to be done!

January 5, 2014, 1:22 PM

Horse drawn carriages are not required to get around in a walkable city like Salt Lake. We have a wonderful mass transit system available, let's grow up and move forward into the future. It is time to stop abusing horses.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 12:53 PM

I strongly encourage the City Council to completely ban horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. My daughter and son-in-law live in SLC, and I usually visit a couple of times a year. Whenever my daughter and I are downtown, we talk about how dangerous it is for the horses to be there. The environment of extreme traffic with the added dangers of high temperatures and pollution is no place for horses! Salt Lake City must take a humane stance regarding animals, which would include a horse-drawn carriage ban. We MUST protect the voiceless and vulnerable from exploitation and abuse, in doing so we will become a humane society. Please follow the lead of other big US cities that have already come to this conclusion. On behalf of the horses: Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kirsten in Denmark

Andrea Swanson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 12:44 PM

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Please discontinue the horse-drawn carriage rides through your city. Too many horses are suffering and dying. Please consider a motor vehicle alternative to horse-drawn carriage tours. Thank you.

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January 5, 2014, 12:13 PM

Honorable Council Members;

As our elected officials, you are now in the great position to change the exploitation and obvious abuse and neglect of the horses in our city. The horses, pulling the carriages downtown in high density traffic, are made to suffer for no other reason than to make money for heartless uncaring people. It is about time, we take a stand in Salt Lake City and say NO to animal suffering. Thankfully, many big cities throughout the US have realized the exploitative and inhumane "business" of city horse carriages, the most recent to join many others being New York City. It is simply inhumane and unsafe for the horses. Please put an end to the "entertainment" involving animal abuse. It's archaic, and it's an embarrassment to those of us, who live here, if the horse carriage rides are allowed to continue.

Having said that, should you chose to continue to allow it, please enforce the strictest rules and monitor that they're actually followed. Jerry died, not of colic, as the owners would like you to believe, but rather of neglect and heat stroke. I had horses for many years, and you know, when a horse has colic. Besides, the owners didn't even care enough to have Jerry examined by a veterinarian. Please do not continue this blatant disregard for horses in our city. It is unacceptable.

Resident of Sandy, Utah

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Karina Dansie
Sandy, UT

January 5, 2014, 11:29 AM

It is tragic that it has taken the deaths of horses to finally bring attention to this callous and inhumane practice. There are not enough provisions to see to the well-being of the horses and the area is too unsafe to ever have carriages be a practical idea. Please stop all horse drawn carriages before the untimely death of another horse, or maybe even next time a human.

Anna Thibodeaux in (your neighborhood)

January 5, 2014, 11:03 AM

If you allow these work animals on your streets, you are responsible for ensuring they are treated humanely. This should apply to all cities that allow horse-drawn carriages. Seeing anything less leaves a bad impression, which is how I felt when I saw them in New Orleans. I'm just very sympathetic to these animals because I don't want to see them or us literally worked to death and I feel we are fast approaching this cruelty.

Jean Zanow outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 9:41 AM

My preference is for the city to explore other methods of entertaining guests. That being said, if this activity is to persist. Please have it genuinely inspected. An inspection via a humane third party on a very regular basis! Certainly utilizing veterinarians whom are not connected to the horse carriers. A death of an animal at those temps. is not an act of a humane society! What we need to ask is how many horses just made it within those temps? This was not the first animal being made to suffer. (This was just the most unfortunate!) Barbarism is just a slip away when lawmakers turn their heads and look in another direction. Please act on this legislation and know that the eyes of the nation are on your city! Set a precedent in the name of humanity as New York is in the midst of doing. Thank You
Jean Zanow

Mrs Hamilton Willis outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 9:03 AM

As the owner of a small special events carriage livery who does NOT do city tours, I still believe I have much insight into conditions and regulations that are beneficial to the health of working horses.

I choose not to do urban carriage tours because I believe that the traffic conditions in most modern cities are no longer suitable for the health and safety of horses, drivers or passengers, except under very special circumstances and at certain venues or during special occasions..

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

I really believe that Salt Lake City needs to set better temperature limits in which horses are allowed to work. I believe that horses should not work in temperatures above 90 degrees and that the heat index factors must be considered in order to help prevent an incident such as the one that happend with the carriage horse Jerry.

Really, the lower temperature limits are not as critical as upper limits set. Horses tolerate the cold much better than the heat.

I also believe that 10 minute rest periods every hour are not long enough should the horse in question become close to over heating. Really, respirations per minute are a better guage of how tired or potentially close to over heating a horse is.

Rests of 10 minutes per hour are arbitrary, and will not address a situation where a horse is in danger of suffering heat exaustion or has become overly tired.

I believe it is fine to have those rest periods, but they should be augmented by some stipulation regarding horses in need of additional rest time as evidenced by "labored" breathing (rapid respiration rate per minute) or a high rectal temperature taken with a thermometer. Any equine vet can give you more information regarding these.

Thank you for your concern regarding the conditions under which carriage horses work in your city. As a carriage livery owner, I support any measures that help protect horses from accidental or intential overwork.

Mrs. Hamilton B. Willis
Clinton, LA.

Kristen Allen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 7:29 AM

I strongly encourage the City Council to ban horse-drawn carriages all together. I would be much more inclined to take my family to visit a city that has taken a humane stance regarding animals, which would include a horse-drawn carriage ban. We people have a responsibility to protect others in the community who are vulnerable and voiceless. Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Allen

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 5, 2014, 7:14 AM

Carriage horses in any major city are destined to suffer due to inherent conflicts with autos and trucks, as well as pollution and conditions that are designed for motor vehicles, not living animals. I respectfully urge you to ban carriage horse businesses from Salt Lake City and support more humane and equally eco-friendly alternatives such as pedi-cabs. Thank you.

January 5, 2014, 4:14 AM

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

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Please get rid of the horse-drawn carriages. Nobody needs them & they provide abundant reason & opportunity for the abuse and/or neglect of the working horses. Thank you. Cynthia Campbell, West Valley

January 4, 2014, 10:42 PM

This ordinance is a step forward for the humane treatment of animals in Utah. Congratulations to Salt Lake City for being an example to the nation.

January 4, 2014, 10:21 PM

I welcome the move toward the well researched amendment to ordinance revisions pertaining to horse drawn carriages. As the grandddaughter of a ranching family, I have watched horses' reactions to extremes of weather and, in some tragic cases, to inadvertent overwork. I only wish that the 104 degree Farenheit guideline were placed at 99 degreesm which would be more humane. Overall, the guidelines are a major improvement and I hope that they are adopted. You should be proud of the committee that has researched this issue and drafted the proposed revisions.

Charlotte Serazio outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 10:05 PM

My feelings regarding Horse Drawn Carriages in major cities is that they should be banned. It was a pathetic sight to see the photos of Jerry lying in the street collapsed of heat exhaustion, but this photo did make a truthful statement about the reality of this form of so-called enhancements to a city. Horses were not designed to be on city streets, competing with cars, traffic and even pedestrians and the pavement. I strongly feel that Salt Lake City and all of the other major cities in this country should follow suit with the forthcoming example of New York's Coalition to Ban Horse Drawn Carriages. Making any concessions or laws to regulate them will be gotten around, by unscrupulous, money driven owners and with more dismal outcomes for the poor animals involved. I am hoping that you will do the right thing and completely ban these Horse-Drawn Carriages and put Salt Lake City back on the map for being a leader in doing the right thing.

virginia daily outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 10:01 PM

Please consider a more humane approach to the employment of horses for carriages ...the temperature limits are too broad. I have owned horses for 30 years in Texas and Colorado . I am qualified to comment on this matter. Any horse required to work up to eight hours a day in temperatures over 90 degrees farenheit is going to be exhausted regardless of 10 minute breaks every hour. We humans could not survive those conditions for long and remain healthy. We owe a kindness to these sensitive, giving creatures whose species is largely respsible for facilitating the opening of the west. Please do not allow them to be required to work in a temperature extreme of "up to 104 degrees". From your position of power, please show the world that Salt Lake City is a place of compassion to all living creatures. Thank you.

January 4, 2014, 9:25 PM

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

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It is not humane to use horses in this manner. This practice should be stopped. New York will be stopping this.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 9:09 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I feel that horses should not have to pull carriages in dangerous, loud, too hot/extreme cold, bad air quality - downtown areas. Please protect these majestic creatures from awful work conditions. Thank you.

January 4, 2014, 9:09 PM

I think horse-drawn carriage rides should be ban all together. It makes me sad whenever I see them.

kelly c outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:57 PM

One thing that sticks out in my mind from past visits to Salt Lake City was how many dogs there were, and how everyone was very "pet friendly" with these dogs in cafes, etc. As a visitor to Salt Lake City, I hope that the right decisions are made regarding the care of these horses, so that Salt Lake City can continue to be an animal friendly city for all animals. For years I have hoped that people would start caring about the horses that are mistreated for "entertainment" purposes.

Carlos Madeira outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:44 PM

There are so many obese people in this country. When you have 4 or 5 people plus the carriage, it is just too much for the horses. Additionally, when the horses get too old, they are sent to slaughter for the most part. Carlos Madeira Upland (1786 CA

January 4, 2014, 8:05 PM

Although it is charming, the horse and carriage is really not good for the horses. I used to love them - now I can't support the animal cruelty...things change - we learn from the past. Please consider not doing this to these magnificent creatures. Thank you.

January 4, 2014, 8:01 PM

PLEASE BAN HORSE -DRAWN CARRIAGES.

I believe this is the BEST thing for ALL the horses.

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What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

PLEASE put a STOP on the carriage rides.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.....Cindy Koepfer

January 4, 2014, 7:49 PM

Thank so much for considering to put a stop to horse-drawn carriages. Though it may be tradition, just like in NY (who is also making considerations) - it's time for a compassionate change to protect our animals. Afterall...they were here first :)

January 4, 2014, 7:31 PM

Thank you so much for making this decision. It really means a lot to not only the horses, but to the people. Thank you.

January 4, 2014, 6:50 PM

When I visit Utah I will not visit anyplace where horse drawn carriages are. The fact that Jerry's death took place in the first place is so awful that it's beyond words. Why isn't it an absolute no-brainer to discontinue these rides? How many more 'Jerrys' does it need to take ? My hope is absolutely no more at all! As humans we can do better,we must choose to.

January 4, 2014, 6:18 PM

Please set an example for all cities who allow horse-drawn carriage businesses.
Thank you,
Suzi Hann

Michelle Neroes outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 5:37 PM

Dear Council members:

Please discontinue horse drawn carriage completely. Horses suffer from walking on hard surfaces like asphalt or cement, also they stand and wait for clients in very hot weather in summer and very cold weather in winter. Most drivers do not care for them at all and they are only a commodity. If a horse collapse, they simply let him/her die and buy another. There is such a large surplus of horses, it is easy to get one cheap. Someone suggested before to use old fashioned looking cars that can be built as a kit for tours of the city or double decker buses could be used also. Please vote for the horses and discontinue the carriages. Thank you.

Elisa Stone outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:55 PM

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Salt Lake City is on the map--thanks to the progressive policies of Mayors Anderson and Becker and our recently celebrated victory for LGBTQ marriages--as a city worth watching. We would do well to follow the example of New York's Coalition to Ban Horse Drawn Carriages <http://www.banhdc.org/ch-why.shtml> and continue to overcome oppression for all beings.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:51 PM

Thank you for addressing the inhumane issues that surround the unnesseccary death of Jerry. However, my personal opinion is to ban horse drawn carriages all together. Please do right by these amazing creatures. They have done so much for us.

Frank Catone outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:50 PM

Mahatma Gandhi said it best "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the ways its animals are treated" M.Gandhi 1869-1948

Sandra Gidak Tucker outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:50 PM

I did not see who is to monitor the city for compliance. It also should not be a part of local government that does said monitoring. Most appropriate would be an outside agency such as The Humane Society or ASPCA.

January 4, 2014, 4:49 PM

Hello, I completely support a ban of horse-drawn carriages. It always breaks my heart when I see the horses pulling people through town.

January 4, 2014, 4:26 PM

I'm from NYC and I've seen first-hand the brutal conditions under which the horses work just so some frivolous tourists could enjoy themselves. Horses have collapsed from the heat, suffered in icy winters, collided with cars, and overworked to exhaustion. How can we call ourselves civilized human beings and do this to our fellow creatures in the name of amusement? In NYC we're considering using replica antique cars for tourist rides instead of horses without loss of jobs for the horse drivers. Please consider alternatives to horse-drawn carriages. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Czerny Auyang
Brooklyn, NY

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:08 PM

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After reading the new provisions I feel it is a wonderful start to make sure that horses have the protection they need to do their jobs especially since it is evident that humans have to be reminded what it takes to care for animals. These provisions are just common sense measures yet they have to be made law for humans to follow to do what is right. SO SAD. Thank you for taking a stand to help protect those with out a voice.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:04 PM

Obviously, with the death of Jerry the horse in Utah, horses need more protection in the horse-drawn carriage industry. Humane treatment where animals are not forced to work in temperatures above 85 degrees Fahrenheit (or less if a veterinarian deems it unsafe) and other safety regulations need to be put into place. Obviously, the carriage company cannot be entrusted to regulate themselves, and it will require local authorities to enforce any new regulations. Thank you for looking out for the animals!

January 4, 2014, 3:28 PM

Horse drawn carriages are Inhumane. When visiting cities that have them, the horses endure horrible conditions. I have seen them Driving the carriages next to cars in heavy traffic. The weather sometimes is too cold or too hot and they still have to pull these carriages. We need to ban them.

January 4, 2014, 2:40 PM

Please stop all horse-drawn carriages. It is not safe or healthy for the horse.
Thank you.

heather canini outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 2:09 PM

How is this: have people pull carriages holding people in 97 degree ferninheit weather for hours and if they thoroughly enjoy it then sure have carriage horse rides. Of course, I am being sarcastic. This needs to stop. Carriage horse rides are not necessary, in fact, they are cruel and inhumane. What happened to Jerry is sickening. Put an end to this barbaric practice.

January 4, 2014, 1:30 PM

I support a ban on horse-drawn carriages. Thank you!

January 4, 2014, 1:17 PM

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Please stop the very poor treatment of horses being forced to work in ways you never have had to in your life. PLEASE Eliminate horse drawn carriages and mistreatment of all animals in SLC. Horses deserve a much better life at the dependency of humans, not to fall to the ground due to abuse. Please do the right thing.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 1:02 PM

It's in. Humane, for horses to have to do this hour after hour till they collapse, let them go to a no slaughter place, they deserve some peace and be able to walk on GRASS not Cement roads and smell the horrible FUMES!!

January 4, 2014, 12:46 PM

It is obvious that horses are being abused. A dead horse is the tip of the iceberg. You must do something, and if that includes surprise inspections by animal welfare workers of carriage horses who are already in harness, on the street, "working," then that seems like the LEAST you can do. Let us see just how big this iceberg is, and save Utah from more shame like this.

Barbara Beck outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:45 PM

Aside from the truth that horse drawn carriages SHOULD be BANNED completely, the proposed changes are WOEFULLY INADEQUATE!! The minimum age should be 5! There needs to be a Maximum age of 10 years old! The Maximum hours worked should be 4 HOURS!! The weather condition should be when temperatures are between 60 and 75 degrees!! Banning horse drawn carriages is obviously the smarter more humane decision, but if that's not going to be implemented, get SERIOUS about fixing the real problems, you must further revise the conditions under which these animals are asked to perform HEAVY LABOR!!!!

Barbara Beck

January 4, 2014, 12:26 PM

I think there should not be any revisions to the ordinance other than abolishing it. Horse drawn carriage rides are an antiquated tourist attraction that needs to be done away with. We should be encouraging people to use their own legs (instead of our 4 legged friends' legs) to see the great city of Salt Lake. Americans have a very high obesity rate as a nation and any and all exercise we can encourage should, we should.

Michelle Goldsmith outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:04 PM

I live in Helper, Utah. I find the horse drawn carriages an outdated business that should be banned in Salt Lake City. The current owners have proven irresponsible and should not be given a license under any circumstances.

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Carriage horses or any horse for that matter does not belong in downtown Salt Lake City. They belong in rural areas. They are a traffic hazard especially to those of us who do not frequently drive in downtown Salt Lake City. The city environment is harmful to the horses. I did not notice anything in the regulations addressing bad air days. I do not think increased regulations will solve the traffic hazard problem. The carriage horse industry needs to be banned from Salt Lake City. Regards, Michelle Goldsmith

Collette Gillian inside Council District 4

January 4, 2014, 12:00 PM

While I commend the City for attempting to address this issue, the proposed amendments lack appropriate welfare and protection provisions for the horses, and are grossly inadequate. If the City is determined to retain the carriage horse industry, I strongly urge the Council to NOT accept either of the proposed "solutions" because there are a number of areas which are not addressed in this proposal.

A few of my concerns are:

Driver training: Driving a horse carriage is nothing like driving a car. Yet the proposed amendments barely give this crucial fact a passing mention. Among the many regulations which address a driver's dress, personal grooming, and personal history, there is absolutely no requirement that the driver have any equine experience at all.

Carriage horse drivers should be required to pass a test specifically designed to prove their competence to handle a horse and carriage under a variety of conditions. This test MUST include training in how to maintain or regain control of a spooked horse.

The test should also include a demonstration of basic knowledge of horse health and equine emergency first aid. It is absurd that a person in charge of a live animal should not be required to have any competency or experience in these areas.

The test for driver training should be standardized, and not left up to the discretion of the employing carriage company. Several major cities already use such a test, and there is absolutely no reason why – if we continue the carriage horse business in SLC – we should not do likewise.

I do not believe this requirement is exceptionally onerous. Drivers of heavy equipment or large vehicles, such as semi-trucks, are required by the State to hold specific licenses and pass specific tests for such vehicles.

Working conditions for the horses: As several people have mentioned, the proposed temperature range is not appropriate for either our climate or for the type of horse mostly used in SLC (draft, or draft-crosses).

Measuring the temperature at the airport is not relevant to the temperature on a downtown city street, bounded by asphalt and concrete. In the summer, the temperature at ground level can easily be 15 – 20 degrees hotter than the measurable air temperature.

Draft horses were not bred to work in hot conditions, and their bodies are not well-adapted to high temperatures. As the unfortunate case of Jerry illustrated, a draft horse can be quickly, and lethally,

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overwhelmed by heat.

Nor is the proposed "combined index" appropriate for Utah. Under the proposed temperature range, our typically low humidity levels would allow SLC horses to be worked in temperatures that are dangerously inappropriate for them. The lower range should be not less than 20F, and the upper range, not more than 90F.

Carriages should be required to be equipped with a thermostat so drivers can easily know what the actual temperature is, where the carriage is. If the temperature rises or falls out of the range, the driver should be required to remove the horse from operation until such time as the temperature is appropriate for working.

Carriage operations: It is dangerous and inappropriate for horse carriages to be operated in regular vehicle lanes. The carriages should be allocated their own lane, if they are to be operated in the downtown area.

A copy of the most recent veterinary certificate should be carried with the carriage and available for inspection at all times.

Horse welfare: This entire area of the proposal is so weak as to be practically non-existent. From the size of the stalls (ridiculously vague), to the care of the horses (no mandatory turn-out, no required vaccination for West Nile virus, obvious ignorance of equine hoof care, tooth care, and equine care in general) the welfare and care of the horses is inadequately addressed.

I would also like to see retirement issues addressed and stipulated. If the horse is no longer able to pull a carriage, for whatever reason, the alternatives should be retirement or humane euthanasia.

Again, the welfare of the horses is NOT a matter that should be left up to the carriage companies. Carriage companies are businesses. Businesses are in business to make a profit. While it would be wonderful if businesses which include animals among their workers were conscientious about the animals' care, that is not always the case. If there are no defined standards of humane care it will be virtually impossible to hold companies that do not treat their animals humanely, accountable.

Veterinarian: Any veterinarian providing services to carriage companies, particularly a veterinarian signing off on the horses' health and fitness to work, should perform at least 40% of his or her business with equines. 15% is inadequate, particularly for working horses.

Again, I would like to thank the Council staff for taking this issue seriously - these regulations were long-overdue for an overhaul. However, the proposed amendments are incomplete and should not be accepted at this time.

January 4, 2014, 11:40 AM

I very much support Salt Lake City's review of horse-drawn carriages, and I would love to see an all-out ban of the inhumane practice. New York City's new mayor is working to eliminate the cruel industry from their streets, and Salt Lake City would be wise to follow suit!

January 4, 2014, 11:38 AM

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How wonderful to think that SLC may become an enlightened, compassionate, wise city that does not shamelessly exploit and endanger animals for the sake of greed. There is nothing "quaint, picturesque, or romantic" about cruelty to horses! Thank you.

January 4, 2014, 11:31 AM

I am supporting the ban on horse-drawn carriages. Please realize what these animals go through. They deserve better.

January 4, 2014, 11:26 AM

These revisions are necessary if horse-drawn Carriages are going to continue to be utilized in Salt Lake City. The proper care and safety for these beautiful horses should be the number one concern at all times.

Kim Gilbertson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 11:21 AM

Please pass laws that respect ALL sentient beings with whom we share this planet. The disgraceful treatment of Jerry is an embarrassment to all of mankind! Please do the right thing Salt Lake City and be an example for countless other cities in this country who will look to your city and state's care for animals and emulate it. This is your chance to pave the way!

January 4, 2014, 11:17 AM

Thank you for considering our concerns and, most importantly, the welfare of these animals. All animals deserve humane treatment. If we cannot abolish the archaic carriages, we can at least make a statement and set the stage for animal welfare.

January 4, 2014, 11:09 AM

Please consider doing away with all horse-drawn carriage rides in the city. Too many times the horses are not treated humanely. It is difficult for horses in a big city to have quality of life, in spite of the intentions of the owners.
Thank you!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 11:03 AM

Please do not keep Horse Drawn Carriages in SLC - thank you for listening to your constituents. Do the right

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thing, thanks.

January 4, 2014, 10:54 AM

Horses do NOT belong in traffic. This needs to be banned. Too many horses have died. If you know anything about horses, they are flight animals and should not be forced to walk on pavement, in exhaust fumes, among multi-ton vehicles that can kill them. This needs to stop.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 10:41 AM

We believe horse drawn carriages should be eliminated.

January 4, 2014, 10:38 AM

In the first place I don't really approve on using horses to draw carriages. It is simply using God's creatures against their will and that is plain and simple slavery. It would be best if we used other means of transportation.

susan Hannon outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 10:10 AM

Horses should be treated humanely. That includes limited hours of work, rest breaks every hour and not allowed to be employed when the temperatures are above 95 degrees. Would you like to pull a wagon over heat reflecting roads in such hot weather?!

January 4, 2014, 10:02 AM

Dear Honorable Council Members,
I urge you to strongly consider ending the practice of horse-drawn carriages in your city. These gentle animals are placed in dangerous environments by walking long hours on concrete, and near traffic. Along with weather concerns, their health and wellbeing are put at risk for the sake of human amusement. Please consider that these horses feel pain and stress, and are completely dependent upon humans for their care. In many cases, as in the sweet horse that died from heat exhaustion, no one is watching out for their wellbeing. Pulling carriages in a city is no life for a horse, but the horses cannot speak for themselves, obviously. Please speak for them. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Darcy Struckman
Geneva, IL

January 4, 2014, 10:00 AM

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Bettrice Mason outside Salt Lake City Council District

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January 4, 2014, 9:49 AM

We so appreciate your consideration of the issue of horse-drawn carriages! Tens of thousands of horse lovers have worked hard over the years to end this exploitive and cruel business! Without listing all the negatives that horses endure, it is time to consider their welfare and end the egregious abuse of these fabulous and majestic animals! New York's Mayor Bill de Blasio is planning to end carriage rides in New York City! We all applaud him for truly caring for the horses and ending this abusive practice! The ASPCA will work hard to find good homes for these horses where they can enjoy living their lives normally, not breathing toxic exhaust fumes, becoming spooked and being part of accidents, dying, suffering exhaustion and over-heating, etc.

People often don't realize the suffering that happens to these horses each day! They are not allowed to experience any of their basic needs and don't live as they were intended to!

Please make a huge example by ending this disrespectful activity asap! When you do, you can take the credit for other cities following suit! That is what we all work hard for and so hope you will do the right thing for these abused horses!

We are grateful for your thoughtful consideration of the well-being of Salt Lake City's horses! We will definitely visit your beautiful city once horse-drawn carriages are gone for good!

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Kind regards,

Dave and Rita Cross

January 4, 2014, 9:44 AM

Please ban horse drawn carriages. They are inhumane to horses and dangerous and obnoxious to drivers, bikers, and pedestrians in a busy city.

January 4, 2014, 9:35 AM

Common sense should rule in this situation. Ask yourself, are you expected to do manual labor in extreme weather conditions? Are you not given the privilege of a drink of water or coffee, are you not allowed to take breaks? Put the horse before the cash flow, they suffer and cannot speak for themselves. Please make sure these animals are no longer treated to inhumane treatment.

January 4, 2014, 9:34 AM

It would be one thing if the horses drew carriages in a park, on grass or dirt, and were well-cared for. We know, however, that this is a money-making business, so the horses are in automobile traffic on punishing pavement, breathing exhaust fumes, and on top of that are treated very poorly. It's an ugly, sad scene, and the City Council should be proud to make it a thing of the past. Horses and cars don't mix. (You'd think that that would have been obvious since autos started outnumbering carriages, but apparently not.) Thanks for listening, and go pet some horses!

Brandi Michel outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 9:05 AM

I believe regulations should be more strict. Horses are not slaves, but beautiful animals that should be treated with dignity. Overworking the horses, putting them at risk for death, and not treating them humanely is not only bad for the horses, it's bad for business. No tourist or child or honeymooner, etc. wants to see a horse driven to collapse. What a horrible experience, that I'm sure they're sharing with others. While I think horses should be taken off the streets all together as I believe its doing psychological damage to the animals, it's very important on so many levels that at the very least, the regulations are tighter.

January 4, 2014, 8:54 AM

Demonstrate your compassion for horses, please BAN Horse drawn carriages now!
Horse drawn carriages were appropriate before the industrial revolution not today. There is too much pollution and congestion.

Priscilla McHendry outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:44 AM

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These beautiful animals should not be pulling carriages on streets filled with toxic exhaust fumes and crazy drivers in extreme heat and cold. Imagine the stress caused by these conditions! Please ban horse drawn carriages in SLC.

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way it's animals are treated" Mahatma Gandhi.

Pat McHendry ~ Belchertown MA

January 4, 2014, 8:44 AM

There are hundres of reasons to keep these horses off the streets. Just implement ONE.

kevin whitney outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:22 AM

I support this. I do wish that it went further - banning the use of horse-drawn carriages, as NYC is doing - but this is at least a step in the right direction. Thank you.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:13 AM

Dear Council Members,

Although I love the idea of maintaining traditions that remind us of times past, there are other ways to do this besides using horses to ferry people on unrealistic rides through the streets of SLC (or any other city for that matter). NYC is looking at a novel idea for Central Park. It just requires creative thinking. Please show your empathy for the horses instead of the dollar. I ask that you ban horse-drawn carriages. Thank you for your consideration.

Meg Chrisler outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 8:07 AM

Please do the right thing, which is the humane thing, by providing adequate care for these animals who have no voice to protest their handling.

marilyn evenson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 7:38 AM

I believe horse-drawn carriage rides should be banned, especially after the needless death of Jerry who suffered & died in 97 degree weather. Horses suffer in extreme weather conditions on hard cement surfaces breathing in noxious vehicle fumes. They should be retired to fields & green grass sanctuaries where they will be cared for the rest of their lives. Horses were not meant to be in cities. NYC has a new mayor whose one goal is to ban horse-drawn carriages. I hope Salt Lake City will consider the same as you meet on January 7th. Thank you for considering my comments.

Barry Greenhill outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 7:31 AM

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

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Keep the horse drawn carriages! It is a traditional connection to the past!

Name not shown in (your neighborhood)

January 4, 2014, 7:30 AM

I feel it is very important to have stricter laws pertaining to horse drawn carriages. I live in Charleston SC and we had these same terrible deaths with horses. We now have a law that the horses can not be worked in high temperatures. It is inhuman to work them so hard in extreme temperatures. They can not tell us how they feel, so we must take responsibility and consider what we are putting them through. Please stop subjecting innocent animals to cruel treatment just for the sake of a quick buck.

January 4, 2014, 7:22 AM

Please follow the lead taken by NYC and abolish horse and carriages from SLC. It is dangerous and cruel to have horses tromping along on streets in all kinds of weather. It is unnecessary and a holdover from the past.

January 4, 2014, 7:01 AM

Thank you for listening.. We do not live in a civilization that is adequate for horses drawing carriages. That was a long time ago. It is cruel and inhumane to force this upon them. People can go to a farm to experience this. It causes stress on the animal. They are not objects like a car..... thank you!! Carol Aufmuth

January 4, 2014, 6:49 AM

I hope Salt Lake city will follow NYC's plan to ban horse drawn carriages period. Well intentioned regulations are useless if there is no enforcement. This industry quickly and easily slides into terrible abuse. Seeing the abuse these animals endure was the worst part of my 20 year residency in NYC. Please don't perpetuate this profit driven, inhumane industry.

Name not shown in (your neighborhood)

January 4, 2014, 6:47 AM

I urge you to end horse-drawn carriage rides altogether. This is an antiquated practice and is not good for autos or the animals. There are better modes of transportation to show tourists your beautiful city.

January 4, 2014, 6:26 AM

What's happened is shameful and needs to be stopped -- now.

Julie Kerr Gines outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 6:16 AM

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

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PLEASE, PLEASE completely ban the use of horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City! They are unnecessary, dangerous in a crowded city, and unequivocally inhumane. There are plenty of public transportation options within the confines of the city limits. These carriages merely represent a novelty for visitors to set the stage of a 'time in the past.' It may appear quaint on the surface, but first, they are extremely dangerous. Those horses are forced to pull carriages within inches of busy traffic. As a veteran equestrian, that is a recipe for disaster--to the occupants of the carriage, the horse, pedestrians, and traffic. This practice is also grossly inhumane to the horses. I've worked in the same area for 37 years where these carriage routes are located. I see these horses daily. NOT ONCE in all this time have I ever seen them get a drink of water! Even working conditions as low as 10 degrees or high as 104 degrees is horrendously extreme. I own horses and have worked with them for over 40 years. Horses are not machines; they are, in reality, just as susceptible to the brutality of weather's harsh conditions as we are. I've seen these horses in the bitter cold of winter on ice-covered roads slipping as they struggle to gain traction to pull their heavy loads. To begin with, a horse was NEVER mean to walk continuously or regularly on pavement. This is brutally hard on their feet--an area where horses are extremely vulnerable. But to have to pull a carriage over ice is unthinkable. It is surprisingly easy for a horse to damage a foot or leg, rendering it lame for life. An equestrian that truly cares about the welfare of their horses would not subject them to these treacherous conditions. In the heat--horses are like us. They are active in the cool early morning hours, remain sedentary during the hottest, most brutal, portions of the day's heat, and then resume reasonable activity once the temperatures descend again to a healthy level. Think of it this way: when are marathons run? Typically in the cool early morning hours, not the searing heat of the day. If they were, people would be suffering serious health effects. And in the case where a strenuous activity for people does occur during a hot day (like a ball game), it's typically infrequent--not day after day after day...

The bottom line is this: these animals are not machines and it's immoral to treat them as such. It's also cruel to put them in unsafe, unhealthy, inhumane conditions. If this was a rickshaw business where humans were being used to pull people around, the owners would be jailed and the business shut down in short order. These majestic animals deserve the same consideration. Jerry, the horse that died last summer, is the extreme example, but not the only one. These horses have been overworked in the most pitiful of conditions for years and years. It just took Jerry's tragedy to finally, thank goodness, bring it to your attention. So, PLEASE do the right thing in this issue. Money is not the most important thing here--the responsible and compassionate care of life is. PLEASE ENFORCE A BAN ON HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES IN SALT LAKE CITY. PLEASE! Thank you so much for taking the time to read this important message. Julie Kerr

January 4, 2014, 5:42 AM

This should not be done anymore there are too many people! The world has changed to be putting these poor animals in harms way just for our entertainment !

January 4, 2014, 5:34 AM

I PARTICULARLY agree with one of statements here:

YES BAN ALL HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES IN THE CITY and create an EQUINE PARK where horses can be enjoyed and - enjoy themselves as well. (Imagine, if your species were used to soft surfaces - grass/souil etc - and you find yourself pounding the hot hard surfaces of SLC!) I also agree that the highest temperature

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proposed is MUCH too high. PLEASE have a heart and a bit of imagination.

January 4, 2014, 4:31 AM

Thank you to the City Council for drafting an amendment to ban horse-drawn carriages in the wake of Jerry's death and the shameful coverup perpetrated by the carriage company. Jerry was pulling a carriage in 97-degree weather, and after he collapsed on State Street in the summer heat, the carriage company didn't even bother having him seen by an equine veterinarian. This tragic incident was avoidable and I am thankful that action is being taken. It is unfortunate that such a tragedy had to happen for something to be done.

January 4, 2014, 4:25 AM

The average life of an urban carriage horse is 4 years...the average life of a privately owned horse is 30-40 years. It doesn't take a math genius to see that something is seriously wrong with the way these horses are being taken care of. Animal control should be doing inspections on treatment, nutrition and housing by the carriage horse company, and hold them to the same standards as they would with a private owner. If people were aware of how much their fare supports an abusive industry they would most likely stop participating...at least I hope they would. This is just another example of how we are lacking in our stewardship of the planet's animals...it's a shame.

Kat Taylor
Horse rescuer in Maine

January 4, 2014, 4:12 AM

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Thank you

Paola Catapano

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 4:07 AM

Please ban horse drawn carriages in SLC. When making money is involved many owners have no regard for the health and safety of their horses. Horses do not belong in the city walking on pavement among cars and trucks. Thank you for your concern on this issue.RMG

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 3:56 AM

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The working environment limitations of 10 degrees to 104 degrees shows that the city has no consideration for the welfare of the animals. While I understand the concerns of the business, this is no way to treat your animals. It is unlikely that the city will designate areas that would make a decent carriage ride area, in and around the parks where there is shade, for example. Also, places where there are non-concrete roads would be a good idea, but I recall correctly that there aren't any in the area. So it would be best to discontinue the carriage ride business or allow it in more hospitable areas for example, in the orchards just north of SLC, up the canyons, etc.

January 4, 2014, 3:41 AM

my view of life is that humans, who are also animals themselves should act gentle to any kind of animal. to me personally horses are magnificent creatures and I hope you deal with them with all the respect you can find in your heart also becuse a persons life becomes a better experience when you connect to animals!

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Georgeanne Matranga outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 2:49 AM

I live on Long Island, near New York City, and I support a ban of horse-drawn carriages in New York, Salt Lake City and every city. There is no possible way to justify the cruelty that these horses experience everyday, pounding the pavement in extreme heat and extreme cold, alongside cars and trucks. They deserve a better life. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Daniel Davidson in (your neighborhood)

January 4, 2014, 2:06 AM

Please, stop the use of horse-drawn carriages. Horses feel pain as much as we do and should not be subjected to this horrible punishment. So, I ask you to please stop the use of horse-drawn carriages.

January 4, 2014, 1:53 AM

I support the proposed changes to horse carriage regulations. Sincerely, Mrs G Lofstrom, Sweden

January 4, 2014, 1:29 AM

Please ban this completely. It is not necessary and especially with the summer heat and lack of proper care, it is cruel and inhumane treatment for these animals.

January 4, 2014, 12:53 AM

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I support a ban on horse-drawn carriages as they cause needless suffering for the animals, as well as potential injury to the driver and passengers.

January 4, 2014, 12:47 AM

Please take any and all action possible to prevent the mistreatment and suffering of these innocent creatures.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:38 AM

Mayor, Salt Lake City

Your Honor. A quick view of the new ordinances regarding Horse Carriages covers things pretty well except how the owner of these horses are monitored. Animal services budget usually is slashed year to year. Most of their inspections is at the cost of their unit and this leads me to believe the inspections are not done. Owners of the horses are notorious for neglect, cutting corners, providing skimpy housing, cutting the food bill and unless it is a visible disorder, never consults a vet for exams. Farrier visits every 6 weeks is costly and probably is not provided as your schedule recommends. Horses hoofs need to breath, stretch to grow or their heels contract, which causes lameness - but to remedy this is to medicate. A carriage life is as bad as the polo horse. Their career span is very short before they break down. Especially if the breed is a large, big boned animal. THE REAL SOLUTION IS TO DO AWAY WITH THIS SERVICE. Follow New York - get savey and ban horse carriages. They cause a health hazard for the animal, a liability for the city and with more and more people becoming animal advocates, an eye sore, controversial subject to the residents of your city. Susan Coyle

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:37 AM

Please make horse-drawn carriages illegal. It is not right to use animals in this way for profit, and it is cruel and unnecessary to use horses as modes of transportation.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:20 AM

I feel they are very prudent. People cannot be trusted to treat animals humanely when they are consumed with making as much money as possible. Jerry's death was needless, and the public needs to know this. Animals will die trying to please their owners or do what they have been trained to do. They depend on their humans to make good judgments and to keep them safe. Too many take this responsibility far too lightly.

January 4, 2014, 12:04 AM

I am in support of the City's regulations regarding horse-drawn carriages being much stricter. I would say, however, that the new proposed regulations aren't nearly strict enough. I am in support of a full ban on horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City.

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

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Horse drawn carriages are inhumane and unsafe, no matter how they're regulated. Horses towing large carriages don't belong on the streets of a modern city among cars, busses, etc. They certainly aren't a necessity to the public, and there are better ways for tourists to get around and more interesting things for them to experience. In addition, since drivers and owners are just trying to make money off the backs of these animals, they care more about profit than the horses' wellbeing; inadequate housing and veterinary care is the norm for these businesses.

I applaud you for seeking a more humane solution to this issue, but i believe that the only humane solution is a complete ban.

Thanks for your consideration.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 4, 2014, 12:04 AM

Thank you to everyone who supports a more humane consideration of other life. Especially to the woman who took on this challenge, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Yes! I think the new proposed ordinance is not only a good idea, but a necessity. When people are using and relying upon the innocent and most vulnerable life forms to produce a product or provide a service, as a means to making a profit, there are too many issues that can be overlooked and ignored- especially when there are no consequences for abusive or neglectful behavior. Demand for respect for all living things becomes a priority when it's expected. If that means more rules and regulations- so be it.

Amber Atwood

January 3, 2014, 11:33 PM

I think it should be banned. It is not humane or fair its sad and wrong.. If NYC where it is historic no longer deems it necessary, it most certainly is not needed or necessary in Salt Lake City.. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Chelsea Cumella

Antoinette Moore outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 11:26 PM

I think what you have proposed is admirable however, I think that the temperature in the summer listed at 104 is a bit high. I feel that asking all horse or any animal to pull a large carriage 104 degree heat is extremely unfair especially with the fact that they do not have any shade or resting areas after they are done pulling the rides. .

January 3, 2014, 11:24 PM

Horse drawn carriages need to be banned. There have been too many accidents and deaths. It is not safe for anyone. Let's look past greed and tradition, and look and safety and well being for all.

January 3, 2014, 11:24 PM

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U need to stop horses carriages they get hot 2 and they can die of heat stroke and get them check out u would not want ur pets out and the heat of the hottest day give them a place to rest and be free

January 3, 2014, 11:18 PM

New York City has recently banned horse drawn carriages. Surely Salt Lake City can do the same. Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Bennett outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 11:12 PM

Horse drawn carriages should be banned in Salt Lake City. Instead, you should create a nature/equine park where people can enjoy riding, carriage rides and nature away from city traffic.

January 3, 2014, 11:08 PM

Please outlaw the use of horse drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. This is a cruel and inhumane practice. Instead, create a nature/equine park where people can enjoy nature, carriage rides and horseback riding away from city traffic.

nancy Duggan outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 11:07 PM

i dont think horse drawn carriages should even be allowed...that horse that collaped is prime example of the neglect these over worked, health neglected, horses endure....its animal abuse....

January 3, 2014, 10:53 PM

Please do not let these horse suffer. Put an end to this.

January 3, 2014, 10:50 PM

I do not know all the ramifications of the horse-drawn Carriage Regulations; those that exist and those that are proposed. All I know is that such horses suffer greatly in an unfriendly environment; they are forced to work constantly that even a farm horse would not have to endure. I therefore ask that you ban all horse-drawn carriages, and release the horses to a sanctuary where they can live in peace.

Amy Williams outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 10:39 PM

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Jerry is a prime example of why horse carriages should not be allowed in SLC. I have visited Salt Lake many times. I love the temple square. The place is beautiful. While horse carriages are a nice touch you have people who choose not to take care of their animals. This reflects badly on the city. So this doesn't happen again I hope that SLC will consider a complete ban. No animal should ever endure what Jerry did. I love the temple square, enjoy the walk and don't ride the horse carriages. They aren't needed.

Mariann Rannenberg outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 10:38 PM

I think horse drawn carriages should be banned. It's a form of animal cruelty. I would deeply appreciate you banning them all together. New York did now you can join them. God Bless You, Mariann

January 3, 2014, 10:29 PM

Please ban horse drawn carriages!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 10:29 PM

Horse-drawn carriages lead to miserable and dangerous conditions for horses; in light of all the transportation options available to us - including motorized carriages for those who want to recreate the experience - continuing this practice is abusive, archaic and absolutely unnecessary. Thank you for your time and consideration!

January 3, 2014, 10:27 PM

The proposed revisions are certainly a good start for making sure the horses are treated well and people are safe. The end of the road, however, should be with the horses in fields and not on concrete in the middle of the city.

January 3, 2014, 10:22 PM

Please pass whatever ordinances you can to ban all horse drawn carriages. They are cruel and inhumane. Torturing horses for human entertainment is totally unnecessary. Tourists can happily be transported around the city in motorised trolleys for the same effect. Please consider a complete ban on horse drawn carriages as even New York City is considering the same. For the horses. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 10:19 PM

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I support the ordinance revisions pertaining to horse drawn carriage regulations. Please take time to review this extremely important issue.

January 3, 2014, 10:12 PM

Please consider much stricter regulations to protect the carriage horses, or ban them completely. The max. temperature of 104 is very hot especially when surrounded by concrete and the added stresses of an urban environment. In addition, a ten minute break is not very long and there's no mention of water and food guidelines.

January 3, 2014, 10:05 PM

I support the ban on horse drawn carriages. Please follow in the footsteps of New York and take the time to recognize how inhumane such an action is. No personal enjoyment is worth pain to animals.

laura McDonald outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:58 PM

This is inhumane in this day and age. We have evolved from this simple yet cruel means of transportation. Animals are smart and have feelings, horses scare easily within the hussle and bussle of the city. Please have empathy for these poor, kind animals

January 3, 2014, 9:53 PM

I support a ban on horse drawn carriages. Also, I think the owner of Jerry should pay fines/jail time for animal abuse.

Name not shown inside Council District 3

January 3, 2014, 9:52 PM

I love horses and I do like seeing them around. However, the incident with Jerry shows how ignorant we have become of the very unnatural environment of a city, especially for a horse. I believe all creatures feel good when they have a job and a purpose, but if making money comes at the expense of a body's health and wellness, it is unjust and cruel. Consider child labor laws. Extreme temperatures, nasty pollution, inversions, loud and frightening noises, glaring lighting. These are all things which can cause tension. I drive around Temple Square frequently, and I have to keep my window up just to avoid breathing in all the exhaust from neighboring cars. Think where the horse's nose is and exercising only brings in more bad air. I think an outright ban is the best option, and if that can't happen, part-time only and not in extreme conditions.

January 3, 2014, 9:52 PM

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I fully support a full ban on horse drawn carriages. Thank you

Tia Ha

January 3, 2014, 9:51 PM

Any community's values are made clear by the way they treat the least powerful. Horses deserve our protection be treated with gentleness and kindness. Not violence and being forced to live an inhumane life. Please pass an ordinance that will keep horses away from traffic, extreme weather, and forced to walk in pain.

January 3, 2014, 9:48 PM

Horses do not belong in cities. They certainly don't belong in dangerous situations such as these. But if they are to be used in cities, they must be cared for properly. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 9:47 PM

I am delighted to see so many individuals speak on behalf of these animals. It is a travesty to work them in such conditions, noise, exhaust, heat. Not to mention subjecting them to vehicular accidents. This is an archaic and unnecessary mode of transport for the amusement of humans. Go to the zoo or the park to see animals.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:41 PM

Incidents over the years involving horse-drawn carriages has shown that the public and the well being of the horses has been put at risk when in heavy traffic in the cities. These incidents have resulted in carriage horses dying in the streets, serious injuries to people, and major property damage. It is clear that cities and urban areas are dangerous and stressful conditions for these horses to work and live in.

If you would research findings from the HSUS, ASPCA, & PETA you would gain insight on what a good majority of your feedback is saying regarding a total ban on this practice.

January 3, 2014, 9:36 PM

Stop horse drawn carriage rides. Its time to give the horses and allow them to enjoy their lives.

SP Lee outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:23 PM

Thank you for bringing this matter to the floor. Please ban horse-drawn carriages from SLC. Our city is

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beautiful enough - we do not need horses to "dress" it up for tourists - we have tourist attractions enough without exposing horses to such harsh treatment and abuse. NYC is going to ban this, so why not also be proactive and ban them here too? Thank you.

Elise Barrus outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:17 PM

Carriages are not a necessity. Why are we still using them downtown in the 21st century? Downtown is no place for a horse. Banning the carriages is the best option, as horses don't belong in a downtown environment and are not needed downtown at all. I hope you will listen to the majority of SLC and BAN these!!

The amendments are a start, but what are the living conditions like for these downtown horses? Do they have plenty of pasture? Shorter hours for these horses is a must as well as longer breaks.

Please consider a complete ban!

January 3, 2014, 9:15 PM

Please be compassionate to our living breathing fellow species on this earth, and some day we will realize that it is the right thing we did.

January 3, 2014, 9:14 PM

Thank you for considering changes to your city ordinance. The horses cannot speak for themselves and need someone to stand up for them.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:14 PM

Horse drawn carriages should be banned. Horses are mistreated and those horses currently working as carriage horses should be sent to a horse sanctuary, with the businesses that used them and the city that allowed these businesses to flourish, paying the bill. Short of outright banning, regulations to insure the safety and well-being of the horses should be implemented.

Tracy Ely outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:10 PM

For the safety of all of the horses subjected to the danger and cruelty of pulling carriages for human amusement, please strongly consider banning the use of all horse-drawn carriages now and forever. It is the compassionate decision. It is the only decision. Thank you for your compassion and kindness, Tracy Ely

January 3, 2014, 9:09 PM

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I work in Washington, DC where there are no horse-drawn carriages. Instead, there are pedicabs, powered by humans. Tourists use them and like them, and there's no exploitation or mistreatment of animals. It's good for everyone. Please be an example for other cities and ban carriage horses.

January 3, 2014, 9:06 PM

I was saddened to have heard of the death of one of the horses while pulling a carriage in downtown Salt Lake. I understand that there are money making opportunities but must it be at the expense of an animal? Surely there are other ways of making a living for those involved. It is so unnatural for the hooves of any animal to walk on pavement and how it was allowed in the first place is beyond me. Please find it in your heart to discontinue the practice of carriage pulling by horses. I'm sure there are other ways of engaging visitors to downtown Salt Lake. Thank you.

Stephen Dickstein outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 9:04 PM

Do the humane thing - Ban horse-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 9:01 PM

I hope the City Council will do what's right when it comes to the health and safety of the horse drawn carriages.

Thank you,
Laurie Hammeke

January 3, 2014, 8:56 PM

I would like to see horse drawn carriages be ban from city street in Salt Lake City. I think inhuman treatment to horses.

Thank you for your consideration.

January 3, 2014, 8:54 PM

Please also consider maximum age limits as well as inspection of stabling facilities and adequate rations and fresh water for the horses.

January 3, 2014, 8:53 PM

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I strongly urge you to go beyond these proposed ordinance revisions and make the more humane decision to ban the use of horse-drawn carriages.

Joanne Thielen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:50 PM

Horses need to be regulated if they are working. The poor horse Jerry was killed. His owner should be tried for animal abuse. We, in the U.S treat our animals so cruelly. These carriage horses are among the most portly treated working animals. The slaughterhouses are known for their cruelty. It is time to treat our animals with kindness.

January 3, 2014, 8:48 PM

Regulation revisions are obviously the least that needs to be done to reform the out-dated practice of horse-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 8:42 PM

It is past time to do away with animal abuse in all its forms. We have seen over and over how dangerous and abusive the horse-drawn carriage business is. I know first hand about the abuse that goes on. These animals are living, breathing beings with needs and desires. The abuse should have ended a long time ago. Please, help end their misery now. Please.....thank you.

January 3, 2014, 8:40 PM

I have followed this concern since the horse became ill and died last summer. I attempted to read the ordinance but the way it is written is very confusing. I sometimes wonder if it is ever possible to write an ordinance plain and simple. I agree that the horses should be at least 3 years old but I find some of it laughable. I guess it was a good thing back in the 1800s that the government hadn't come up with regulations as to how long a horse could pull a carriage or a plow because the poor people at that time would have found it very difficult to plant a crop or go anywhere since the horse and carriage was their only mode of transportation. Traveling from town to town within the state would have been curtailed as well especially in the heat of the summer and the cold winters. Horses are bred to work and not just languish in heated or air conditioned stables. Of course they need to be fed and kept properly hydrated and have Vet care as needed but I don't understand the controversy of a horse pulling a carriage around the city and it certainly isn't animal cruelty for them to do it even in the heat and cold. In early times do you really think that people just stayed home because it was hot or cold, no they went about their business and the horses did their work. It didn't matter how hot or cold they worked hard in the fields and did just fine because their owners took good care of them. Then government comes in with their regulations expecting the horses to be housed in heated and cooled stables and only allow them to walk around the blocks so many times and not if it is hot or cold. I can hear Brigham Young belly laughing at having ordinances to use a horse drawn carriage with these restrictive regulations!! Of course he didn't have to deal

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with PETA and it is a shame that they have so much power in this state that a horse can't even do the work he was born to do. Please use some common sense and tell PETA that they are not going win this one!!! Thank you Marianna Pugmire Springville Utah

January 3, 2014, 8:37 PM

I really feel very strongly that horse drawn carriage rides in a city setting are so often terribly inhumane to the horses, that I would like to see this practice abolished except for horse shows, and on private farms.

January 3, 2014, 8:34 PM

Thank you for listening to the concern on horse drawn carriage. We need to protect animals not exploit them.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:32 PM

I urge you to listen to the overwhelming support in favor of banning horse drawn carriages on the streets of Salt Lake City. The "restrictions" listed here do not begin to address the issues. Temperatures of 104 degrees are well beyond the acceptable range, there is no mention of fresh water during the 8 hour shifts in stifling heat, the health of the animals is not clarified and perhaps most important to you is the safety issue of placing fight or flight prey animals into an unnatural and stressful situation. This is simply disaster waiting to happen. As a corporate meeting planner, I would consider the continued use of carriage horses in Salt Lake City as a negative factor in recommending this as a destination.

January 3, 2014, 8:27 PM

Horse drawn carriages are totally unnecessary in this day and are inhumane and cruel. People should not be permitted to make a living through the suffering of animals.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:23 PM

Thank you for considering ordinances that will provide protection for the horses drawing carriages in your city. They are sentient beings who depend on the protection of humans. Unfortunately, some of we humans will not recognize this so legal protection is necessary. They should be protected under the law.

January 3, 2014, 8:23 PM

I urge the Council to ban horse-drawn carriages. Please put an end to the cruelty.

January 3, 2014, 8:18 PM

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What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

I support the ban on horse-drawn carriages. These animals need to be taken care of and not abused & exploited for human profit.

Diane Luck outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:18 PM

Horse drawn carriages have proven dangerous for both animals and humans. Horses are forced to be in unnatural and harsh conditions, often times resulting in very high stress and accidents. Horse drawn carriages should be banned.

sara ross outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:17 PM

Thank you SLC for being pro-active with changing the horse-drawn Carriage Regulations. I personally would like to see them stopped completely but if not have stronger guide lines to protect the horses and give them a voice. I believe the breaks for the horses should be at least 15 minutes per hour worked and they should be taken off the streets to a quiet area and harnesses removed. The weight of the harness and the carriage is extremely heavy on this animal..... Also they should NOT be forced to work in extreme high or low temperatures.... The drivers should be given classes and require a license before they are able to drive. Thanks for looking at this issue and making the much need changes to protect God's Creatures. Personally when I visit a city I never ride in a horse drawn carriage . thanks, sara ross

Carol Friendly outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:16 PM

Thank you for making changes to the ordinances that will protect the health and safety of the horses. As a person who loves horses, i applaud it your actions and i am proud to be called an American when others are this thoughtful. Thank you again.

Susan Purcell in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 8:15 PM

I respectfully encourage the city council members to consider banning horse-drawn carriages altogether. I have long felt it is an inhumane use of the horse, even if the horse is being cared for adequately. Any time a horse is being used as a tool for profit, you can bet that the needs of the horse will come after the need of the owner to earn more money.

And what kind of person takes a job like that? Certainly not the top 10%. It is only an person who could get no better work. And those people are not the sensitive, intelligent, caring types, in my estimation. It has always pained me to think of a horse being ruled by such a person.

I join with the thousands of human beings who suffer empathetically for the horses who must pull human beings around hour and hour. And what kind of regulation is it that allows the horse to be exposed to temperatures up to 104? That is no kind of regulation. That is only human cruelty.

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No, we as humans cannot be relied upon to do the right thing when money is involved. We have shown that. I urge you to do the right thing for all of us. Ban the use of horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. We will all be happier that way, knowing that horses will not have to endure such ill treatment any longer. Please consider the animal's life and well being, not only the greed of the owners.

I have been told that the mayor of NYC has predicted a ban on horse-drawn carriages for that city. I sincerely hope that Salt Lake City will also take that humane path.

Susan Purcell

donna burch outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 8:13 PM

I'm writing to support a ban on horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. Yes, it's a nice experience for tourists, but at the expense of the animals who have to endure hours every day of noisy traffic, pollution and grueling work. These beautiful animals deserve a better life.

January 3, 2014, 8:07 PM

I applaud your efforts at better regulating the horse drawn carriage business however, I implore you to consider banning the practice altogether. Follow the example of NYC. Thank you.

Michelle Belanger outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:59 PM

Thank you so much for bringing this to the floor. These animals need and deserve the basic protections this kind of bill can provide. I once saw a horse drawing a carriage in busy car traffic and amongst other unnatural stimulus. The stress and deep primal fear that was evident on the horse's face and body left a lasting impression on me. It horrified me that someone would treat an animal that way. There needs to be sensible oversight to keep this kind of abuse from happening.

Scott Packer inside Council District 2

January 3, 2014, 7:56 PM

A few years back, while driving downtown, an unmanned carriage, carrying a family with young children, was speeding out of control and nearly ran in to my vehicle head on as it ran through a light turning red. The horse swerved just before running into me, slamming into a parked car next to me (I previously wrote a letter to the council when this occurred). It sounds like the horse was spooked by a loud vehicle echoing in the confines of downtown buildings. I would, at least, like to see the carriages confined to parks or low traffic areas and off the heat of downtown streets, if not a full ban. Thanks for considering. - Scott A. Packer

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:47 PM

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I just got back from NYC and saw several horse-drawn carriages -- This should be BANNED from every state in the USA ... particularly in from the months of June 1st - Oct 1st.. these poor majestic creatures enslaved to make a buck! The majority of the time these horses are NOT well kept nor are they taken to the Equine Vets on a regular basis to assess their health. The economy is still VERY bad and the horse drivers are skimping on the health of these horses --this should be against the law!!! it is horrific.. The status of these horses should be checked all over the USA including Salt Lake City. Those horses that have any health issues whatsoever should be sent immediately to Gentle Giant Horse Rescue!!!! I am mortified and very angry by the photo at what happened to this precious creature!!!

January 3, 2014, 7:47 PM

If the horse caretakers could be trusted to abide by the rules then I think the carriage businesses should be able to continue. but the hours a horse should work should be six hours a day or less. if caught breaking the law there should be a fine of an amount that would make them never do it again. I recommend \$1000.00 if they get caught a second time the business should be shut down. they should be put in jail for cruelty to animals.

January 3, 2014, 7:45 PM

I think the proposed revisions are good, but they are not enough. Horse-drawn carriages should be banned entirely. Horses should not be forced to inhale the exhaust of cars inches from the horses' nostrils. We should not be allowed to control these animals just because we are able to . . . that is a bully mentality, nothing more.

Rachel McWhirter outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:44 PM

I fully support of a ban on horse-drawn carriages

Maureen Allen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:35 PM

Hon. Mayor Becker and Members of City Council, your proactive interest in public input makes an impressive statement about your leadership of Salt Lake City.

New York's Mayor De Blasio is banning horse-drawn carriages on humanitarian as well as economic grounds. A cursory value analysis of horses' basic needs shows the inadequacy of recommendations submitted for your consideration, well-meaning though they are. The bottom line is: the tourist value of horse-drawn carriages is far outweighed by ongoing and relentless overhead. (Mr. DeBlasio is contemplating antique cars instead.) Horses' knee-joints (like the "soft spot" on a baby's head) may not be fully developed by the minimum recommended age. Horses need to be shod specifically for the jarring impact of pavement; hoof trims and shoeing must occur every six weeks without fail. Grooming (not just a flick with a brush) must happen daily prior to harnessing to prevent skin conditions, and must include hoof-picking. Three or more quarts of performance feed must be furnished morning and evening--not while working. Clean, mold-free hay must be provided overnight. They must be kept in 12'X12' box stalls, with bedding, to be thoroughly cleaned every morning after

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the horses leave. They require vaccinations and de-worming twice annually, as well as current Coggins tests (which include online photo IDs). Horses' teeth grow throughout life: the sharp points must be filed twice yearly, by a licensed DVM, to ensure proper chewing. Ten minutes' break is woefully inadequate; the min-max temperature window is too wide by 20 degrees on each end. Fresh water 24/7 is not even mentioned. These are minimal, no-frills requirements for keeping healthy animals. None is mentioned in the current recommendations; all are vital--literally. If the profit-pressure is irresistible, then I strongly urge you to invite someone who knows harness horses to testify, for example, the barn manager for the Budweiser Clydesdales just outside St. Louis. Their hitches, like yours, draw attention to a larger endeavor, so they surely confront many of the same challenges. Ideally, you will devise a cost-efficient means of showing visitors your glorious city--trolleys, antique cars, etc. But if you cannot, if tourism rests on the weary backs of horses, then, please, do it right. Respectfully, Maureen Allen

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Bill Douglass in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 7:35 PM

Enough of the abuse of animals already.

Adam Farmer outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:33 PM

The only way to truly end the cruelty is to ban horse-drawn carriages. This archaic practice forces these poor horses to withstand extremes in weather, both cold and heat, busy streets, loud noises and pollution. They are often spooked by these unnatural surroundings, causing the potential for accidents. The horses are overworked and at the end of their career when too old or ill to work, they are often sent to slaughter for cheap pet food, or shipped overseas for human consumption. Please end this cruel exploitation of these beautiful animals.

Tiffany Michelle outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:28 PM

Thank you for no longer subjecting these beautiful creatures to the elements and road and health hazards simply for recreational purposes.

January 3, 2014, 7:27 PM

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AGREE.

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Thank you for not allowing horse-drawn carriages on your streets any more! Once a necessary entity for transportation, horses should no longer be subjected to the harshness of the elements and hazards of the road simply for recreational means. Thank you again for standing up for these incredible creatures.

Name not shown inside Council District 6

January 3, 2014, 7:20 PM

Horse drawn carriages are unacceptable to the vast majority of urban people today. We live in the 21st century and this type of "tourist attraction" just seems shameful and really outdated. Horses don't belong in congested cities dodging traffic and breathing nasty exhaust. My kids cringe when they have seen them in our city because they love animals and know it's not right.

January 3, 2014, 7:18 PM

Please ban horse drawn carriages. The horses aren't treated well and forced to work long hours without adequate care. There is no need to have horse drawn carriages. Thank you!

January 3, 2014, 7:18 PM

I found it criminal that someone wasn't overseeing the welfare of these animals. No animal or person should be forced to work in extreme weather conditions. The fact that this horse didn't even receive proper medical care after it collapsed, is even more outrageous. We must always speak and protect those that cannot speak and protect themselves. Most often, that's animals, little children and the elderly.

Maria Kuylen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:15 PM

Please do something to help these beautiful helpless creatures. When I see these poor animals suffering in the heat and or cold, it ruins my day, as I can't get the heartbreaking image out of my mind. This is so inhumane in this day and age and it's pathetic that a few people take enjoyment in what is cruel punishment for these animals.

Deborah Perotti outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:14 PM

Please ban carriage horses on your streets. Asking a horse to work long hours pulling tourists is inhumane and

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abusive. How we treat our animals is an indication of how compassionate we are as a society so let's give these great animals our respect and not use them on the city streets to pull carts of people. Thank you, Deborah Perotti, North Carolina.

Houston Wong outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:09 PM

I think that horse driven carriages should not exist in the first place. We have no right to force animals to work for our needs.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:08 PM

The proposed regulations strike me as quite insufficient to protect the horses from abuse. A ban on the use of horse drawn carriages seems by far the most humane choice for the horses.

January 3, 2014, 7:06 PM

Please protect the horses and stop using them to draw carriages. Thank you

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 7:00 PM

i think horse drawn carriages should be banned. The horses are often endangered and this in turn endangers the lives of people. The mayor of New York has just banned horse drawn carriages in my city as it is the humane thing to do. Please consider banning them in your city as well.

January 3, 2014, 6:52 PM

I believe there should be regulations on when horse drawn carriages should be used and regulations on the course their owner takes them on. They should not be exposed to constant car exhaust and forced to walk on asphalt especially in scorching temperatures.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 6:50 PM

Please consider banning horse drawn carriages from your streets. They do not belong in an urban setting of any kind. This is downright cruelty to these poor animals who deserve decent treatment. Your treatment of animals says a lot about your city.

January 3, 2014, 6:47 PM

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I believe that horse-drawn carriages should be banned, because it's too cruel to the horses.

Anita Magar outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 6:47 PM

Please ban this outdated mode of transport. I imagine if our ancestors had motor vehicles they would NOT have chosen to go anywhere by horse and carriage. Nostalgia is fine if it does not cause pain and suffering for other creatures. Stop this now, or at least make sure that the carriages are not in use in heat over 85 degrees and have much more veterinary oversight than is done currently. Come on Salt Lake, maybe you could set a trend for compassion?

January 3, 2014, 6:41 PM

This is a no-brainer. Please do the right thing for the horses.

Cynthia Catsman outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 6:35 PM

Suggest they replace the horses with the politicians who fail to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

January 3, 2014, 6:35 PM

Do what's right...ban horse carriages. It's not needed to enjoy your great city!

January 3, 2014, 6:24 PM

Ban them all together. It is very cruel to the horses.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 6:24 PM

I agree with this quote by Ghandi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." How great are we if we don't hold those accountable who mistreat our animals?

Karen Nienkamp outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 6:23 PM

I most certainly support the ban on horse drawn carriages and any ban on activities that use horses for the entertainment of anyone. Thank you for considering the ban, and I hope that you decide to put a ban into effect as soon as possible in memory of Jerry the Horse who gave his life for this senseless activity. Hopefully no

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other horse will ever be forced to endure pulling a carriage full of tourists again. Thank you! Sincerely, Karen Nienkamp, Lincoln City, Oregon

January 3, 2014, 6:20 PM

Please abolish this policy and find a suitable sanctuary for these horses.
Thank you

January 3, 2014, 6:04 PM

Please stop the horse drawn carriages in the city. The people running this industry have already proven they are unfit stewards of the welfare of other creatures who share this planet with us. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 5:59 PM

Stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves and protect horses who work in the carriage trade. Simple protections will go a long way towards that without causing undue burdens on businesses.

January 3, 2014, 5:50 PM

I fully support a ban on horse drawn carriages. While the 'romantic' in me can see the allure of them in the evenings and such, the logical, the ethical side of me says that it is inhumane to put them at such risk.

January 3, 2014, 5:46 PM

I am glad that the horse drawn carriage issue is being addressed. However, I believe there needs to be a complete ban on this industry. Unfortunately the animals suffer for the gain of money. There are other ways to cater to tourists without harming innocent lives.

January 3, 2014, 5:42 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages. It was heartbreaking to find out what happened to Jerry the horse. Horses should not be exposed to working pulling carriages in extreme weather temperatures and dangerous traffic that could cause the horse to be hit by a car. The gasoline fumes are also inhaled by these animals and loud noises caused by cars honking and driving close to the animal is stressful. I think it is very sad that the poor animal didn't even get seen by a veterinarian. What a tragic event that could have been avoided. It's a terrible thing to exploit animals for monetary gain. These majestic animals belong in their natural habitats; pastures, to run

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freely. They are not meant to be dragging carriages around all day in terrible conditions. People can walk or drive themselves where they need to go. Please do the right thing for these animals and stop their suffering once and for all. Please don't let another horse have to suffer again the way Jerry suffered. Please ban horse-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 5:37 PM

It is heartening that the Salt Lake City Council is addressing the issue of carriage horse safety: thank you. We can evolve beyond subjecting horses to the noisy, harsh and toxic environment of city streets. It's time to change our thinking about how we treat animals, and this is a good thing for humans.

Michelle Pizzarello outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 5:32 PM

All efforts to help put an end to the suffering of the voices that can not be heard are appreciated. I personally will not travel to any city, even NYC where I was born, due to the cruelty that is forced upon these helpless animals. They can feel pain, cold, heat, hunger, love, almost every feeling & emotion humans can. It's just not right. Please help those that cannot help themselves.

January 3, 2014, 5:30 PM

I'm writing today to ask you to please ban horse drawn carriages. Horses should not be exposed to work pulling carriages in 97 degree heat and gasoline fumes caused from constant exposure to cars driving by. This is cruel and inhumane treatment. Please stop the suffering of these majestic animals and ban horse-drawn carriages. These animals are meant to be running freely in pastures, not pulling carriages around in horrible heat with the risk of getting hit by cars and having to inhale gasoline fumes. Thank you and please do the right thing for these animals.

Marie Garfield outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 5:29 PM

Please put an end to horse drawn carriages. With the traffic, noise and extreme weather conditions, this is not only stressful, harmful, dangerous, cruel and inhumane for the horse, it can also be dangerous to others. What happened to Jerry was avoidable. Please don't let another horse, or any other animal, suffer the same fate as Jerry. Don't let him have died in vain. Thank you for considering this proposal.

January 3, 2014, 5:26 PM

I am in support of a total ban on horse-drawn carriages. It is not humane and having the horses on city streets crowded with cars is dangerous. This practice is outdated and needs to be stopped.

Anne Allen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 5:24 PM

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How we treat animals as a society is reflective of how we treat human beings. The following changes should also be included in the ordinance revisions:

1. In addition to setting a minimum age of three years for horses used to pull carriages, a maximum age should also be set.
2. Changing regulations that govern how long a horse can work within a 24 hour period should be dependent on weather conditions. A maximum of eight hours in any 24 hour period with a rest period of at least ten minutes at the end of each one-hour work period would be acceptable in nice weather. In warmer conditions the horses should work shorter hours (4-6 hours) within a 24 hours period with a minimum of 10 minutes rest.
3. Horses pulling carriages with a heat index up to 104 degrees is inhumane. This heat restriction should be lowered to 85 degrees.
4. Nothing was mentioned about regular veterinarian check-ups. Only healthy horses should be allowed to pull carriages.

If the city cannot do right by these beautiful animals then they should not allow horse pulled carriages at all.

Lisa Soldavini outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 5:16 PM

Horse-drawn carriages are cruel and inhumane. Horses do not belong on city streets, in traffic and noise pulling people around all day in excruciating heat, and freezing cold. New York is banning horse-drawn carriages and many states are following this humane decision. It's time to do the right thing and ban these. Many cities are going to bike-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 5:15 PM

I am writing in support of a ban on horse-drawn carriages

Linda Cohen outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 5:14 PM

As a native New Yorker, I lived very near the old Plaza Hotel and watched for many years as the poor horses were forced to stand in the bitter cold, the sweltering heat and the frequent downpours of N.Y.C. While the tourists may have enjoyed those carriage rides, the pathetic animals forced to lead them around lead lives of misery. It's time to put an end to all this.

I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to stop such animal cruelty. What happened to Jerry is unpardonable.

January 3, 2014, 5:06 PM

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Aloha,

Thank you for considering my input. I do not live in your community but I do pass through Salt Lake City every year. I applaud the way in which this conduit for input is set up - by taking time to outline the way the issues being considered have evolved probably saves everyone a lot of time.

Two areas that I wondered about are:

#2: When doing criminal background checks on these operations any record of mental health issues and/or previous citations pertaining to incidents of cruelty to animals should be written into the final language of regulations. Both the driver and, if different, the owner of the business should be investigated. This is for the protection of the horses as well as the customers. If implemented properly this would help to insulate your city against the possibility of liability litigation.

#4: Details about deviation from authorized routes need to be spelled out in advance of permitting.

Thank you for considering my input.

Keith Krueger
POBox 61038
Honolulu, Hi. 96839

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January 3, 2014, 5:05 PM

Horsedrawn carriages under the best of conditions (good weather, lightly trafficked streets) is very hard on horses. It is hard on their backs and on their legs to walk on paved streets for the amount of time they are forced to. Add to that the often uncaring manner in which they are treated, horsedrawn carriages are not an easy thing for animals and should be banned altogether. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 5:05 PM

Please ban horse drawn carriages from your streets. Busy streets with cars zooming is no place for the slower and sensitive horses. The noise, pollution and risk of injury make streets a dangerous place for horses. Confine horse drawn carriages to parks and walkways where their slower pace can be appreciated and they don't hold up traffic.

January 3, 2014, 5:02 PM

I'm 100% in favor of banning horse-drawn carriages. The practice is inhumane, horses should not be forced to work along side traffic.

January 3, 2014, 5:02 PM

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Please ban the horse drawn carriages. I believe it is cruel to the horses to be out in the heat Neglect has been shown on the part of the owners of "Jerry" if they cared it would not have happened. Thank you

January 3, 2014, 4:56 PM

I have followed the progress in Manhattan and other cities and signed numerous petitions to ban the use of horse drawn carriages. Please follow their wise example and act humanely.

January 3, 2014, 4:54 PM

Please kindly stop the horse drawn carriage rides. They are cruel and harmful for the animals. People can find other forms of entertainment . I know you can make a difference. Thank you for your time

Jonathan Daniel outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:53 PM

A business model built on cruelty to animals for monetary benefit should be banned.

susan pace outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:51 PM

horses having to deal with traffic, and being run all day long without rest is a horrible life for carriage horses. all for what, human amusement. not good enough. humans can get around on their own in cities.

January 3, 2014, 4:43 PM

I believe there should be laws protecting these poor horses that take such abuse by their owners by hauling people around town. they should be fed water and food and should be protected at all cause. The government should not coverup any abuse by their owners and the horses should be seen by a veterernarian at once when found ill, and they should be treated with care. The government should take these laws seriously with abuse to animals. it was sad to hear about Jerry the horse who collapsed pulling a carriage. This practice should be stopped at once.

Barry Farley
Baltimore,Maryland

January 3, 2014, 4:42 PM

Thank you for your generous consideration of more humane Carriage Regulations. Horses are an icon of the

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American West and the West and the entire country was settled literally upon their backs. Thank you for acknowledging this heritage.

January 3, 2014, 4:40 PM

Please support a ban on horse drawn carriages in Salt Lake City.

Thank you. Dr. Linda Jennings

January 3, 2014, 4:39 PM

Thank you for listening and now considering horse drawn carriages. I do hope you will ban future carriages being pulled by horses in light of horse collapsing and then dying.

January 3, 2014, 4:36 PM

I live in Kansas City and we have the same problem with horse-drawn carriages on The Country Club Plaza area. Please do everything you can to protect the horses!

Margaret Ann Johnson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:36 PM

I would encourage you to ban the horse carriage trade in Salt Lake City. It was banned in Toronto some years ago because of the abuse and neglect of the horses and several incidences of horses out of control and passengers and pedestrians being hurt. New York will apparently also ban them in the New Year.

January 3, 2014, 4:36 PM

I think that horse-drawn carriages should be banned for the safety of the horses. New York will be doing so, and Salt Lake City should do the same. It is the only sane and humane thing to do, and there is enough beauty in Salt Lake City without them. Any ordinances to protect animals are welcome.

Thank you,
Michelle

January 3, 2014, 4:34 PM

I fully support all of the amendments to the City Ordinance Codes.

January 3, 2014, 4:32 PM

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I was astounded to read your new regulations include horse-drawn carriage rides up to 104 degrees. Please rethink this whole concept and spare these horses endless hours on hot pavement dragging people-laden carriages until they drop of heat exhaustion.

January 3, 2014, 4:31 PM

Please take the mayor of New York's lead and ban horse carriages.

Raeann Scott outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:27 PM

I am happy to see the Salt Lake City Council address the issue of carriage horse safety; unfortunately I do not think the revisions are sufficient. I would like to see a complete ban of horse drawn carriage rides in Salt Lake City.

While horses have pulled wagons, carts and carriages for centuries, pulling carriages in the city streets is not safe and I do not think it is humane under any circumstances. Noisy, city streets, surrounded by large buildings, are no place for animals. The horses spend their days walking in an extremely noisy environment smelling gasoline and smog fumes. It's not healthy and its cruel.

If you do not ban horse drawn carriages completely; which is what I think you should do, then you should strengthen the revisions. They are a step in the right direction, but are insufficient. I would not want to pull a carriage when the ambient heat index is 104. That is too hot and should be lowered. I have read your ordinance and under operating conditions, there is no mention of stabling conditions and if the horses have access to open fields and a place to lie down. Are there arrangements for regular inspections for rest conditions? Who will make sure the horses have proper food, water, and vet care?

Horse drawn carriage rides have served their purpose and should be banned. Thank you.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:26 PM

I am writing today in support of a ban on horse-drawn carriages. One good example of why we need a ban on horse-drawn carriages comes in the wake of the horse Jerry's death and the shameful cover up perpetrated by the carriage company. Jerry was pulling a carriage in 97-degree weather, and after he collapsed on State Street in the summer heat, the carriage company did not even bother having him seen by an equine veterinarian. This tragic incident was avoidable and we need to ensure that it does not happen again. Horses are terrified by the loud noises on the street and they become ill from vehicle fumes. They have suffered enough. Please enact a ban on horse drawn carriages. Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

January 3, 2014, 4:26 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages. Horses do not belong on city streets, they spook easily, are worked extremely hard in difficult conditions, and are treated poorly by the horse-carriage industry. Please ban this trade immediately.

Sean Moundas outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:24 PM

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Please pass revisions and regulations that would protect the humans and horses involved.

Name not shown in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 4:24 PM

I think the use of horse-drawn carriages for grown human beings' entertainment is childish and unnecessary. I would support a ban on it in any city. There are just not enough different specific provisions to be put into ordinances to ensure the well-being of the horse under these conditions - they can always be gotten around, for profit.

Isabelle Rossi outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:22 PM

Horse drawn carriages are out dated. As Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress, can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

January 3, 2014, 4:17 PM

Please end this archaic and abusive practice immediately. It's shocking that it still exists at all.

Esther Salem outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:17 PM

Please approve the new regulations so that these horses are better protected and do not suffer they way Jerry did. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 4:14 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages in your city. It really is the only way to ensure the safety of the public and the welfare of the horses. I am a New Yorker and proud to say that my great city is now being led by a mayor who realizes how important it is to ban horse-drawn carriages. Please join me, my mayor and our great city in enacting a ban on horse-drawn carriages. Thank you for your consideration.

January 3, 2014, 4:10 PM

This cruelty to horses is an abomination. Stop it.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:10 PM

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I second the idea of using historic models of autos to use in city tours vs the endangerment and abuse of live animals. Please put ethics and morality before the dollar, please do right action. thank you.

JoAnne Klein outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:03 PM

No matter what form it takes, animal abuse must be investigated, rules and regulations must be changed to the benefit of animals, regardless of if they are dairy herds, service animals of any kind, and/or companion animals of all species under the care of a human(s). I find it highly commendable that the City of Salt Lake has taken to heart the recent travesty due to the operators of horse drawn carriages and the injury to their animals. I hope I will read of a substantial revision to this City's regulations in the treatment, care and raising of animals.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:02 PM

I cannot even believe, in this day and age, we need to have an "ordinance" to protect these animals from the horrific conditions that are their lives...what does that say about us as a species? That we are self-centered, greedy, unintelligent beings! Except of course for the humans who treat each other and ALL GOD'S creation with the dignity and respect that I am certain HE, intended.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 4:02 PM

Carriage horses are neglected and abused to the point that they fall over and die in the street. New York is about to ban carriage horse rides and EVERY state should do so immediately!! This looks bad for any state that doesn't take the horses's welfare into consideration and lets the carriage horse operators continue! Believe me the operators don't care one bit about the horses.

January 3, 2014, 3:55 PM

Please stop allowing this type of industry to thrive in the community. It is heart breaking. We live in a civilized society where horses are not needed for transportation nor should they be exploited for monetary gain. Help protect these majestic creatures. We have to be the voice they don't have.

January 3, 2014, 3:55 PM

Horses are herd animals with no business competing with combustion engines driven by speeding traffic, people under the influence, etc. If they were pulling carriages down peaceful country lanes and owned by owners who cared for them it would be different. The activists absolutely MUST buy the horses and secure them in safe places, or they will end up in the slaughter pipeline.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:49 PM

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As a horse owner, I am opposed to all horse drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. I applaud the attempt to regulate the industry, but would prefer, for the sake of the horses, to eliminate this unkind practice all together. Horses, asphalt and automobiles do not belong together.

Karen Ornelas outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:49 PM

PLEASE don't have carriage horses at all, they should not be in the lanes of traffic, unsafe for the people riding in the carriage and FUMES from the gasoline and SMOG are constantly inhaled. BUT if you must, as I don't want to hurt anyone's income - the HORSES are the most important thing. FOOD, WATER, VET CARE, REST and basic care (hoofs, teeth etc) - which these poor OVER WORKED and in the SCORCHING HEAT above 80 degrees, most of these horses are not fed well and PUSHED to their LIMIT. Please find another way - maybe in the parks only? only cooler days (below 80 degrees).

Name not shown in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 3:46 PM

Thank you for considering an ordinance change regarding horse-drawn carriages, but I urge you to go further still by banning it altogether. I would also like to know, should carriage rides continue, what are the stabling conditions for these beautiful animals.

January 3, 2014, 3:41 PM

Please, it's time to ban horse drawn carriages, this is 2014!

January 3, 2014, 3:39 PM

Your efforts at improving working conditions for carriage horses is wonderful. For the most part I agree with the proposed revisions but strongly feel the high temperature limit should be about 90 degrees and not 104 F. Horses can easily suffer heat stress under load starting at 90 degrees. Please consider revising this aspect. Thank you.

Brandt Garner outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:36 PM

Every time I walk the city streets of Salt Lake City, I shutter at the sight of the poor, tired souls who are forced down the city streets. These shackled animal slaves should not be allowed to be paraded down our states capital streets just for the enjoyment of a few while they suffer in adverse weather conditions. The new proposed ordinances do little for the welfare of the animals wellness and safety and many visitors will continue to gasp at the mistreatment of these beautiful animals in the sweltering heat and bitter cold. We must follow New York Cities humane and ethical reasoning and ban the practice of horse-drawn carriages,

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erasing the tarnished image of the city.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:33 PM

Please stop allowing horse drawn carriages. It's horrible for the horses.

January 3, 2014, 3:32 PM

I believe its time for all horse drawn carriages to be banned from cities. Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York City realizes how inhumane they are and is moving in a positive direction by banning them in his city. Lets all see the light!

January 3, 2014, 3:30 PM

This such a cruel industry. I work with banning horse drawn carriages. This horse needed a doctor. He could be alive if he was not worked to death.

Elizabeth Ignatuk outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:28 PM

The revisions are a step in the right direction but insufficient. I would not want to pull a carriage when the ambient heat index is 104. Please ban the horse-drawn carriages. When I tour Salt Lake City, I don't want to see any cruelty to animals.

January 3, 2014, 3:28 PM

Hello - thank you for the opportunity to send my opinions about your proposed horse drawn carriage ordinance regulations. My opinion is that the horse drawn carriage industry belongs in the 19th century and not in the 21st. Your proposal is certainly a step in the right direction, but do you really think a horse should be pulling a carriage when it's 103 degrees, or zero degrees? Having a cut off for temperatures really doesn't help the horses at all. And forcing them to work 8 hrs is still a long time to be breathing in exhaust fumes in the middle of a noisy city.

So, I hope you will follow what Mayor deBlasio does in NYC as he's made it very clear he thinks the horse drawn carriage rides are inhumane and he wants to ban them. I wholeheartedly agree and hope more cities will follow this progressive lead.

Thank you for listening to your constituents who were deeply saddened and outraged by Jerry's death. This should never be allowed to happen again and you have the power to ensure that it doesn't.

Louellen McCoy outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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I have been a horse owner who both rode and drove. I did competitive Combined Three Day Driving. My horse loved the sport, but I don't think he would have liked spending his days in a hot city on pavement. The city is so much hotter in the summer than the countryside. I have read your ordinance and under operating conditions, there is no mention of stabling conditions and if the horses have access to open fields and a place to lie down. I have read of stabling conditions in NYC that are entirely inadequate. Are there arrangements for regular inspections for rest conditions?

January 3, 2014, 3:21 PM

While the amendments to the ordinance have obviously been written with recent events in mind, they are inadequate to address the problem that the horse-drawn carriage business is cruel and unnecessary. Please follow the lead of Mayor Bill deBlasio and abolish this outdated, ridiculous practice.

Jacqueline Thomas outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:17 PM

While the amendments to the ordinance have obviously been written with recent events in mind, they are inadequate to address the problem that the horse-drawn carriage business is cruel and unnecessary. Please follow the lead of Mayor Bill deBlasio and abolish this outdated, ridiculous practice. The desire to ride in these vehicles is really tacky and shows a lack of sophistication; it's as if grown people want to live in Disney World in real life. Please don't indulge them at the expense of beautiful horses!

January 3, 2014, 3:13 PM

As quaint as they may seem to some... The horse drawn carriages do not belong on our city streets. This is no longer the 1840's and it is unsafe and in humane to have them out in traffic and stress. I have lived in salt lake my whole life and support this proposed ban.

Tara Granger outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:12 PM

Please change the ordinances to be more humane. Then promote your animal welfare efforts. Doing so will draw more visitors to your city.

Sara Elkins outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:10 PM

Dear city counselors, I am in support of banning the use of horse drawn carriages in y our cities .One of the issues that comes up again and again for citys that allow horse drawn carriages is making profit is the reason for using the horses and the horses medical,physical and other needs of a living animal are ignored.Too many carriage horses have died ,being startled by beeping cars,being driven to death in the heat. To show off your fair city,consider antique or classic car rides.It is much easier to regulate old cars then the

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humane use of horses.Thanks for considering this idea.---sincerely,sara a. elkins.northampton,ma.

January 3, 2014, 3:03 PM

any activity affecting animals should be subject to oversight and inspection to prevent cruelty and neglect.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 3:02 PM

While I think it admirable that you are proposing revisions to your horse-drawn carriage regulations, it is really too little too late. I hope you will consider a full ban. It is the humane thing to do.

Kathryn Dalenberg outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:59 PM

I think horse carriages in city traffic in the 21st century are moronic. Horses belong in pastures, NOT on city streets with motorized vehicles.

Angie Stevens outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:59 PM

It is time to ban horse drawn carriages. It is antiquated. The horses must walk on cement and do not get the rest that they need. The proposed ordinance falls short. The horse that started this whole thing dropped when it was 97 degrees and you propose 104 degrees as the high? This seems a bit odd. How are the new provisions better? Even in the yester years, when horses went a long way pulling carriages, they changed out the horses. Time to get with the times and that is to be more compassionate. We are supposed to be a First World country.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:56 PM

Thank you for protecting the rights of beautiful animals that have no voice. Your kindness will be rewarded many times over.

Lowman Borlik inside Council District 5

January 3, 2014, 2:55 PM

The residents of Salt Lake who want to keep horse drawn carriages on the road are almost nonexistent, and many of us want them gone. Please do the right thing.

Susan Harrie outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:54 PM

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Horse-drawn transportation is ridiculous, cruel, and unnecessary in this age. Horses have served humankind for centuries. It's time to cut them some slack and stop them from being forced to entertain and serve us!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:51 PM

For the love of all that is decent in our natures- please do the humane thing and protect these horses. We have not the right to force these beautiful creatures to perform this archaic work under such horrendous conditions. It is SO wrong, and brakes my heart every day.

January 3, 2014, 2:51 PM

I urge you to place a ban on horse drawn carriages and have greater protection laws for horses and other animals across the board.

January 3, 2014, 2:51 PM

What happened is nothing but animal abuse do something about it, if you don't your part of the problem

Kathy Tenda outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:47 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages. We are no longer living in the age where it is a necessary form of transportation. As a human civilization it is imperative of us to protect our animals from needless harm and abuse. Our moral characters dictate that money should not be the reason this exists. Thank you, Kathy Tenda

January 3, 2014, 2:46 PM

I am a New Yorker and finally we have a Mayor who was just sworn in and first on his to-do list is banning horse-drawn carriages in the city. It's about time we get to banning this - it's taken too long.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:46 PM

Please do the right thing and ban these carriages. All of God's creatures deserve humane treatment.

January 3, 2014, 2:43 PM

Horses are not meant to be on paved roads around a ton of cars and all the exhaust the produce. Please do

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away with this as these animals are FORCED to inhumane treatment just for someone to make a few dollars. Let them free and enjoy some kind of life.

Thanks you,

Trish

January 3, 2014, 2:42 PM

I would like to see horse drawn carriages outlawed.

January 3, 2014, 2:40 PM

Everytime I visit Salt Lake and see those poor animals trudging in the midst of car exhaust and loud noises, it breaks my heart. This isn't a romantic notion, it's a cruel, inhuman practice that hurts the horses. Please stop it.

January 3, 2014, 2:40 PM

The humane thing to do is to ban horse-drawn carriages altogether. The proposals come short: the temperature limits are unreasonable. To require a horse to pull a carriage in city streets with car traffic all around in 104 degree temperature is totally inhumane. Try it yourself, you'll see. Ban horse-drawn carriages once and for all. We are in the twenty first century, let us move forward not backward.

January 3, 2014, 2:39 PM

Thank you for addressing this serious concern. These animals deserve our consideration and care!

January 3, 2014, 2:39 PM

humans can no longer look askance or cop to the idea animals are dumb, have no emotions or do not feel pain. we have no greater right to be here. misuse or abuse of animals or natural resources is unacceptable

January 3, 2014, 2:38 PM

Please think of the horses. They are beings and this practice hurts them more than it helps people.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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It is the ethical thing to do as human beings to ban horse-drawn carriage since we have the power to do so. Animals cannot speak or defend for themselves from people who do not care about the animal and all they care about is making money for themselves. It is animal cruelty!

Sylvia Kerstetter outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:38 PM

You must stop the use of horse-drawn carriages. It is apparent that all states that have this terrible practice do not care about their animals. Please stop now!!!!!!!!!!!!

January 3, 2014, 2:36 PM

Please stop the inhumane use of horses for carriage rides. It's wrong!

January 3, 2014, 2:35 PM

Please make needed changes so God's creatures are treated with humanity.

January 3, 2014, 2:34 PM

I do not think that horse drawn carriages are fair for horses. If the horses are used exclusively for tourism it would be in the best interest of the city to find a fairer and more civilized way to attract tourists. Green or ecotourism are far more advanced ways to attract tourists and let the horses graze peacefully in the city's parks.

January 3, 2014, 2:31 PM

I'm in favor of the proposed changes involving horse drawn carriages. I hope this a first step to eliminate such a cruel and often inhumane practice altogether. I can only hope that other states will follow and that, soon, we will no longer see horses pulling carriages in any state.

Leslie Evelo outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:28 PM

It is vitally important to protect animals, since they cannot speak for or defend themselves. Please support a ban on horse-drawn carriages so that no more horses have to suffer or die.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:26 PM

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I agree with many others that a total ban is the humane thing to do. As other cities approve the ban, it only grows more apparent that the SLC ban will be approved over time. So why delay? As BOTH New York mayoral candidates agreed, 2014 is much too late for carriages; it's an antiquated practice. Besides, plenty of things we wouldn't dream of doing today were once "tradition" - that argument doesn't hold water.

January 3, 2014, 2:23 PM

Dear Salt Lake City Council,
I urge you to pass this bill. Our equine friends serve us in so many ways. They are just as deserving of humane treatment as a person. Please use your power as elected officials to protect horses that pull carriages.
Thanks,
Jennifer Terry

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:23 PM

These provisions are a step in the right direction. As someone who visits Salt Lake City at least once a year, I'd like to complete ban on horse-drawn carriages. I applaud the efforts to make much needed changes. Your tourism will improve if you put these revisions in place. I'm certain Salt Lake City would be a much lauded model for the country if a ban were ultimately adopted. Best regards.

January 3, 2014, 2:22 PM

Changes need to be made to keep the animals safe. What does it say about the city that there are animals falling down dead downtown bc of neglect

January 3, 2014, 2:22 PM

If NYC can plan to ban horse-drawn carriages, so can your city. A carriage ride is romantic and takes us back to simpler times, but traffic-filled streets are no longer the places for that. The animals are stressed, in danger, and, sadly, often not well cared for.

January 3, 2014, 2:17 PM

While the allure of a carriage ride is understandable it is not something that should be continued in a large modern city of today. The traffic is too busy, the surface the animals walk on for long periods is not natural or beneficial to them. The situation is not only dangerous for the animal but people that may come in contact with them. They are under extreme stress with all the noise and could, understandably, lash out at a perceived danger. People could be seriously harmed, property damaged or destroyed. An accident involving a horse and a car or truck would be cruel and heartbreaking for people to witness. No animal should be subjected to the

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long hours, put in harms way, caused emotional stress only for claim of the city having a quaint custom. Surely there are smaller cities nearby or parks where this custom could be kept and managed for the enjoyment of humans and the careful use of the animals.

January 3, 2014, 2:15 PM

I do wholeheartedly support the ban of horse-drawn carriages, which do not add to the already wonderful charm and character of Salt Lake City, but rather are only savage reminders -- whether a creature is simply yoked to a carriage, or dies under that yoke -- of man's inhumanity to animals, who are, after all, also God's deserving creatures. Thank you so much for considering the ban of this unjust practice.

January 3, 2014, 2:14 PM

Thank-you for bringing up this important issue ,and asking for opinions.
Horse drawn carriages in an urban atmosphere is very stressful for the horses . When you compliment the stress with heat and cold it becomes a dangerous situation for the horse and occupants of the carriages . Please ban the use of horse drawn carriages in Salt Lake for the good of all.

January 3, 2014, 2:11 PM

I urge you to please revise the ordinance to ban the use of horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. Thank you for your consideration.
Lisa Montague, Long Beach, CA

January 3, 2014, 2:10 PM

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

I am happy to see potential changes being made in the interest of the horses that pull the horse-drawn carriages. I hope these changes will go into effect and that it will be the first step in banning horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City entirely. There are so many great things about Salt Lake City, please let the humane treatment of its animals (and the ultimate end to horse-drawn carriages) be one of them.

January 3, 2014, 2:08 PM

let salt lake citys queer mayer pull the cart instead of the horse then he can preform gay marrages in route

January 3, 2014, 2:05 PM

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I never owned a horse but I have seen enough of abuse of donkeys or-horses that have sickened me and I don't know how an owner of an animal can see it suffer for unreasonable expectations or be a spectator and just be oblivious to torture..

Richard Spratley outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 2:04 PM

Horse drawn carriages are from the dark ages.....actually, before automobiles. The sick mentality to use a horse as a slave is commonplace among ignorant humans these days. Most humans see nothing wrong with it. Primarily because they can't or refuse to feel what the horse might feel about it. Given the choice, would the horse prefer to be free in a pasture or a slave pulling thousands of pounds through poor weather or even feeling under the weather. Let's see the humans used as slaves to pull the carriages. It's the humans that want this, they have them do it. We all know the only reason they are doing it is to make a profit. So, it all boils down to human greed. Not a care in the world about the welfare of the animal used as a slave, but only the care to make some money. This sick behavior needs to end. This thought process is primal and medieval. It's time to become compassionate people and think about the animal and its feelings or desires. We ended slavery for humans because it was horrific. Why is it different for animals? Because they can't speak our language? Because they don't show emotions on their faces? Because you can't read their anguish and think all is wonderful in their world? Same mentality as SeaWorld....have any of you seen Blackfish the Documentary? SAME THING! Have a heart and do the right thing for these noble creatures.

January 3, 2014, 2:03 PM

I also support an immediate and permanent ban on horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. The recent death/cover-up of "Jerry" is but one example of the brutality of this industry. Please set an example of compassion for other cities to follow. No more horse-drawn carriages!

January 3, 2014, 2:03 PM

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Vernon DeWitt outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:58 PM

I feel the measures outlined, while a step in the right direction, fall short of my personal desire, which is a full ban on horse drawn carriages.

Sandy Zelasko outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:57 PM

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Please be compassionate when considering the future of these working horses. My personal belief is they should be retired and taken off the streets. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 1:56 PM

I am in favor of the proposed revisions - finding them reasonable in concern for the animals while not putting unnecessary burdens on carriage owners and operators.

Michael Dorr outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:55 PM

Like someone else here wrote, I too am in favor of anything that improves the care of the horses used in the horse-drawn carriage business.

Marie Marinakis outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:53 PM

I would like to see horse-drawn carriages totally banned. New York City is considering this, and so should Salt Lake City. Busy city streets are no place for horse-drawn carriages, and to force these animals to work during very hot or very cold weather is a disaster waiting to happen, as we saw with the unfortunate situation with Jerry, the carriage horse.

January 3, 2014, 1:53 PM

After reading the new provisions it seems like they cover most of the protections that the horses need to stay healthy and safe. It is a shame that humans can't just do what is right instead of having to do what is right just because the law deems it necessary. I hope that these new provisions help keep and protect the horses because they have no voice to protect themselves.

January 3, 2014, 1:52 PM

These proposed guidelines are a farce! I think that the council members should be forced to pull these carriages around the Salt Lake City area for a day and then they will truly understand the horror that these horses must endure for a measly few bucks! Not even in the poorest areas and hottest areas of India do they use cows or horses to amuse their tourist population. A barbaric arcane practice that should be abolished! This is an embarrassment to a truly civilized society!
C. Murray/knightsgate@comcast.net

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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I am in favor of anything that improves the care of the horses used in the horse-drawn carriage business.

Jonathan Goldberg outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:50 PM

Every effort should be made to protect horses. This is a question of basic humanitarian conduct.
Jonathan Goldberg

January 3, 2014, 1:49 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to share input on this issue with SLC's council members. Though the proposed changes might be a step in the right direction, the real solution is to ban horse-drawn carriages from your city streets entirely. Placing these animals in unnatural and unhealthy environments purely for our entertainment is simply wrong, the same as it is when we imprison animals in circuses and animal theme parks. I encourage your council to do the right thing and focus on the well being of the horses by banning this abuse entirely.

January 3, 2014, 1:49 PM

Please take the humane route.

Lorren Ratley outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:47 PM

I commend Salt Lake for paying attention to this issue and for asking people what they really think about the carriage business. If you read the comments, you'll find that people would rather not subject horses to inhumane work in the city limits at all. So, rather than develop a long and layered set of rules that will be difficult to enforce, Salt Lake should go all the way and be an example for the rest of the country. Ban this practice because no one needs horses for transportation, and because it's indefensible to subject horses to these conditions just to satisfy a whim or to allow someone to profit from their suffering. Please be bold and brave enough to take the real action that needs to be taken--ban it and then enforce the ban.

Susan Fanning outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:45 PM

Since the horse drawn carriage industry has such a problem being regulated correctly, it should be banned. Horses being worked in too hot or too cold temperatures is ridiculous without proper housing and vet care simply should not be allowed. These are living, breathing animals and they should be treated with respect and decency.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:44 PM

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PLEASE ban horse-drawn carriages in the wake of Jerry's death and the shameful coverup perpetrated by the carriage company. Jerry was pulling a carriage in 97-degree weather, and after he collapsed on State Street in the summer heat, the carriage company didn't even bother having him seen by an equine veterinarian. This tragic incident was avoidable and we need to ensure that it doesn't happen again. Follow New York City's lead and stop this abuse! Thank you.

Emily Williams in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 1:44 PM

I think that any protection these creatures can get is good. If you don't care about these beautiful beings you might care about how potential visitors view the cities treatment of animals. If your heart isn't in the right place...your wallet probably is!

January 3, 2014, 1:44 PM

While the idea of these revisions seems good, the reality that they will fully be followed by employees who simply use these horses to make money is slim. The best way to guarantee humane treatment of these horses is to ban horse drawn carriages in SLC. We simply cannot take the risk of any animal abuse, its not important enough to ride around on a carriag if it means potential suffering of a living creature.

Carol Adams outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:43 PM

I am in favor of anything that improves the care of the horses used in the horse-drawn carriage business.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:43 PM

Please stop this useless practice of horse drawn carriages. It is cruel to the horses. Take a moment and consider the ones you love and realize that all species deserve to be loved in the same way.

January 3, 2014, 1:41 PM

The death of Jerry is due to complete negligence and should not be tolerated. The industry seems to be concerned only for profit with no concern for the animals. I urge you make the right humane choice to prevent this slavery and cruelty from continuing in our beautiful city.

January 3, 2014, 1:40 PM

Please do the humane thing and be the voice for these innocent animals. Please consider changes to the

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ordinances regarding horse-drawn carriages. Thank you so much.

January 3, 2014, 1:40 PM

Horses are quick to startle with a finely tuned flight response, making their work in a urban setting riddled with fear and anxiety for them and real dangers to humans and horses. As stated by others, the notion of a horse drawn carriage is romantic, yet the realities for horses is a life of unrelenting stress from extremes of temperature, constant vigilance and inability to live peacefully within a herd. It's long past time to abolish the practice and allow humans to propel other forms of tourist driven amusement via pedi-moped or other, not animal driven

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Please ban horse drawn carriages.

Roz Downing outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:38 PM

Dear Sir/Madam:

I strongly support an immediate and permanent ban on horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. The recent death/cover-up of "Jerry" is but one example of the brutality of this industry. Please set an example of compassion for other cities to follow. No more horse-drawn carriages!

Andrea Tidwell inside Council District 5

January 3, 2014, 1:38 PM

There is simply no excuse for this. Anything less than banning horse drawn carriages altogether is pointless. It's not necessary, not vital, and these beautiful creatures have no business being made to do this under any circumstances. Let alone in extreme weather conditions! To me there is no question at all what the right thing is to do. SLC, we have made some great strides! Let's make one more and do away with this awful practice completely. It's just not right. It can't be that much of a money maker. And it's sad it took the suffering of a beautiful creature for this to receive attention and be questioned.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:37 PM

Please end horse carriage rides in your city. Make people WALK and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and your city will be more green, people will get the exercise they need AND the horses will be able to live in pastures instead of on concrete where they endure bad conditions. These beautiful creatures should not be tied up just waiting around to take someone for a ride and they should not be prone to being hit by vehicles or having to work in extreme weather. Please do the right thing. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 1:36 PM

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Horses are supposed to walk on grass or earth not on cement.
Inclement weather,either too hot or too cold,are an abuse and
lack of empathy with such smart and hard working animals.
Put a human to pull the carriages!! then they'll see how easy
and humanitarian the conditions are.
Shame on the exploiters!

Marie Dixon outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:34 PM

The changes to Salt Lake City Ordinances to help carriage horses are positive, especially the carriage equipment and operating conditions regulations which relate directly to the welfare of the horses. However, no changes will help unless there is strict enforcement. Carriage horses are deserving of our respect and attention. I lived in New York City for many years and it made my heart hurt to see those wonderful horses in the middle of traffic looking fragile and in danger.

January 3, 2014, 1:34 PM

If Salt Lake City does not ban horse drawn carriages on the city roads you at least have the duty to put the horses welfare first. The revisions appear to be a poor start. A horse still has to work 8 hours in 103 degree heat. More humane regulations please!

January 3, 2014, 1:33 PM

Please switch from horse or burro drawn carriages to pedal carriage rides --a person can pedal a bike with a cart in the back--STOP this Inhumane practice of using horses to pull people around in all kinds of weather and conditions --I've seen the hoofs, sores on the mouths from too tight of bridles ,etc. etc.that those poor animals suffer with ----SHOW America you don't support cruelty to animals !!

January 3, 2014, 1:33 PM

I think anything less than a complete ban on horsedrawn carriages is pointless. This is not something necessary or vital. It's a business and nothing more! These beautiful, majestic creatures have no business being out there having to pull a bunch of people along, under any conditions, let alone in extreme weather! SLC, we have made some huge strides! Let's continue and get rid of this practice altogether. It's sad it took a poor, innocent creature dying for this practice to receive attention and be questioned. There is no question, this should simply not continue!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:32 PM

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I am a member of NY CLASS an organization in New York City who have worked very long and hard to retire the carriage horses in our City. We rallied, participated in call banks during this past Year's elections and helped with campaigns to elect animal advocacy candidates to be elected and support retiring the horses. We now have a mayor who has promised and stated he will retire the carriage horses. It can be changed with informing all of the abuses and working passionately to be the voices for them. Be a horse hero!

January 3, 2014, 1:32 PM

Horse-drawn carriages are no longer needed in a modern society. They're outdated and unnecessary, and the practice provides a terrible quality of life for the horses employed. It's not a decent life for the horses, no matter how many regulations are put in place, and the business should be banned. Thanks for your consideration.

January 3, 2014, 1:29 PM

Please do the right thing and end all carriage rides. It's the only humane thing to do. Make people WALK around your beautiful city...your city will be green, people will get their exercise and get to go into stores and walk around parks. And, the horses will be able to stay in a grassy pasture instead of being tied up and having to stand around on concrete all day in bad weather conditions and being prone to being hit by vehicles. Please do the right thing. Thank you.

Name not shown inside Council District 7

January 3, 2014, 1:29 PM

The city limits is not the place for horses, especially a big metropolitan one. Despite the "attraction" of the beautiful horses and carriages, an animal is a living creature with the same needs to be sheltered from heat and cold as a human. Humans who exercise in heat or cold are able to self limit and hydrate, rest at will. The animals have no such choice. Ambient temperatures does not take into account the heat from the pavement or the heat from vehicles surrounding these animals. They are also in danger of being hurt by the traffic, or being spooked and causing accidents, injuring people. The practise should be stopped!! Should the city decided it is ok, very very strict rules need to be in place, such as minimum and maximum temperatures, times of day, hours worked, obvious watering stations, rest, weight limits, traffic conditions, such as not being allowed to work with peak or excessive traffic, stay off bus routes, temperature monitoring of animals which need to be logged, hours which need to be logged. Jerry obviously died of heat stroke and this was covered up by the carriage company as well as his death. this is and should be classified as animal cruelty and the companies should face heavy fines and/ or jail time for inconsideration of the animals in order to make money. carriage rides are for trhe country side as far aas I am concerned

January 3, 2014, 1:29 PM

Adding to the 11 proposed ordinances: #12: Mandatory annual veterinary physicals for all carriage horses with health certificate signed by a state recognized veterinarian, and unannounced spot

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veterinary checks of horses, especially during extreme weather episodes.

Nora Johnson

medxrandr@yahoo.com

January 3, 2014, 1:26 PM

Please seriously consider ending the horse drawn carriage rides. While they seem romantic and fun to the average tourist, these horses in general are not treated properly. They work in extreme conditions, near uncaring drivers. This is not the life to lead. Please make a decision to be a humane city and show the rest of the country that you value these wonderful creatures that work so hard for us.

Mitzie Bradbury outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:26 PM

These are Gods creatures. If the horses have to work, then at least, make their working conditions tolerable. This poor animal endured this cruel treatment day in and day out. The owner should be seriously fined and prohibited from earning money at the expense of a defenseless animal.

Karen Todd outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:25 PM

Dear Council Members,

It appears that you have the opportunity not just to regulate but to ban horse carriage rides in SLC. Please do so! NYC has decided to do so. Surely there's more gainful employment available in SLC for the owners of such services who make their profit from the inhumane use of these beautiful animals. Horses don't belong on city streets! Please help them.

Sincerely,

Karen T, Lake Tapps, WA

January 3, 2014, 1:23 PM

cities do not need horses in the streets. this is animal torture. stop it.

January 3, 2014, 1:23 PM

Please I beg you to bring an end to the suffering of these horses. They feel pain just like we do. Thank you!

January 3, 2014, 1:22 PM

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Please consider a ban on horse-drawn carriages. As long as there are horse-drawn carriages, these animals will live a life of suffering. Thank you for hearing my comments.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:21 PM

While I think the new guidelines might help - I have concerns about how they/if they will be enforced. Horsedrawn carriages on busy city streets are for the benefit of human beings. I believe the needs of the animals are not taken into account. Horsedrawn carriages are a BUSINESS for the owner. I am an advocate for the horses.

Jennifer J. Johnson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:21 PM

In August, 2013, I signed a petition regarding mammal-drawn carriages that was submitted to the Salt Lake City Council. As a result of that, and likely, my known animal rights advocacy, I was invited to contribute a "polite" statement expressing my opinions.

1. There is nothing polite about animal cruelty. Did Jerry have the option to be treated with civility? Were any "guidelines of civility" in place for him?
2. Salt Lake City has another chance here to lead out and do the right thing
3. Why oh, Why oh, WHY did it take the controversy around a proud animal's death to get things going? LEAD. DO.

BTW, I grew up in the Midwest, lived right behind a stable, showed horses at state fairs, and was in 4H. I know, love, and understand horses and am not uninformed on the issue at all, as many of those who oppose tighter restrictions oft-accuse those supporting these greater rights. THANK YOU, COUNCIL. LEAD. DO.

Jennifer J. Johnson

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Thank you for your consideration in stopping the use of horse drawn carriages. I feel the practice is inhumane and unnecessary. Please protect these beautiful creatures and stop using them on city streets to pull carriages. Thank you!

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Cindy Horn outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:18 PM

I support a total ban on horse drawn carriages. All too often the horses are treated inhumanely with no regard to their suffering from temperature extremes and overwork. Hopefully Salt Lake City will become a leader in the humane treatment of animals after the horrible incident with Jerry.

January 3, 2014, 1:17 PM

I think the city limits are no place for Horse drawn carriages. This is not country living. The animals are exposed to the hazards of the traffic and are forced to work without the necessary reprieve from the heat and condition. Ambient temperatures, like the 97 degree heat which killed the horse Jerry, is deceiving, as it does not take into account the heat from the pavement and the heat from the vehicles around the animal. No caring animal owner would do this to an animal. The horse obviously suffered from heat stroke, which was covered up by the carriage company as was its death. This is animal cruelty and should be viewed as such. I hope the city will outlaw the practice within city limits and/or write strict ordinances for the care of the animals should the city allow this practice, such as minimum and maximum temperatures, times of the day, traffic conditions, breaks, available water and food and rest periods, and limit the amount of rides any one carriage company can give for one horse. This practice needs to be discouraged and hopefully forbidden within the city.

January 3, 2014, 1:17 PM

Please no longer allow horse drawn carriages.

Gina LoBiondo outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:16 PM

I hope you will make the right decision and end the use of horse-drawn carriages. These beautiful, majestic creatures should not be forced to suffer any longer. Give them the freedom they deserve. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 1:16 PM

Please protect these horses. There is no reason for them to suffer and die so that humans can take a carriage ride. We need you to stand up and protect them. Thank you very much in advance.

Maeve St. Leger
(Animal lover)

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:14 PM

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The proposed ordinance revisions are pointless. Show the country that SLC is a progressive, modern, humane city and ban the practice altogether. Anything else is unacceptable.

January 3, 2014, 1:13 PM

Horse-drawn carriages really should be banned altogether in favor of progressive technology. There is absolutely no excuse for an incident like the one involving "Jerry". It clearly shows that the drivers and companies could care less about the horses, and the results are just inexcusable.

Carol Carlile outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:13 PM

Although horse-drawn carriage rides are enticing/romantic, fun, the fact that the well being of the horses is not being addressed. If you feel these rides are so important to the financial security of SLC then continue them. If you do, then at least change regulations regarding the conditions the horses must work in & insure that their health is the first concern. Your temperature guidelines are NOT acceptable. Below 0 and over 100 are temperatures that a human would not be expected to work in. Why would you expect horses to? Horses do NOT work well in elevated or extremely low temperatures.

Please show your humanity & make the lives of these animals a priority.

Sincerely,
Carol Carlile
Ogden UT
385-333-1551

January 3, 2014, 1:11 PM

Thank you for your consideration of these horses, God's creatures. A ban on this type of abuse would be most welcome, however if this is allowed to continue, please place regulations on rest, food, water, weight, and care breaks hourly.

January 3, 2014, 1:09 PM

I do not think it goes far enough in dealing with the safety and welfare of the horses. Ten degrees below and over a hundred degrees plus should be modified to nothing below zero and nothing above 80 degrees e.i. if you feel the necessity to have horse drawn carriages at all. I, personally, feel they should be banned entirely. The horses can be spooked and scared in traffic, they are walking on pavement all day. Even with a rest break, they are still in the heat etc., which is not a break as far as I am concerned. Motorized carts are fine for other cities and they carry many many more passengers at one time. (Please send the horses to farms or no-kill sanctuaries if you decide to stop using them.)

January 3, 2014, 1:08 PM

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In today's world this is not a good idea for animals or people. Dangerous and inhumane. Time to retire this idea.

January 3, 2014, 1:08 PM

We need to help these poor animals. This IS animal abuse!

January 3, 2014, 1:06 PM

Horse-drawn carriages should be banned because they are inhumane. These revisions are a start but they do not cover enough ground. The horses that are subjected to this life are not treated well. There is obvious neglect and the attempt to hide what happened last year indicates some collusion on a government level. More needs to be done here if this practice is to continue. There are too many loopholes for lazy and cruel people to exploit. End animal exploitation!

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:06 PM

I live in the Tri-State area and I am always disturbed to see horses standing on hot/cold pavement alongside cars and the reckless people who drive them. Regardless of the environment, horses do not belong on the streets carting around goods or people. It is unsafe, cruel and torturous to these beautiful animals. Please speak up for these horses that cannot speak up for themselves and ban this terrible, inhumane method of carting around people and goods in all cities (big and small)!

Corinne Nyman outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:05 PM

I believe the carriages should be banned. One death is enough. I have grown up around horses and know that being around that many cars and people has to be hard on them and give them anxiety. Not to mention during winter air quality is terrible and they should not be out there anyway. Please ban this practice, thank you!

Irmgard Ann outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:05 PM

Horses should not have to work in a city with heavy traffic, noise and pollution, exposed to extreme weather! Despite the fact that they have to work so hard they are not well taken care of, even pregnant mares have to work until they give birth. To me that is modern slavery! I will never visit a town with horse-drawn-carriages!

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Please stop this useless practice of horse drawn carriages. It is cruel to the horses.

Kylie Cobb in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 1:03 PM

These beautiful animals will never mix with traffic and they shouldn't have to. Please follow NY Mayor de Blasio's lead and send the horses to sanctuaries and other ranches where they can live in peace. They do not need to be pulling tourists around the city when they really should be walking. It's inhumane !!

Name not shown inside Council District 1

January 3, 2014, 1:03 PM

The animals don't have a voice, so we have to be concerned for them. If an animal collapses, getting veterinary help should be required and the animal owners should be heavily fined if not done. A qualified veterinarian should be consulted on equine health and help design an ordinance that includes how many breaks the horses should get for watering and shade.

January 3, 2014, 1:02 PM

Stop slavery of carriage horses.

January 3, 2014, 1:02 PM

Its really funny,...Everybody wants to make money off the backs of animals, yet they lack the common sense to take care of those animals properly. How GREEDY!!!!...Have you no conscience?...Have you no soul?...No horse should be breathing exhaust fumes and pulling anything in 90+ degree heat...Its so sad, what we have become as a nation..

At the current rate that America is declining at, soon humans will be pulling the elites around in carriages...enjoy those exhaust fumes and heat strokes Citizen Slaves!...

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 1:02 PM

Please look into one of those carriage horses eyes and feel the pain and suffering they endure. We must change with the times and using horses in unsafe, barbaric conditions is totally uncalled for. We as human beings need to be their champions. Ban this unethical practice, please!

January 3, 2014, 1:01 PM

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Please show progress and humanity and ban horse drawn carriages. The suffering of the horses is cruel (shown in the extreme case of dead horse Jerry).

Nancy Michon outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:59 PM

Regarding the proposed ordinance revisions for horse-drawn carriage regulations, the temperature guidelines being proposed are preposterous. Would any human want to work in the hot sun, humidity and 104°F temperatures for long hours? I don't see putting a horse through being used for our entertainment to be humane at all, especially on busy city streets, but at the very least consider changing the temperature ranges to something more reasonable. If we are uncomfortable, so are they.

January 3, 2014, 12:57 PM

Speak up for the horses. They have no voice to speak for themselves.

JT Newsome outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:56 PM

On my phone, so I'll be brief. Traffic is dangerous, air quality not healthy, weather conditions are insufferable. Why can't people take a walk through the peace gardens or temple square? It's better and isn't animal abuse! I was there when that horse on state street died and it was horrific. Something needs to be done, I vote to make it illegal all together. Horses don't belong in traffic.

Karen Bonker outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:55 PM

What happened to Jerry this past summer is a crime! This poor horse was worked to death! His owner should have known this horse was getting sick from the heat! He should be charged with murder, because that is what happened. Please do not let this happen to any other horses in your city! Please show the country (and the world) that your city has a heart and has respect for all life!

January 3, 2014, 12:54 PM

My concerns:

1. Sharing streets with cars and motorcycles is dangerous and stressful for horses. This alone is enough to stop using horses for this purpose.
 2. Because of the lack of regulation and oversight, it is too easy for unscrupulous carriage drives to push horses too far when they are sick, exhausted, or working in extreme temperatures. I don't doubt that many carriage drives take good care of their horses, but the opportunity for exploitation is too great.
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Vickie Pinson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:54 PM

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I am in total support of a ban on horse drawn carriages in Salt Lake City and every other city where they exist. What happened to Jerry is inexcusable and it is cruel and in humane to force horses or any animal to work in extreme temperatures for long hours in dangerous conditions. Please ban this barbaric practice and put a stop to greedy owners.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:54 PM

Horses and traffic do not mix, ever. Let's end this industry in SLC, NYC, Chicago and everywhere else.

January 3, 2014, 12:53 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

While I do not live in Salt Lake City. I do visit from time to time. We have never ridden the carriages, and never will. please stop using those poor animals. I have never seen one even get water, just slapped and told gettiup you have a wonderful city. get rid of the carriages, save the animals. Stop the Cruelity, Please. Brenda Smith

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karen benzel outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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Speaking as a visitor to SLC, and also as a horse owner, I am disturbed to see horses working in the streets, where they do not belong in my opinion. The proposals do not even come close to addressing the complex issues of animal welfare as it pertains to the poor creatures having to pull carriages in extreme heat and cold. The only solution I would be happy with is not seeing horse drawn carriages in your city. Hay rides in the country another matter but horses in city traffic is not a good policy for a progressive city.

January 3, 2014, 12:50 PM

I am in favor of completely banning horse-drawn carriages from Salt Lake City. They are very inhumane, and the welfare of horses are not considered. Your regulations state that horses should not be put to work if temperatures exceed 104 degrees. This is ridiculously high! No one, including horses, should have to physically exert themselves to such an extreme when temperatures are above 90 degrees. Even New York City, where carriage horses have been used for many years, is considering banning this practice. SLC should follow suit and do the right thing for the horses.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:49 PM

Please, please abolish this cruel industry. Innocent creatures who have no say are brutally treated. I would like to think humans are more evolved than to continue to treat creatures who depend on us in such a horrible way. Thank you for your consideration

January 3, 2014, 12:49 PM

Please support a complete ban on horse-drawn carriages. This would show progress and humanity. No horse should suffer anymore (like Jerry the horse who died a horrible death). Horses with carriages on busy streets are just not right.

Dax Riner outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:47 PM

Horses are not ours to abuse or exploit. The notion that horse-drawn carriages are "quaint" or "romantic" are outdated, foolish, harmful, and frankly condescending. Let these animals retire to a sanctuary so that they may live out their lives in dignity and peace.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:46 PM

Horse drawn carriages are already being banned in New York and the same should apply to any other US cities. These horses are subjected to extreme temperatures, pollution and noise of traffic and provided with very little care. It is purely for profit and these animals suffer in silence until they can no longer be useful. It is a cruel practice that needs to end now. Please ban horse drawn carriages, or, at least strengthen regulations to ensure

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their cared for properly while in service and there are provisions for them when they are no longer able to work (retirement) It is the right thing to do.

Carla L outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:46 PM

Horse-drawn carriages should be banned due to inhumane treatment to horses!!!

January 3, 2014, 12:46 PM

It's just inhuman. You should be better than that.

January 3, 2014, 12:45 PM

I do not believe that horse-drawn carriages belong on city streets, and I support a total ban. However, if this is not to happen the rewritten ordinance is a good step in the right direction. Providing tighter parameters on working conditions, times, rest, and access to water and appropriate veterinary care are critical and beneficial for the horses. However, the proposed temperature parameters do not go far enough. The low end should be raised, but more importantly the high end needs to be lowered. I cannot imagine working a horse in such heat. Please consider adjusting these regulations, if horse-drawn carriages are to continue. Thank you for the opportunity to give my input.

January 3, 2014, 12:44 PM

I think it shows growth, teaches what Humanity really means. We need to speak for those w/out a voice and without the ability to walk away from a bad situation. Thank you!

January 3, 2014, 12:40 PM

Please consider revisions to the horse-drawn carriage regulations. These animals are at your mercy. Anyone operating a horse-drawn carriage business should have to be held accountable for their treatment. I think the whole business is inhumane but i understand that just because i don't agree with it means it shouldn't happen. But at the very least these operators should have to treat these animals humanly. and have strict guidelines outlining to them how the animals should be treated.

January 3, 2014, 12:39 PM

This is a barbaric practice that is completely unnecessary. Nobody needs a horse drawn carriage ride! What an

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easy to solve issue, there should be no controversy. Please end carriage rides with live animals.

January 3, 2014, 12:39 PM

Please take the same humane treatment that New York City is initiating to help those beautiful animals get off the streets. Surely we do not want any further tragedy to occur.

January 3, 2014, 12:38 PM

Horses do NOT belong in cities! Between traffic, asphalt and pavement heat, and lack of sufficient water, food and rest, it is a death sentence for creatures we are meant to steward, not abuse. It should be illegal in EVERY city across the U.S. and elsewhere. Please outlaw this offensive practice.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:37 PM

I am not impressed. I have been following the carriage horse business in various cities for many years, and the bottom line is that horses are incompatible with the vehicular traffic on city streets and therefore all carriage horse businesses should be banned from cities. Silly people with no concern for the welfare of horses wax romantic about carriage rides, and the owners of the carriage horse businesses are only too happy to promote this inaccurate image. Putting horses in traffic is dangerous and frightening duty for a horse, and the conditions on city streets in terms of traffic and weather put the horses at risk. I have read the proposed guidelines and they do not remotely come close to doing what needs to be done. For instance, it is specified that the drivers must have well groomed hair and beard, but as for the horses, they may be worked at 104 degrees! Did the City of Salt Lake learn nothing from the death of a carriage horse that collapsed and died when it was forced to work at 97 degrees just last summer? And the temperature at the airport may well be cooler than the temperature on the tarmac on a busy city street, where the horses work. If you are unwilling to ban carriage horse businesses, you must at least curtail rides at a much more reasonable temperature, such as 80 degrees as measured on the tarmac of a busy city street.

The only real answer is to ban this greedy and cruel business. Horses do not belong on modern city streets. It is that simple. Salt Lake City has more than enough to educate and amuse tourists. They do not need abused horses.

Harikrishnan Jayamohan inside Council District 4

January 3, 2014, 12:37 PM

Having horse drawn carriages in temperatures above 90 F is insane. Hope the decision makers don't side with the business owners and take a humane view of the whole situation.

Lynette Gascoigne outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:36 PM

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NYC is now moving to ban carriage horses, SLC should follow suit! Horses ingest lots of pollution from engine exhausts and suffer from pulling in the heat and cold. Please help them by putting an end to this practice!

January 3, 2014, 12:35 PM

Please stop the use of carriage horses. They are used and treated like machines and deserve more care and compassion.

January 3, 2014, 12:35 PM

I live outside of Phila, PA. There have been incidents in extremely hot weather & cold weather that involved horses pulling carriages. This goes on all over the U.S. and is UNCONSCIONABLE!! THIS MUST BE STOPPED. IT IS INHUMANE!! STOP THIS NOW!! PLEASE.

January 3, 2014, 12:34 PM

Hello, while I reside in Oxnard, Ca I am concerned for humane treatment of animals everywhere. Please be sure to make the guidelines of carriage horses in your city better for the horses. It is a true tragedy that one of them dropped dead while serving in your community. I am pleading that you provide a safe environment for these horses.

Thank you, Sylvia Salas

January 3, 2014, 12:33 PM

Please ban horse drawn carriages on city streets. There is too much evidence of abuse of horses when they are used for this purpose. Thank you for your interest in protecting animals from abuse.

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January 3, 2014, 12:32 PM

I feel this practice should be banned for the safety of the horse, pedestrians and traffic but primarily for the horse. The person driving the carriage isn't equipped with medical knowledge to realize the horse is in physical danger. The poor horse will keep on doing what is asked of him and then it's too late. Animal lover- Hatfield,

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PA

January 3, 2014, 12:31 PM

There really needs an ordinance to ban horse drawn carriages. The cruelty is phenomenal for most. The suffering is unbearable. The public is opposed as in New York who is banning the horse carriage industry. The new mayor in New York listens to the people. Science proves the misery, poor health and abuse most of these horses endure. Please listen to the public and stop the suffering of these sentient beings.

January 3, 2014, 12:31 PM

Please completely ban horse-drawn carriages. They are very inhumane and dangerous. They are only used for entertainment and are completely unnecessary. Please show kindness and compassion and follow New York City's example by banning the use of horse-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 12:30 PM

Please be humane and eliminate all animal-drawn vehicles for tourist use.

January 3, 2014, 12:30 PM

Please ban horse carriages. They're dangerous and cruel. First New York City and now Salt Lake City!

Chuck Stewart outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:30 PM

As a visitor to downtown Salt Lake City I am very impressed with the vitality of the city center and its highly varied appeal to guests from outside the city. I am troubled, however, by the use of carriage horses. I would applaud the city council if it were to ban the use of carriage horses altogether. This is an issue of increasing awareness around the U.S. and such a ban will likely become the norm. Thank you.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

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the airport does not take into account humidity and ambient conditions such as the heat of the streets. Please consider adjusting these regulations, if horse-drawn carriages are to continue. Thank you for the opportunity to give my input

lisa graham outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:29 PM

There should be no horse drawn carriages!

January 3, 2014, 12:28 PM

Horses on modern city streets is not humane. Reforms are needed - if not a complete ban of the horse drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 12:27 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages. Pulling people around all day exhausts horses, and it's simply unnecessary. There are many great forms of entertainment that do not rely on animals. Thank you.

Pablo Marotta outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:26 PM

Honoring this opportunity for feedback, utilizing any animal for amusement is an abuse. I completely oppose this practice and I consider it barbaric and unnecessary.

Joanie Thomas outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:25 PM

I fully support the ban on horse drawn carriages. This cruel practice in animal suffering can not end soon enough. Please consider those who don't have a voice and do what is right.

Ewa Winiarska outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:24 PM

Thank you for willing to have this open discussion. I do not live in SLC area. I divide my time mostly between NY and Europe but I visit Utah at least once a year and each time I see horses pulling carriages on the city busy streets I close my eyes and look away. Horses do not belong on city streets. It is not humane. Please consider a full ban of horse-driven carriages in Salt Lake City.

January 3, 2014, 12:23 PM

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Please protect horses by not allowing them to be mistreated in this way. I have seen first-hand the kind of suffering they go through. Extreme weather conditions, poor health care and lack of concern for their well-being are a few of the things they have to endure on a daily basis. Their health is far more important than a whimsical tour around the city. Please reconsider this practice. Thank you so much.

January 3, 2014, 12:22 PM

I support revising the carriage horse guidelines, but I don't think the current proposal goes far enough. Horses should not be expected to work in temperatures over 85 degrees. These horses are not doing work that is necessary to maintain human life, such as plowing fields. They do work which is entertainment. Horses plowing fields are not subject to the reflected heat of having to walk on city asphalt. I would prefer to see this form of entertainment eliminated all together.

January 3, 2014, 12:21 PM

Enough horses have suffered because of this form of entertainment. It is time for all cities to put an end to the use of horse-drawn carriages. I hope you will be forward thinking on this issue and set an example for other cities to follow.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:16 PM

I live in Montana and I appreciate this opportunity for comment. I believe that horses do not belong on city streets, except in organized parades when streets are closed to traffic. Cars and asphalt heat present constant dangers to horses forced to work several hours a day.
Jerald Cogswell, Eureka, MT

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:16 PM

I am in support of a ban on horse-drawn carriages. What happened to Jerry and the cover-up that followed was inexcusable. This is in-humane treatment of horses. Horses are God's creatures also and it is our responsibility to care for them and speak out in their behalf. These beautiful animals should be treated as fellow human beings would be treated. Please ban horse-drawn carriages.

January 3, 2014, 12:16 PM

I very encouraged that Salt Lake City is taking a greater interest in the well-being of its horses. However, I believe that horse drawn carriages are completely unnecessary in a modern city, and that it is impossible to make a case that it is worth the suffering it causes the horses. Walking on pavement, not having real freedom of movement, etc... - we do not have the moral right to impose these conditions, and especially when they are only

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in the service of making money from tourists. It makes me far less likely to want to want to visit your city. As more and more people come to recognize that the other animals with whom we share the planet deserve increased respect, Salt Lake City would be joining the vanguard by simply eliminating this blight which future generations will find abhorrent.

Sarah Barker outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:15 PM

I think it's cruel to force an animal to work in inhumane conditions solely for our entertainment or for any reason for that matter. It's unnecessary. There's absolutely no reason to continue this form of entertainment. Children should be taught kindness to animals, not cruelty and abuse.

Patricia PERRON outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:14 PM

Have you noticed that where animals are used for profit, horrendous abuse follows? Our factory farming system is a nation-wide shame; so is the fur industry, including the bestial treatment at fur farms in the US and skinning animals alive and conscious in China - very like the sadistic treatment in any industrial setting. Horse racing is replete with cruelty, dog racing, soring of Tennessee Walkers, puppy mills, caged animals and birds, big cat "canned" hunts, boiling animals alive (again, China), shark fin soup, circuses. The list goes on, and it includes horse-drawn carriages. Regulations may seem like the right idea, but at the end of the day, the animal is at the mercy of the owner. It's better to be a proud city that simply doesn't have animal-drawn carriages for humanitarian reasons. And advertise it. Humane treatment of animals is long overdue. Einstein stated that if a man will endeavor to be virtuous, his first act is to abstain from injury to animals. Neuroscientists conclude that our cerebral cortex evolved via emotions, notable compassion - the "mother" of reason is compassion! That means that our mission as humans is to think and act according to the mission given us by evolution: to be humanistic. So far, we're still catching up to what the implications are of this, but Salt Lake City can be a leader in the nation and in the world by refusing horse-drawn carriages because of the inevitable cruelty and neglect, as in Jerry's case, so very pitiful. Please seize the opportunity and refuse to have carriages. And make a quiet statement of decency with it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Perron

January 3, 2014, 12:13 PM

Busy streets are NO PLACE for horse drawn carriages! It's just cruel to expose an animal to that type of environment. Please follow the path of NYC and work to protect these animals.

January 3, 2014, 12:13 PM

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Please ban horse drawn carriages completely. These animals should be treated with respect and care. Please evolve to more humane forms of entertainment.

January 3, 2014, 12:13 PM

Come on SLC - join the 21st century and enact some animal protection laws!

Joe Studlick
Houston TX

January 3, 2014, 12:13 PM

I ask that for the compassion and care of the horses, who stand for 15 hours at a time, who work so hard pulling carriages behind them in the searing heat, where they are constantly scared and frightened from the traffic, for thier silent suffering, that you set a policy where you ban horse drawn carriages all together.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:12 PM

I would like to thank the Council for addressing this issue with a public forum. I am a former Salt Lake City resident and a current Salt Lake County resident.

The recent deception regarding the death of a carriage horse makes it apparent that those involved in the carriage business do not have the horses' best interests in mind. I believe we as a society should protect those most vulnerable from abuse by less empathetic members of our society. It is in the best interest of the horses to put a full ban on horse-drawn carriages within city limits.

January 3, 2014, 12:12 PM

Please respect and support kind treatment toward the horses. It is possible to have free commerce and humanity. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 12:11 PM

Horses should not be used for this purpose at all. There is no longer a place for this practice in civilized cities. Please put an end to this.

Respectfully,

Alexis Mohr

January 3, 2014, 12:11 PM

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Any horse trainer knows that to surround a horse with cars is a form of abuse. I'm not going to waste my breath because everyone knows it. Instead, focus on how to fix the problem. Give the carriage owners an alternative, take the horses out of the city, and include horses on the streets to be illegal in your ordinance. Thanks.

January 3, 2014, 12:11 PM

the new mayor of New York has vowed to end the horse drawn carriage trade on grounds that is is animal cruelty. You should follow suit.

LV Cjc outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:10 PM

I've always been disgusted at the sight of horse-drawn carriages. How can anyone feel happiness while witnessing these beautiful, noble creatures suffering in misery. It's slavery, nothing more. Horses should never be seen unless they are running wild in their herds.... Shame on anyone who does this to an animal or a human....

Susan Lindt outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:10 PM

Dear Madams and Sirs,

In 2014, our animals are trained to fight our wars, detect bombs to make our world safer, sniff out survivors buried in the rubble of disasters, protect and serve on our police forces, guide our blind and disabled, comfort our sick and elderly, and screen our bodies to identify deadly cancers. How can we continue using them in unnatural, unsafe and unhealthy situations merely for profit? Our animals have come a long way from the days when all they did was pull a plow. When are we going to come along with them? Please ban horse-drawn carriages. It's the least we can do when we ask so much of them.

Sincerely,

Susan Lindt

219 Boas St.

Harrisburg, PA 17102

(currently residing in Bologna, Italy)

January 3, 2014, 12:08 PM

Please just stop using horses for carriage rides....breakin my heart!!!!

January 3, 2014, 12:06 PM

ban horse-drawn carriages in the wake of Jerry's death and the shameful coverup perpetrated by the carriage company. Jerry was After hearing about the horse pulling a carriage in 97-degree weather, and the fact that

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after he collapsed on State Street in the summer heat, the carriage company didn't even bother having him seen by an equine veterinarian, I am very concerned. Please take action! This tragic incident was avoidable and we need to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

Name not shown inside Council District 3

January 3, 2014, 12:06 PM

I think there is no need to entertain tourists by pulling them throughout our city on a horse-drawn carriage with LED lights attached. It's just goofy. We should do away with all of this silliness and be kind to our animals.
-- Harald Illig

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January 3, 2014, 12:06 PM

I'm so glad to hear that this is being addressed. I think there should also be regulations to ensure the horses are healthy and taken care of. The maximum of 8-hour workday is great. However, if a horse is not in good health and not strong enough to work, it should not be allowed to work until its health has been restored.

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-- Harald Illig

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January 3, 2014, 12:04 PM

I think revisions are a good start, but not enough. Horse drawn carriages should be banned in the U.S. completely. After years of protesting this in NYC where many horses have been injured, have died, or humans have been injured in carriage/car crashes, this inhumane and out dated practice is about to be done away with by the new, incoming mayor. Yay! Finally, a victory for these magnificent animals and they will go to sanctuaries or be adopted into excellent homes and not sold for slaughter. So while I commend Salt Lake for these steps, it is not enough by any means. We should and must do better for these horses. Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 12:01 PM

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Respectfully, I ask that you stop allowing the use of horses to pull carriages in your city. It is abusive to these innocent animals and not needed at a time when other means of transportation is available. I am hoping you will do the right thing.
Thank you.

January 3, 2014, 12:01 PM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages. Thank you.

Ressica Jobertson outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 12:01 PM

I think that you need to ensure the humane treatment and care for these animals, understanding of their nature and limit any abuse, either in time each horse is used, or streets they are put on to avoid automobile traffic, and emergency response to any accidents as well as stable inspection for the companies that run carriages as we all know people who use these animals for profit neglect these animals.

January 3, 2014, 12:00 PM

Thank you for standing up and speaking for those that can not speak for themselves....We are all responsible for taking care of all of God's creatures....

Christin Gilmer in (your neighborhood)

January 3, 2014, 11:59 AM

I am in complete support of banning any and all horse-drawn carriages in the state. As Utah is renowned as a place that protects and cherishes its natural beauty, we should include its animals as part of this conservation effort.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 11:58 AM

Please OPPOSE horse-drawn carriages! Horses are over worked and are then kept locked up in tiny barren stalls! Horses need to be free and treated with kindness and respect! Busy streets are NO PLACE for horse drawn carriages! Ban this at once! Thank you

January 3, 2014, 11:58 AM

I support a full ban on the use of horse carriages in Salt Lake City. It's an inhumane business, plain a simple. Salt Lake City is otherwise a leader in the support of animal welfare causes, especially with the presence of

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numerous animal rescue groups, perhaps most notably Best Friends Animal Society. The presence of these carriages tarnishes the city's image and honestly makes me less likely to want to bring my family and guests downtown because I find it upsetting to see these poor horses suffering through extreme weather conditions and neglectful care. A society's humanity to people is often best reflected in how it treats animals. A full ban will speak volumes about the decency of the City Council, city leadership and voters.

January 3, 2014, 11:55 AM

Please ban horse-drawn carriages.

Kimberly McClelland outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

January 3, 2014, 11:54 AM

I frequently visit Salt Lake for work and do not like seeing the carriages. Please follow the example of NYC and ban horse-drawn carriages and find a more humane alternative. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kimberly McClelland
St. Louis, Missouri

January 3, 2014, 11:51 AM

I do not like the fact that when I'm driving on South Temple, I come extremely close to these horses with my car. I'm sure they don't like it. They need to be in a better environment. I think we can all live without carriage rides.

S. Alexander inside Council District 6

January 2, 2014, 8:49 AM

I am in support of a complete ban on city horse-drawn carriages, at least in our cities. Utah is now becoming known world-wide for some of the most toxic and polluted air during our winters. During inversions days our city is completely engulfed in a dark smog causing residents respiratory and breathing problems. If our residents are advised not to go outside and our children are not allowed to play outside during recess, we should definitely not force horses to breathe this toxic air, not to mention they are breathing direct exhaust from combustion engine polluting vehicles. If people wish to take a ride on a horse carriage, perhaps the state of Utah should consider some country horse rides, away from this toxic soup we are forced to live in.

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 29, 2013, 11:05 AM

The fact that this issue is still in question baffles me. I have been attending these meetings and have never seen so many people care about something so much. Doesn't just that tell you that this needs to be banned or at least have much stronger regulations? We have to remember that the temperature in the city on asphalt is 15 degrees higher than what the barometer reads. So if it reads 95, it's actually 110 degrees that the horses are working in. Who wants that? Something huge just happened in Utah. Gay marriage! Other states will have to

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follow suit. Animals are next. They need more protection and respect. Please consider this and be a leader for a more progressive city.

Kim Henneman, DVM, DACVSMR outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 28, 2013, 1:43 AM

As a sports-medicine specializing veterinarian who has treated working and competition horses (from backyard retirees to recreational trail to high-level racing thoroughbreds to Olympic and International competitors) for over 25 years, I would like to chime in on this very important discussion. Additionally, I would like to add that, although my comment comes from outside the Salt Lake City districts, I am a native Salt Laker, born in LDS Hospital and raised in the Foothill & Millcreek areas. I went to school in downtown Salt Lake and spent much of my youth roaming its streets (but not in a hooky or troublemaker sort of way). As a horse-starved kid spending a great deal of time in the city, the presence off and on of carriage horses (and any horse for that matter) was an important connection for me to animals and an important factor in me deciding on my very rewarding calling and career.

First, I would like to commend the City Council for taking on a difficult but necessary task. These regulations were long-overdue for an overhaul and this is an excellent start, although a task not yet complete.

My stated position on the use of carriage horses in downtown Salt Lake is one of support for their appropriate and humane use. Many people who have commented here are justifiably concerned about their welfare, but operate without the appropriate knowledge base about equine anatomy, physiology, health care and maintenance (especially of draft breeds). Horses are not dogs (which one realizes when one's foot is stepped on). That being said, for many of us, they are more than livestock. They are intelligent friends and creatures who also need to be respected as the caring (yes horses develop relationships with others), feeling individual beings that they are. Many non-horse people think horses should be like perpetual pasture calendar shots - forever running around in green pastures. But that is not the case. Horses like to work, horses get bored & horses need jobs. With the recent economic downturn, many unwanted horses have been left to starvation and abandonment, suffering horribly in the meantime. These carriage horses are needed, used and appropriately cared for; the need for them gives these animals a use and a home.

I would like to commend Beverly Heffernan for her educated and well-articulated suggestions and comments for the council regarding specifics for care. While I do not completely agree with some of her comments, they are well considered and evidently come from a strong base of knowledge. However, I would like to just clarify and edit a few of her comments a bit, from the perspective of a veterinarian. My comments as follows:

-I DO disagree that this was a change completely motivated by PETA. Some changes were necessary based on the changes in the downtown area and attitudes about livestock and working animals since the writing of the original ordinances. People in general are more caring towards animals, but many people no longer have any kind of knowledge of the appropriate day-to-day care of livestock (especially, in my experience, most PETA people). Modern livestock handling is evolving as research reveals more of how animals perceive and interact in their environments - thanks to work done by people like Dr. Temple Grandin. It is unfortunate that the owners of Jerry did not have a post-mortem done by the Utah veterinary lab at USU to determine a cause of death. That would probably have given a definite answer as to his cause of death and stopped any speculation as to his care, both at the time of his collapse as well as after. Sadly, unintentional and well-meaning mistakes, made

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perhaps without appropriate veterinary guidance, have opened the door to uneducated speculators. But, fortunately, the discussion stimulated by these mistakes may benefit future carriage horses and businesses by stimulating awareness of horses as working animals and revamping of ordinances.

-HOOVES is the correct term, and most horses (including drafts) need to be trimmed every 5-8 wks due to seasonal and individual variations in hoof growth. Having been a veterinarian for one of the traveling teams of Budweiser Clydesdales, as well as for a competitive team of Shires, I don't agree that drafts should only be trimmed every 8 weeks. I know of many draft horses who need to be trimmed every 5-6 wks. A small change in this number will allow carriage operators to make the appropriate decisions for the animals under their care. 4-6 wks should be changed to 5-8 weeks.

-THE temperature limits **MUST BE CHANGED!** While almost everyone who has commented on that topic, both horse and non-horseman alike, have been in agreement, I would also like to point out to everyone that they are incorrect in the use of the term temperature. The actual proposal suggests a **HEAT INDEX** of 104 degrees F (not maximum temperature) - this takes into account humidity - and yes, high desert or not, we can be very humid on some days - thus making an 85 degree day feel horribly sweltering especially on blacktop; I can assure you that upper limit is way too high for draft horses in general, especially one that was working on blacktop asphalt in steel shoes. On August 18, 2013, the max temp listed at the airport was 98 and max humidity was 45%. That gives a heat index of 109 degrees F at some point on the day that Jerry died. That does not take into account radiated heat from asphalt, poor air circulation in the center of the city and standing on hot pavement in steel shoes. Once on a reported 95 degree sunny day in S. Jordan, while I was examining a horse with my thermal camera, we took a reading of surrounding black top out of curiosity (because it felt hotter than the reported temperature). We registered a temp of 112 - just a tad toasty, even to this native Utahn.

-**ADDITIONALLY**, draft horses are not riding horses. Because of their metabolic muscle physiology and high incidence of glycogen storage issues, they do not tolerate higher heat ranges as well as lighter riding horses. Again, it is my opinion that upper range heat index should be no more than in the mid-90s.

-I **AGREE** that the lower temperature limit should be raised to 20-25 degrees. As long as a horse is not sweating, is out of a sustained wind and has sufficient hair coat, they can easily withstand the lower temps. Thermal imaging has shown that a good, Utah winter coat in a horse insulates as much as 35-40 degrees. I agree with Ms. Heffernan that the definition of blankets should be expanded to include appropriate 'coolers', as a cooler that wicks away moisture, possibly under a light, wind-breaker type sheet is definitely a better choice than a heavy blanket on a working animal in winter.

I would like to make some final comments on veterinary documentation. These are working animals whose health and conditioning need to be kept at a level adequate to perform their jobs. Since this is a regulated and licensed endeavor whose failures reflect not only on the business owner, but on the character and attractiveness of the city itself (as evidenced by the tragic event with Jerry this summer), I think it behooves (no pun intended) the SL Council to request that carriage business owners do more than just provide a veterinary certificate. No offense meant, but I've been around the horse world long enough to know that those things can be easily pencil-whipped. I strongly encourage the Council to also state that records of physical exams signed and documented by an equine veterinarian for each animal must be kept in accordance to accepted veterinary standards of practice on the premises and may be subject to inspection at any time. Horses should not only be examined for overall health, but also for 'fitness for duty'. Using a veterinarian who has 15% of their practice involving equine for management of these working animals is **WAAAAYY** too low. An appropriate level should be at least 25% and 30-40% would be even better in making sure that individual was current on the science and practice of working and performance horses. This was evidenced by the lack of adequate care available for

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Jerry during his initial collapse. Well-meaning isn't enough when a one ton animal has collapsed on a public street from possible heat-induced colic.

Additionally, last, but not least, the mandate that the horses be vaccinated for Eastern & Western Encephalitis and tetanus every 6 months is extreme - annually would be sufficient. The above vaccines have been demonstrated time and time again to be efficacious for at least a year (and we don't even have Eastern here). This could place an undo hardship on the carriage business owners and could lead to the increasingly recognized health issues associated with over-vaccination. Vaccinating for flu and rhino every 6 months is adequate. West Nile virus vaccination should be added to the annual list. This relatively new virus is now in our area and has caused documented fatal illness in Utah horses.

I thank the Salt Lake Council for making an effort to up-date its ordinances to make sure that carriage horses continue to be humanely treated. The loss of Jerry, while indeed tragic, has not been wasted if it leads to greater awareness and appreciation of the horse as an important historical working animal, as well as improved care to horses overall. Salt Lake carriage ordinances, if well-thought out and written, can possibly serve as a model for carriage horse businesses throughout the US and in other large cities.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Henneman, DVM
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
Diplomate, American Board of Thermology
Fellow, American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture
Park City, Utah

Name not shown inside Council District 5

December 27, 2013, 7:38 PM

These proposed revisions seem all right, but I think the maximum temperature should be lower in summer and the minimum temperature higher in winter. These animals are pulling carriages along city streets where in summer the dark asphalt absorbs heat and where vehicles are blasting out hot exhaust as they have the a/c turned up to maximum. In the winter they are breathing the icy ambient air and exhaust fumes--a very unhealthy combination. The ideal thing to do of course is to turn downtown into a zone where only bikes, pedestrians, buses and trax trains are permitted.

December 27, 2013, 4:44 PM

I appreciate the opportunity to chime in on this issue. As a person concerned with the wellbeing of all animals, I want to encourage passage of your carriage horse ordinance revisions. Establishing and enforcing strict welfare standards is the least that can be done to protect these animals and the public safety. On that note, the current lack of enforcement is extremely troubling. As I understand it, carriage horse operators are regularly violating the existing ordinances and the police are doing nothing about it. It's a horrible example for other businesses, erodes public trust, and sets the stage for another untimely death like Jerry's when the laws are broken and law enforcement turns a blind eye.

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Ultimately, I'd like to see horse-drawn carriages banned. They're a danger to pedestrians, drivers, riders, and especially horses. Until then though, it's time to start upholding the rules that are meant to govern carriage horse operators and to put into place more stringent measures that would ensure better welfare for animals and people alike.

Thank you for your time,
Alexandria Graff

Beverley Heffernan outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 22, 2013, 2:10 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed ordinance revisions. Unfortunately, I see that many comments posted to date are seemingly from well intentioned but unknowledgeable people when it comes to proper animal welfare, and in particular horse welfare. There are also a few from animal rights activists, including PETA members, whose statements are motivated not at all by interest in the wellbeing of animals, but in a truly peculiar radical agenda. While it is always good to review and maintain good animal welfare, the fact that this whole issue is the result of grandstanding by PETA with no merit or basis in fact is extremely troubling. It suggests that Salt Lake City will go after 'anyone' who owns an animal, just on the say-so of an arbitrary and capricious statement by a PETA member. Indeed your own investigation revealed no animal abuse or wrongdoing by Carriage for Hire, suggesting that the ordinance change is unnecessary. On that basis, I would register my opposition to the proposed ordinance change, since it is meant to address a 'problem' that does not exist. If, nevertheless, you believe that an ordinance change should be made, then I have the following suggestions regarding your public proposal:

In Section 5.37.270, the phrase 'cause to believe' needs very careful consideration, and I believe clarification is in order. If a policeman or animal services staff member is not qualified to determine the condition of a horse, there needs to be some obligation to call in appropriately credentialed personnel, ideally a qualified veterinarian. Further, as written, 'cause to believe' figures to be much abused by the PETA members that are already out at the carriage stand week in and week out, protesting and harassing the carriage drivers and their customers frequently. If 'cause to believe' is interpreted by 'every time you get a complaint from the public,' PETA and its supporters are quite likely to inundate the police or animal services with so many claims lacking merit, that genuine animal welfare issues in the city will go unaddressed, and responding to false accusations will become hugely expensive for the City.

In Section 5.37.270, Section C, your use of the term 'hoofs' instead of the correct plural of 'hoof,' which is 'hooves,' is a bit troubling, suggesting that the ordinance was drafted by someone not knowledgeable in horse care. You might want to consider making that editorial correction. More troubling, however is the lack of knowledge evident in the requirement that the horses be reshod 'every 4 to 6 weeks, or more often if needed.' This requirement clearly shows a lack of understanding of hoof care and needs revision. Horses' hooves, like human fingernails, grow at different rates depending on a number of factors, but in general, draft horses require reshoeing much less frequently than saddle horse breeds, principally as a function of their 'cold blood' metabolism. The Budweiser Clydesdales are shod every 8 weeks, for example. My own saddle horses, quarter horses, are shod or trimmed every 6 to 8 weeks, and this varies throughout the year- horses' hooves typically grow much more slowly in the winter, and more quickly in the spring through summer time frame. And even within breeds this can vary wildly. Meeting the proposed requirement of 'every 4 to 6 weeks,' as phrased

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in your proposed ordinance, could actually be harmful to draft horses- if one attempts to reshoe a horse whose hooves have not grown out, there is increased risk of causing harm to the horse by trimming the feet too short (much like 'quicking' yourself when trimming your own fingernails), or weakening the walls of the feet because there is insufficient distance between the old nail holes and the ones that would be created in re-shoeing. I therefore recommend that you remove reference to time frames and simply state "at appropriate and regular intervals, as deemed necessary by a qualified farrier."

In your section on temperature limitations for work, I would say 10 degrees Fahrenheit is a reasonable cold weather limitation, knowing that this temperature doesn't bother the horses at all but does pose risks to humans. As for the high temperature limitation of 104 degrees, that also seems fairly reasonable in our low humidity climate, although there are a number of variables and it's hard to pick 'one' temperature or climate variability that meets all needs. I expect that the carriage horse owners and drivers are well versed in the standard means of proactively cooling a horse on a hot day, before any heat stress develops, by simply sponging a horse with water between its back legs, on the femoral arteries, as well as on its poll. I expect they are also well versed on the better benchmark than temperature for assessing a horse's condition when at work in any temperature, namely, the pulse and respiration 'recovery time' after work- though less necessary for carriage horses than for other horses in strenuous activities such as endurance racing.

Finally, in your Section F defining the conditions under which a 'blanket' should be used, further clarification is recommended. When a horse is sweating on a cold day, a wool or synthetic fleece 'cooler' as a covering is warranted, not a 'blanket.' The 'cooler' specifically provides warmth to the horse while allowing the moisture to wick away, where a blanket is intended to provide warmth and protection from the elements, more often for horses that are not at work. When on the job, a carriage horse would need some form of 'blanket' if it is visibly shivering, much like a human shivers when cold. This doesn't happen often given that a horse's winter fur was designed by Mother Nature to keep a horse warm in temperatures down to -30 degrees Fahrenheit. But it can be warranted if a horse has a naturally thinner winter coat, or becomes chilled by rain or snow. To further clarify- harm can be done if an 'unbreathable' blanket is placed on a sweaty horse, by preventing the evaporation of the sweat and instead trapping heat and causing the horse to sweat more.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope that the City Council will carefully consider that 'voting according to numbers' of public opinion is inappropriate given PETA's ongoing campaign of harassment and false allegations. If you really care about good horse welfare, please listen to the minority on this matter- the knowledgeable and qualified horse owners and legitimate animal welfare practitioners, in particular veterinarians. Don't let a numerical majority driven by radicals making false accusations dictate Salt Lake City law and policy.

Sincerely,

Beverley Heffernan

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 19, 2013, 5:58 PM

All the proposals are reasonable except:

2. Implementing more detailed provisions regarding the criteria governing carriage drivers, including, but not

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limited to: criminal background checks, licensing requirements, application information and process, and driver's qualifications.

9. Consolidating two chapters of Salt Lake City Code governing horse-drawn carriages into one by repealing Chapter 8.16 (Animals: Regulation of Horse-drawn Carriages) and moving all those sections into Chapter 5.37 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations: Horse-drawn Carriages) for consistency.

10. Eliminating references to specific horse-drawn carriage businesses.

11. In addition, the Administration provided pros and cons related to the Council's interest in researching a regulatory change from certificates of public convenience and necessity to a contract approach. This policy issue would require the Council's further discussion and consideration to determine whether a contract-based regulatory system, such as the one implemented for taxicab services, would better serve the needs of the City with respect to the regulation of horse-drawn carriage businesses.

2. What does a driver's personal background have to do with it? That is no one's business. Violation of the right to privacy. It isn't like one needs extensive training to qualify to be a driver.

9. There is nothing inconsistent with the way it presently stands.

10. Taxicabs are intended for the purpose of getting from one place to the other; horse carriages are not. Horse carriages are intended for the purpose of tourism and scenic route, a bit of romance; taxicabs are not. That is ridiculous.

Natalie Blanton inside Council District 3

December 17, 2013, 5:08 PM

Thank you for directing your attention, once again, to the horse-drawn carriage issue. You may have noticed that many people get worked up over this because we care about the welfare of the horses and of the people of SLC. Whether you agree with the use of horses for carriage-rides or not--it is more than obvious that they do not belong in the chaotic, the crowded, the fuming and dirty, downtown Salt Lake City. If this is not a possibility--a much more rigid ordinance must be put in place. The protection of all creatures should be at the top of our progressive city's priorities. Carriages are an archaic and exploitive form of transport--not to mention the company that is running this operation is not transparent, whatsoever, with the treatment of their animals or business ventures. Many tourists are surprised, and not in the good way, that we are continuing the usage of horse-drawn carriages on our public streets. Many cities across the U.S. have taken note of the moving away from using animals for completely frivolous affairs. Please consider this an issue of animal welfare and for the health of our city.

Name not shown inside Council District 5

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Horses don't belong on city streets. Carriages are a quaint, frivolous novelty at the cost of putting horses at constant risk of immediate or repetitious injuries -- or even death as Jeremy's death caused by colic just last summer demonstrates. Horses deserve better lives than this.

Justin Strange inside Council District 4

December 17, 2013, 1:17 PM

As a SLC resident I am asking for a ban on horse carriages. There is absolutely no reason these animals should be forced to work under such dangerous situations for the profit of a few. At a minimum, the city should adopt Charlie Luke's proposal. I'm astonished that our city currently allows horse carriages to continue business with almost no regulations or concern for the well being of these animals. This must change. Thank you.

Name not shown inside Council District 4

December 17, 2013, 10:28 AM

Where are the changes to the temperatures? 104F is simply cruel. Why don't we follow the example of the civilized cities like Paris, London, and multiple Florida cities and stop this inhumane for the animals and dangerous for the people practice?

Name not shown outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 15, 2013, 10:34 PM

Your proposed ordinance appears to be nothing more than a vehicle for assessing fees for the city, and does virtually NOTHING to protect the HORSES....you know, the living creatures that in all good conscience should not be used and abused for human entertainment etc. etc. Think about the life of these animals...trodding down hard surfaces, dragging heavy carts, breathing toxic fumes from cars and road dust, or simply standing around waiting to move....day after day...year after year until they collapse on the street. HOW can this practice be good for your city other than collecting fees? Don't forget you are now responsible, and in the public eye when this happens again....and it will. This was a golden opportunity for your city to be one of the first to abolish an inhumane, and outdated practice that has NO place in a forward thinking compassionate culture. YOU had a chance to make real change, and you didn't. Shame on you!

December 15, 2013, 5:15 AM

Will u please help in the senseless cruelty in your city, it's sick and heartbreaking

December 11, 2013, 8:54 PM

This inhumane practice should be banned altogether. In addition to posing a threat to people around them (pedestrians, passengers, motor vehicle occupants, and cyclists), the practice of horse-drawn carriages is cruel to the horses themselves. Along with being forced to labor long hours with insufficient breaks, these intelligent animals are exposed to traffic dangers, extreme temperatures, and the noxious fumes of motor vehicles. What

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does this practice serve other than to further congest already busy streets and display flagrant inhumanity?

December 11, 2013, 8:29 PM

This inhumane practice should be banned altogether. In addition to posing risks to the people around them (pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, and even passengers), this outdated method of transportation is cruel to the horses themselves. They are forced to physically labor long hours with insufficient breaks, exposed to extreme temperatures and burning pavement, vehicular dangers, and noxious fumes from all of the motor vehicle traffic. What purpose does this cruelty serve, aside from slowing traffic in already congested areas and displaying a complete lack of humanity?

SUSAN GRIFFITHS outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 9, 2013, 9:22 AM

As a visitor I enjoyed my visit to SLC, except for seeing the horse drawn carriages. This is a vile trade. I was very upset to see them working in high temperatures, and understand that they also work in very low temperatures. I feel there is no need for this inhumane treatment, and would prefer carriage rides to be completely banned. I recently watched a program by the BBC which exposed the disgusting conditions in which horses are kept at the end of their working day. The stable stalls that they are shut into at night are so small that it is impossible for them to stretch their aching limbs. The horses have no hope for a brighter, healthier future as long as they are stuck in the city. The horses in the carriage industry spend their days dodging traffic and inhaling fumes while pulling heavy buggies. They have no chance to move freely or engage in the type of exercise that is natural and important to horses, such as running and grazing in open pastures. I would not return to SLC for this reason. I urge you to implement a pilot program to test a humane replacement for horse-drawn carriages such as eco classic cars, and to phase out this cruel industry. The drivers would keep their jobs, and the horses would have their lives back.

Victoria Orme inside Council District 1

December 8, 2013, 5:01 PM

I agree with all of the guidelines for carriage operation except the contract clause. The temperature regulations could be changed to 20 degrees on the cold side and 100 degrees on the hot side.

Name not shown inside Council District 2

December 8, 2013, 2:52 PM

What "proposed changes"? Nothing has changed! The temperatures that these horses are expected to work in are still set between 10 and 104 degrees Fahrenheit. That is ridiculous! They shouldn't even operate below 25 or above 85.

These horses are still expected to work in extreme temperatures, congested traffic, and air pollution. They risk being hit by traffic and have to wear blinds to not spook as easily in a stressful environment - all in the name of profit. Horse carriages on busy city streets pose more risk than benefit, and are unnecessary.

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If these carriage companies are willing to follow regulations and can prove that they are running a humane and ethical operation, then I propose they operate on separate designated horse carriage trails or parks that are not in the midst of growing congested traffic. If these companies care more about profit than their animals, they should be banned all together. After the dishonest and deceptive actions to the public and media regarding Jerry who collapsed and died, the answer should be simple. Thank you.

Jordan Kasteler outside Salt Lake City Council Districts

December 7, 2013, 2:57 PM

The proposed changes are a good start but do not eliminate the issue. However, I'm not saying regulation isn't needed, it very much is.

Aside from that, how does any local business get away with lying to the public, deceptive photos to the media, and not reporting violations?

December 7, 2013, 1:29 PM

The proposed regulations seem on target, though I would suggest if the horse health is truly to be addressed, the maximum temperature should be 80 degrees, not 104.

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December 6, 2013, 5:34 PM

Not a fan of the carriages. The horses seem miserable everytime I've seen them. Horses and cars don't mix. Stop the horse drawn carriages.

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December 6, 2013, 3:05 PM

I feel horse drawn carriages are dangerous for the unsuspecting people riding them, as well as the the horses on the streets of our busy, narrow, downtown SLC streets. They pose a grave danger to cars, the busses and the many citizens walking on the streets of the city. Years ago when SLC's population was less, with fewer cars and less traffic on the streets, these horse drawn carriages were just fine, posed no problems or threats, but not today with SLC's greater population, trax, congestion and fast moving cars on narrow streets with everyone in a hurry. Horse drawn carriages have NO business being on our congested, busy SLC streets downtown. They are a hazard to the public and they are a huge liability and the finger will be pointed at the City Council Members for not taking action and being retroactive in protecting the welfare of SLC citizens and the welfare of our out of town guests who've come to visit our fine city.

Name not shown inside Council District 3

December 6, 2013, 1:48 PM

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I commend the City on revisiting this issue, as it is important. However, the proposal has some weak points and can definitely be improved.

I agree that qualified veterinarians need to be involved, but the expertise level needs to be more than just a minimum of 15% of their practice devoted to equine species...that seems too low to me.

#8 states that horses will be allowed to work in temperatures ranging between 10°F and 104°F, both of which are too extreme for the horses to be working in. When it is 104°F outside, one has to take into consideration that these horses are working on blacktop, which absorbs heat, making it much hotter than the air temperature alone indicates (hot enough to melt the rubber off the bottoms of your shoes...). Add noxious fumes and heat from the exhaust of vehicles, that makes the conditions even worse for those outside (humans and horses). When it is 10°F, dangers such as black ice are likely, and that isn't safe for anyone.

Given the choice, few people would truly and honestly enjoy riding around in a carriage in these extremes anyway, so if it is decided that the carriage business is to continue in SLC, this is something that definitely needs to be changed to something more reasonable (25°F/85°F).

Some have noted that horses are able to withstand a greater capacity for temperature extremes than humans are, however if it is too hot or too cold for us, it doesn't make any sense to work the horses in the extremes, as it makes little to no money for the business or the City if there are no customers utilizing the service...

As Salt Lake City grows, so does the traffic-cars & buses, bicycles, pedestrians, and TRAX. It's a very busy place, especially during rush hour. No place for a horse to be. People in cars just get annoyed with the carriages traveling so slowly that they try to get around them (sometimes unsuccessfully...). As a longtime resident in the Downtown area, I see this annoyance every day. Pedestrians and cyclists can get around them easier, but if a horse gets spooked, the pedestrians, cyclists, people in the carriage, and the horses all could be seriously injured. TRAX is convenient and fast, but also poses yet another danger to the safety of the horses and people alike.

(#7) An 8-hour shift is too long, especially if extreme temperatures are involved. A 10-minute break in between each tour is not long enough. It should also be noted that plenty of fresh water should be required to be available at all times.

(#10) References to specific horse-drawn carriage businesses should NOT be eliminated. As the voting public and residents in a community where we have direct interaction with horse drawn carriages on the streets, we have the right to know which ones are complying with set rules and regulations and which ones are not. Praise should be given to those who are making an effort to improve and change practices to comply with a growing and changing community. For those who are trying to cover their tracks regarding serious incidents, pretending that they were non-issues or never happened should be given the boot...I do not support businesses who are lying and cheating their way through the community, representing themselves as something they are not.

There may be some nostalgia in a carriage ride, but really, what purpose do they serve? It is an unnecessary and outdated mode of transportation. It shouldn't even qualify for that, as it is for entertainment purposes only. No one is forcing people to take a ride in a carriage. Just because other cities (much larger than SLC) offer carriage rides throughout their cities, doesn't make it acceptable. Just because it's a very old business, doesn't

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mean it should continue. Just because "that's the way it's always been" is not an answer to a growing problem. Ideally, I would like to see the archaic practice of horse drawn carriages be eliminated from the streets of Salt Lake City. It's gone on long enough and needs to stop right now. Times change, and we need to change with them.

December 6, 2013, 1:07 PM

No one wants this in SLC! Everyone who is active on this issue is against it! Of every resident in SLC, some don't care either way, but everyone else wants horse drawn carriages banned, these regulations are way too relaxed! The only ones supporting horse drawn carriages is the lying carriage company - what is this government doing!?

Jaimi Haig inside Council District 4

December 6, 2013, 1:00 PM

I believe that these are not safe guidelines horses, nor do they address other concerns about the safety of the horses on busy streets. No, this is not enough.

jason hardy inside Council District 3

December 6, 2013, 12:55 PM

The amendments are practical.

I especially endorse the conversion into a contract-based system.

Unfortunately, Garrot's amendment does not address the urgent need to review whether or not a prohibition on horse-drawn carriages is warranted.

As do many of my neighbors, I believe that the council should deliberate on what humane animal welfare guidelines it wishes to adopt, and how they represent the city. It should also consider public opinion on prohibition, and consider how prohibition will improve or otherwise impact safety, walkability, and vehicle traffic.

Thank you.

steve alder inside Council District 6

December 6, 2013, 12:38 PM

the proposed changes sound appropriate and reasonable. I am not sure about the urine dilution device - that sounds weird but it may make sense. Approving alternate routes seems like a nice idea but may require greater degree of lighting to assure visibility and warn cars of the carriages. I think the carriages should be encouraged and allowed to remain.

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Horses are incredibly sensitive creatures that do not belong in the city. They can (and have disasterously) be spooked easily by all of the cars, people, and noises of downtown. Not to mention how rough the environment is on them. Their hooves are not evolved to walk on cement for long periods nor breathe in the exhaust directly from a car. It's cruel to subject these animals to such conditions.

Jeremy Beckham inside Council District 2

December 6, 2013, 11:39 AM

Thank you to the Salt Lake City Council and the Mayor's Office for considering this issue important and for the transparent and thorough manner in which the city has engaged the public on this topic. When it comes to the process, I think the city deserves an "A" for good governance.

That being said, when it comes to the substance of this proposal, I think it deserves a "D." First, it seems to completely dance around the fundamental problem - that horses and busy vehicular traffic don't mix well.

Horses are large prey animals who spook easily, especially to loud or unexpected noises. This is a bad combination in an urban environment. This argument is not merely abstract - in Salt Lake City, we have seen concrete examples of what happens when horses spook. In April of this year, a horse spooked when he heard a brake on a nearby UTA bus, and he slammed into the bus. In 2009, a horse bolted after becoming spooked in downtown Salt Lake, crossing Trax train lines and injuring a police officer. As the police made clear when that happened, we dodged a bullet. That incident could have turned disastrous or even fatal. See: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_13233672

There have been eight traffic accidents involving horse drawn carriages since 2009. Five of these were not reported to animal control as required by law. The carriage business was let off the hook for this with just a warning.

The incident with Jerry shows that we simply cannot trust the carriage business to regulate itself. It is acting solely in their company's best interest - not in the public's best interest and not in the horse's best interest. They are willing to lie and deceive the public - even government officials - if they think it will serve their own ends. I'm honestly stunned we're still allowing that disreputable company to operate in our city. It's an embarrassment, frankly.

Horse carriages were re-introduced to the city in 1987 by Mayor dePaulis. I think it's silly to act like this is a sacrosanct tradition. For decades, our city got by fine without carriage horses causing traffic obstructions and accidents, and we would do fine again if the city enacted a ban on this archaic practice.

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June Taylor inside Council District 6

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I have read the research and the proposals, and in general I think they are a reasonable response to a section of our code that is in need of updating. I do have a question about whether the "rush hour" restrictions should be imposed on weekends and holidays - perhaps you would be willing to change that. I also would like to see commentary from experts (like farmers & others who work with draft horses of the varieties used in carriage trade) on whether the low-temperature and heat-index restrictions are reasonable...not that I object to changing such restrictions: I'd just like some evidence (besides "this is what other cities do") to validate these limits. BTW, I am in favor of continuing carriage rides. I have lived in Philadelphia, which also has wonderful carriage tours through the Colonial part of the city. I hope you will not be buffaloed into discouraging a valuable local small business by the public sentiment of the uninformed, whipped up by PETA and their ilk, some of whom come perilously close to or in fact commit criminal behavior in their zealotry.

natalie hart inside Council District 2

December 6, 2013, 10:40 AM

I have to take issue with the high temperature limit being set at 104 degrees. That's too hot. Especially bearing in mind that these horses are standing in the middle of the city on black pavement where the actual temperature is probably even higher. I'm also wondering if the horses are getting water during their 8 hour shift. I submit my comments as a concerned animal lover, but also someone with some knowledge and experience with horses.

Phil Mattingly inside Council District 6

December 6, 2013, 10:26 AM

Another classic, classic example of a solution looking for a problem to solve. This is what a liberally bend city council does, it thinks that more government and more laws are the cure for any perceived ill in society...including poor mistreated horses, while always hidden from sight is a new fee for the government to collect to add to their coffers.

Where do I begin? Vets needed to check horses, urine disposition, no more than 8 hour work days (which will eventually include time off and vacation time) and Oh yes, a foto ID of the horse. Is that front or rear end foto? Didn't specify yet but they are working on it. Maybe a union representing the horses would be part of the final plan to negotiate oat and hay minimum benefits.

Liberals do this to us while the real danger to the horses is the combination of cars that try to get past the carriage, TRAX crossing their paths and jay walking public. And who is going to hitch a ride with a horse when the temperature is 10 or over 100 degrees anyway?

Don't you find it amazing that there have been horses walking and running the streets of SLC for over a hundred years and without these newly proposed laws to 'protect' them? How is that possible?

I vote that the council and the bleeding heart animal lovers who have never been on a horse in the first place do something important with their time and not this.

Lynn Schwarz inside Council District 7

December 6, 2013, 10:23 AM

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What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

I am in favor of the proposed changes for the most part. I agree with many of the comments that the temperature limits are too extreme and should be 90 degrees in the summer and 20 degrees in the winter.

Scott Christensen inside Council District 2

December 6, 2013, 8:13 AM

Wow. Have we become a nanny. We are so sanitized to animal deaths that we think we need to have new regulation every time an animals dies. People these things happen. I'll bet there aren't 5 people making posts on this site that know the real reason the Horse died and the proper procedures that were employed to try and save it. All they saw was what the news showed and the comments by the news people. Everyone was so shocked. So now they think they have to become the nanny of the business. Anyone that owns horses knows what it takes to care and maintain them. Sorry but it is a balancing act for cost versus usefulness of the animal. Again I say we have become so sanitized that we cannot deal with the death of an animal without thinking we need to punish animal owners and free all animals so they can live in peace and harmony in some sanctuary. The horse is a living tool. We take care of them as owners not nannys or nanny states and we use them to assist us with our labors and tasks that we cannot do. You want to see a horse work hard, go to Amish Country and see some hard work. Pulling these carriages is light duty by all comparisons. I also think the carriages should stay in our city. It is a retro novelty that adds to the charm of our city. It draws in tourists and helps show off the downtown area. All those who think they can nanny this business need to step out of this subject because you know nothing about the care of horses.

December 6, 2013, 1:04 AM

Some of the changes seem positive, but the carriages are an asset to the city and requirements should not be so difficult to meet that carriage businesses are forced out. They have to make money too. Many of the activists complaining about the treatment of the horses have no clue what they are talking about. And animals are on the earth for the use of man; not for us to serve them.

Name not shown inside Council District 5

December 5, 2013, 9:32 PM

While I appreciate the effort, this does not go far enough. Horses should not be working in either 10 degree weather or 104 degree weather. This is especially true since their water is restricted while working. And an 8 hour shift with only 10 minute breaks is too much. I OPPOSE this proposal and encourage you to provide more stringent protections for carriage horses - or to ban them. Thank you.

Name not shown inside Council District 7

December 5, 2013, 8:57 PM

Horses and horse drawn carriages are a complete anachronism. This is 2013, not 1870's Utah. Not only should horses not be downtown in 100+ degree heat, they should not be there AT ALL. Downtown is different than it was even 10 years ago; Trax, buses, pedestrians, normal traffic, bicycle traffic. There simply isn't a need or room for horse drawn carriages. Ban them completely, not this half way solution.

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I think horse drawn carriages should be ban from Salt Lake City. The summers are much hotter now and the horses should not be made to pull the carriages with the heat of the road and the sun baking them. The owners of the horses are there to make as much money as they can, so they may not be that concerned about how the horses are suffering.

December 5, 2013, 6:39 PM

I would love to see a portion of downtown closed to vehicles with the exception of horse drawn carriages. This would make for a more enjoyable experience for the riders and less stressful for the horses. Especially around the Temple, How cool would that be to see the Christmas lights downtown in a horse drawn carriage without the traffic jams? It may be not possible but a portion of the road, maybe West Temple?

December 5, 2013, 5:44 PM

More regulations by our Nanny Mayor

Pax Rasmussen inside Council District 2

December 5, 2013, 3:00 PM

I support the proposed changes, and the ordinance itself.
I've noticed that many people have commented about this, saying something to the effect of, "The owners of these animals know best about their use and care." I think this opinion is flawed for a very simple reason: The owners of these animals are running a business. Yes, it's true that taking care of the horses is in their best economic interest, but only to a point—it's a cost/benefit ratio thing. They will exploit the animals to the point that it's most profitable—the comfort and health of the animal is second to the profit. If running a carriage in 106 degree heat won't kill the animal, they'll do it, even if it's painful and to some degree dangerous for the horse.

Do we really want to use a strict cost/benefit ratio to decide how best to treat living animals? This is the role of government. The government has an economic interest in these animals only to the extent of the taxes collected from the carriage businesses. I trust the government to look out for the horses far more than I trust the carriage people.

December 5, 2013, 2:24 PM

I believe that 104 is too high. Doing manual labor last summer, we would try to be done before temperatures reached 100, and that was working in the shade. A horse in the street shouldn't have to deal with temperatures above 100°F. I also think that there should be a set age of retirement for horses, whatever experts believe would be sufficient, because aging under a work environment puts extra stress on body. Last, require yearly veterinary check ups for each horse in the business.

Thomas Tischner inside Council District 5

December 5, 2013, 2:22 PM

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Much ado about nothing. Let the horse people do what they do, they know what is best for the animals. Once again, the city is sticking its nose into something it knows nothing about. All the crybabying aside, please keep in mind--horses are not people.

December 5, 2013, 1:20 PM

Get serious! Quit wasting taxpayer dollars on these ridiculous distractions. Smaller government is better government. The Nanny State is alive and well in Salt Lake City...thought I was leaving that behind when I left California. Watching City government micro-manage its citizenry the past ten years has been a joke.

Camille Winnie inside Council District 3

December 5, 2013, 12:53 PM

I agree that the city should look to the experts for what is best and appropriate for working draft horses and not to popular or uneducated opinion to make these decisions. As a citizen who enjoys having the carriages as part of the downtown experience and a person who also wishes to see the animals that provide this benefit to us treated humanely and compassionately, I applaud the City's efforts to update the ordinance where needed to insure both the economic viability of the business model while giving due protection to the animals that provide said service. I would support any changes to the ordinance that ensure a balance between both. I have had up close and personal interactions with Carriage for Hire and have found the staff's care and love for their horses to be genuine. I support their continued operation in our downtown.

mary williams inside Council District 5

December 5, 2013, 12:48 PM

I feel that carriages drawn by horses are completely unnecessary for Salt Lake City and in fact other cities. They are not treated properly as evidenced by the horse that collapsed. Please stop this cruel and unusual treatment!

Name not shown inside Council District 4

December 5, 2013, 12:35 PM

This is a typical over reaction by the uninformed trying to control someone else to make themselves feel better. Most, if not all, of the people with issues regarding the horses and carriages shouldn't even be making comments because they don't know anything about the animals or how to care for them. The horse owners are the best judges of how to care for the animals. They know exactly when the animals need breaks or if the temperatures are too cold or hot for them to work. They work with these horses daily and understand their conditioning and health. Remember that they make money with these horses, they aren't going to put their business at risk by not taking care of the horses. This is another government clamp down on a business that is not needed. The city cannot please everyone especially the fringe groups crying foul on this issue. Another ordinance or changing the ordinance is a waste of time. Try working on something more meaningful like reducing taxes, or fixing the panhandling problem. Leave the small business owner alone, they are regulated enough.

Steven McQuinn inside Council District 4

December 5, 2013, 12:33 PM

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I'm impressed by the quality of decision support provided by staff. The most cogent comment at the time of my reading them was from a horse operator from out of district. The level headedness of that comment demonstrates the need to include the perspective of professional animal handlers who are not veterinarians, wherever they might live. The weather regulations seem arbitrary, as the forecast from the airport often misses the mark for downtown weather and is often mistaken, at any rate. The temperature restrictions don't seem to reflect a knowledge of working horses. Judgments about operational conditions should be left to the operators under some sort of "common sense" clause. Otherwise, the changes seem to keep a light touch upon matters where the business itself will recognize that animal care is in its own best interest.

December 5, 2013, 11:50 AM

Let's see where do I begin? Deodorant, urine something or another, 8 hour work day, too cold to work, too hot to work, foto ID of your horse required (front view or side view?).....Something like this could only come out of a liberally bent city government with a solution looking for a problem to solve. Government can fix anything can't it? All it has to do is make up a new law.

Amazing that horses have been on the city streets for over 100 years without such laws but liberals just have to pass a new law. It is what they do.

I vote that it is unnecessary but as usual they have already decided what they are going to do no matter what the public says.

The horses should have a vote, maybe a union representing the horses...too little feed, too many overweight people in the carriage, not enough breaks during their 8 hour day, overtime....

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The operators of the carriages are in business to earn a living and are the first to care for their equipment including the horses. If the writers of this proposed ordinance owned and depended on their animals for a living they would understand what a P.C. nonsense this is. I suppose all these do gooders that are influencing this ordinance are the same one that allow their dogs to defecate and urinate on the grass and flowers that my wife spends so much time planting and caring for. Leave these guys to care for their business themselves. If they fail to care for their animals, then they will go broke buying new animals. Horses were used long before this generations touchy caring feely stuff. Go curb your dogs, keep your cats from killing the birds and get a life.

john boyack inside Council District 3

December 5, 2013, 11:33 AM

I agree with the comment that the high temperature should be lowered from 104, and would add that something closer to the mid to low 90s would be more appropriate although my preference is 80 degrees in the City.

Glenn Sorensen inside Council District 4

December 5, 2013, 11:28 AM

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I agree with the ordinance as long as it is supported by vets and people who have experience working with horses. I caution being too responsive to comments from those not experienced with the capabilities of horses. I rode horses through my youth and drove horse drawn carriages for weddings. Horses are very strong, and pulling a carriage on smooth roads is not much work for them. The delays these horses will experience with while loading, unloading, and waiting for passengers may be sufficient rest. My horses didn't like standing for long periods of time and would rather keep moving while harnessed to a carriage. I would defer to the experts if the 8 hour time limit is appropriate, or if it should be longer to allow for more flexibility. The minimum temperature of 10 degrees seems cold to humans, but we must remember that horses often sleep outside in colder temperatures. Pulling a carriage in cold weather may not be a problem for them. Once again I would defer to the experts for the minimum temperature.

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December 5, 2013, 11:09 AM

My only thought is about age. As a long time Hunter/Jumper exhibitor, I would consider 4 years the youngest age for that amount of work. I would also like a yearly vet certification of suitability for horses over 20 years.

December 5, 2013, 11:07 AM

Use Mules

Mikel Covey inside Council District 5

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I would suggest a much lower temperature at which the horses would be prevented from working. The rare temperature of 104 degrees (which is measured in the shade) seems much too high when one considers that the temperature in the direct sun and amplified by the hot asphalt on which the horses work results in a much hotter actual environment.

Tina Cloutier inside Council District 3

December 5, 2013, 11:00 AM

I'm so glad to see that these practices are being reviewed by the city! As a horse owner for many years, it often saddens me to see the horses pulling carriages through town in extreme heat or cold, while vehicles whiz by too closely.

My suggestions would be the following: 1) With regards to number 5, also add a maximum age limit for horses AND a prescribed method of proper retirement. I would hate to see these animals put down simply because they've served their purpose and are no longer making money for their owners. 2) The proposed temps seem a bit extreme...ESPECIALLY the heat. Overworking a horse in the heat is what often leads to colic, which is what overcame Jerry back in August. Please consider lowering the maximum acceptable temperature. 3) Consider more strict regulations on where the carriages are allowed to travel. As I said, I often see vehicles passing by too quickly and/or closely on busy streets (State, in particular). The current acceptable routes seem to

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unnecessarily endanger all parties involved--the horses, carriage passengers & vehicle passengers alike.

Thank you for considering these changes! I'm so glad to see they are under review!

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I find that the rules are fair in regards to the age of the horse, the temperature regulations, and the 10 minute break per hour for the horse to rest.

My concern is how will it be regulated during the busy holiday season in regards to temperature rules and break schedules?

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December 4, 2013, 10:36 PM

Carriage horses are a wonderful part of downtown SLC, as they are in many other cities worldwide. Please keep them!

Although you have and will receive many comments from well-meaning citizens, please be aware that the vast majority of people who sign animal rights petitions or who comment on this site probably have no experience, knowledge, or education about horses and their health and needs. Ordinances (such as these) should be based on facts, experience, and knowledge of equine experts (equine veterinarians or equine extension agents such as from USU), and NOT on the 'I think' suggestions of well-meaning citizens who are not familiar with the specifics of these tremendous animals.

I am a horse owner, and I adore my equine companions, as it is clear the carriage company does as well. I will make a few comments here, but I hope that you will refer my comments and all other comments as well to the consideration of equine veterinarians or extension agents, who should be your primary advisors to create a good ordinance to ensure proper care of carriage horses.

First, this looks like a well thought out ordinance to me. There are clearly some changes to existing ordinances that are in line with 'best practices' in carriage horse care, that have apparently been part of general practice in 'Carriage for Hire', but that it is a good idea to spell out in the ordinance.

Second, when considering the limit (8 hours a day) of work, please do realize that horses stand up and walk around for the vast majority of their day, commonly lying down less than an hour in a 24 hour period. Walking along with a carriage on a nearly flat, paved street for an 1800 # horse is not a big effort. These horses appear to be in better health and care than many fat backyard horses that are less healthy with over-eating lack-of-exercise kindness. Sitting around doing nothing is not healthy for either man or beast! So... if 8 hours is the vet-recommended number, go with it. (I know that my horses go like gang busters for 8 hours on tough mountain trails and still act in energetic high spirits at the end of the day, typically racing around their pasture when I turn them out.)

Similar with the heat and cold indexes. Horses are large animals, who live outside in both extremes, with well-

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established systems for warming and cooling themselves. It is hard for us to put ourselves in the same category, and imagine that they can be comfortable in far greater extremes than we can. Getting good advice from a vet (as it appears you have) is the best thing to do.

I do support the recommendation that people who have had safety convictions that would prevent them from driving a car (such as a DUI) should not be driving a horse-drawn vehicle either. And people convicted of animal abuse should not be in any position to be working with animals. These are reasonable expectations.

You are likely to receive comments suggesting that there should be both a minimum (3 years is the start of a horses' young adult life), and maximum (?) age for horses. There is tremendous variation in the health, agility, and physical capability of aged horses. Some horses have to be retired at 18, others go on happily into their late 20s or even early 30s. Older horses are typically calmer and steadier than younger horses, which is very much desired in carriage horses. So, there is no reason to discourage use of older horses, provided they are in general good health, which can be determined by a veterinarian.

The identification requirement (as opposed to branding) is consistent with the US Department of Agriculture brand inspection requirements for all horses in the state. This is required for transportation and sale of all horses, so is clearly the national standard for horse identification. This is an appropriate update to the ordinance.

One safety consideration that might be considered for part of the ordinance is to expect drivers to be carrying cell phones or radios for emergency contact. This is something that most people probably do anyway, but it seems a reasonable requirement for a horse-drawn vehicle carrying passengers where the horse, passengers, driver, etc. may all be subject to accident or injury. Drivers should also be carrying emergency contact information, in case the driver is incapacitated. This is ordinary best practices for any equine activity, and in fact for any time anyone is away from home.

I am glad to see a well-thought-out proposed ordinance coming from quality study. Please carry through and approve this ordinance, and maintain this wonderful part of our heritage and culture. Please support and preserve one of the most beautiful parts of downtown Salt Lake.

Just an additional note: Realizing that photos of Jerry being moved with a forklift have been used to insinuate that this a bad thing, please do consider just how you would move an 1800# horse safely and carefully. Given that you can't pick them up in your arms, in a sling, or any way we might normally move a person, here is another example of a horse who was rescued in the UK -- with a forklift. If a horse is lucky, as Jerry was, a forklift and broad hoses or straps are available to help move them when they are in a bind.
<http://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/horse-rescued-icy-canal/>

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A maximum of 8 hours a day is too long (#7) I think that if it is going to carry on, a horse shouldn't be out for more than 4 hours a day at the very most. Only a ten minute break in between rides isn't enough either. Absolute minimum should be 30 minutes. The traffic and stress on busy downtown SLC streets already causes a problem, and then when you add extreme temperatures and conditions like ice and snow to the mix, you know

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the horses aren't going to be in the best condition. This brings me to my next point...

I think #8 is too extreme; 10°F is way too cold and 104°F is just way too hot-I've spent time outside for a continuous 8+ hours when it's been 104+°F on more than one occasion-it's miserable for a person-can you imagine what it is like for a horse? In addition to the air temperature, with the horses being on blacktop all day, it has to be considerably hotter for them than 104°F... I've been outside when it's been 10°F (and colder!) too for extended periods of time and it just isn't reasonable to set such parameters. Who in their right mind wants to go for a carriage ride in either temperature extreme anyway? Certainly not me!

I don't think that references to specific carriage company names should be withheld - if there is a problem and rules and regulations are not being followed, the voting public has a right to know if they are doing something wrong so it can be fixed. (#10)

I think that the whole idea of a regulatory change from "certificates of public convenience and necessity" to a "contract approach" (like taxi cabs) is unnecessary and a waste of time and effort, as Horse-drawn carriages are neither a convenience nor a necessity for those of us who live and work in the City Center. Turning it into a contracted business doesn't add anything to the community either. It's just another excuse to draw people Downtown; There is no reason to continue to provide an outdated and inhumane practice for human enjoyment. (#11)

I love being Downtown, but it makes me sad to see these horses working right next to cars and the scary people behind the wheel. For their own safety (and the drivers too), I think it is reasonable to eliminate the entire horse drawn carriages from the city center. Its not safe for anyone, especially the horses.

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I think #7 saying horses may work up to 8 hour shifts, is a little bit long. Perhaps 6 hours might be better. And #8, the temperatures listed seem extreme for acceptable working conditions. Perhaps 25 and 85 degrees. I realize the cold would affect the horses less than the heat. Just remember they are constantly on city asphalt during their working shifts. When you take this into consideration with the air temperature, the actual temperature working on the streets would be more like 124 degrees. Working conditions that are way too hot and strenuous for anyone or anything.

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I was a carriage driver for 15 years in Salt Lake and I have no objection to any of these clarifications. In fact the majority of the updates to the ordinances directly affecting daily operations are already in practice by the company - or are quite frankly no-brainers. Funny - I didn't know the city still required branding of the horses. It'll be nice to see that archaic practice removed.

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December 4, 2013, 12:26 PM

New Comments

12/5/2013 5:41	Samuel Scott	<p>Changing regulations that govern how long a horse can work to a maximum of eight hours in any 24 hour period with a rest period of at least ten minutes at the end of each one-hour work period. The rest period needs to be more, at least minimal of 15 - 25 minutes specialty if the temperature is high and needs to set that how many times the drivers needs to feed and water the horses also and the driver should also be made to keep a log of what time he started, times of breaks, watering, feeding, how many passengers he has carried all day and how many each trip, and the time he has stopped for the day, and the horse condition at the beginning and at the end of the day this will help show how he is and has treated the horse or horses, and there need to be ether the police or someone to check the temperature at least 4 times a day to ensure that the regulations are enforced. Thank you for you'll time</p>
12/6/2013 12:49	Linda Jenkins	<p>Dear Sir: I wrote you a letter previously asking for your support for a ban of horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. I was very saddened to get your response that you don't support a ban. This evening my family and I had just finished dining and shopping at City Creek when we exited the mall on West Temple only to see two carriages pulling loads by the Temple. The thermometer on our car read 15 degrees F. Our complete evening was ruined by this sad sight. This is inhumane, cruel treatment of these horses and it needs to end. When will it end? Where are the restrictions and regulations that were supposed to be implemented? We are outraged! This will be our last trip to the city for a very long time.</p>

12/11/2013 17:05	Bruce L. King	<p>Mr. King believes the likely cause of death would have been colic, which is the number one cause of premature death in horses around the country. But without the aid of a complete necropsy on the horse, the exact cause of death will probably never be known. Mr. King made a personal visit to the stables to evaluate the condition of the horses and their surroundings. He found the area to be very well maintained and clean. The horses were in very good condition. Their feed was of adequate quality. All the tack that was used on the horse to pull the carriages were in good repair. The owner informed Mr. King that each horse on average works 3 -4 shifts a week during the busy season, lasting 5-6 hours. Mr. King feels very comfortable that the horses are very well cared for during their service and at the stables. From his observation, he cannot attribute Jerry's death to pulling the carriages.</p>
12/12/2013 9:44	.	<p>I have had the privilege of getting a carriage ride in Salt Lake City. My family and I of 3 learned a valuable lesson on this day. Our history of what we used to just get by is depleting. I had the opportunity to show my children that we took courage and work to run those carriages. Taking away opportunity of lessons and value towards our kids seems to be a priority in this technology world, A must. However experiencing vs just watching or reading about those moments create a much different not only knowledge of how things work but appreciation. Please keep these going. Even with the risk. We have kept the risk of Air planes going and we kept the risk of cars going. Deaths will be always inevitable but proper moments of education and refined understandings with experience cannot be measured. Please keep the carriages and traditions of history for our now only technical children to have something different to embrace. experience. A much gratitude mother of what was and will be.</p>
12/16/2013 15:35	Leland Hogan	<p>They would like to ask that as you consider ordinance revisions, that you incorporate their policies, institutional knowledge and experience. They commend Dr. Bruce King, State Veterinarian, for his on-site visit and evaluation of the Overson's business. They feel the Overson's have a proven history in managing their business of taking care of their horses and providing the best experience for visitors in downtown Salt Lake. He would like you to continue to allow horse drawn carriages within the City, as long as the livestock are safe and their practices are acceptable within state law.</p>

12/17/2013 14:44	Kimberli Balfour	Just wanted to send a note to the city about how much I enjoyed my carriage ride downtown this weekend. I think it is such a fun thing for families, couples, and friends to do together, especially during the holiday season. Another reason for love SLC!
12/26/2013 9:26	Pat Verity	Mayor Becker, Please remove horse drawn carriages from city streets. This barbaric tradition is dangerous for both horses and people. Too many horses are being abused and it must stop!
12/26/2013 9:33	Nina Courtney	To whom it may concern, I am not a citizen of Salt Lake or Utah, however I am a concerned about the horse that collapsed and how it was treated, Please look into this matter and make the changes needed for a more compassionate response. I found this information on my FB page. I am sure it is being spread everywhere and animal lovers and protectors are reading about it and are horrified. Any animal owner who is allowed to treat their animals in this way should be fined and educated about the proper care and treatment of animals. I am sure there are a host of shelters in your city and state that could use volunteers. Take animal abusers and put them to work for the benefit of animals. Help the animals that cannot speak for themselves. Thank you for your time, Nina Courtney
12/26/2013 9:35	Lisa Chandler	I support the ban on using horses to pull carriages!

12/27/2013 15:23	Shellie Maynard	<p>Council members: I know that it has been decided not to ban the horse-drawn carriages for hire in Salt Lake City and whether or not your determination was publicized with any revisions to the old ordinance. If it is accessible, I would like to be able to view the results. I continue to remain on the side of banning this type of business. If our school children are unable to play outside at recess, why should these horses be forced to continually pull these carriages up and down, up and down, the busy streets of our fair city inhaling all of the pollution in the air? You have got to know that it is so much worse when your nose is up someone's exhaust as opposed to being out in a field somewhere. I am also curious what type of shelter and amenities are available to these hard working animals when they are not in service. Do they have a shelter or are they merely left out in the cold. I believe that anyone making a living from the public should be public and that we, the public should be able to visit the establishment if the desire is there. I do not believe anyone who is not outright honest about a situation and only shares any of the story after being found to have lied about any of the circumstances making it a public matter to begin with. I do not trust the carriage company for this reason and do not believe that anyone who would allow this sort of thing to happen is going to be straightforward in the first place. These animals appear to be so sad, overworked and miserable it breaks my heart. I happen to live in the downtown area where these animals are forced to work every day. They are somewhat of a nuisance anyway coming up city creek when there is only so much room to begin with. I have had to sit and wait for them to finish parading the patrons down the street that I also use to access my parking. There is so much abuse of animals in this world anymore that I have difficulty understanding why. Since those poor animals cannot voice for themselves, I have decided to make it my business to do what I can to try and alleviate at least some of this abuse</p>
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12/27/2013 15:23	Shellie Maynard	<p>CONTINUED: . I also believe that when animals have been in captivity without being afforded their natural habitat or at least some comforts to make their otherwise miserable lives tolerable, and their mind starts getting funny on them from these actions, is when the animals freak out and have been the cause of death of humans, innocent or otherwise. They really are not ours to use. If they cannot survive in the wild without being subdued into service by man, then the natural order of things will kick in. in the meantime, can we at least ensure that their misery is limited and that they are afforded some good for their service? Respectfully,</p>
12/30/2013 14:34	Stewart Thorpe	<p>Hello, My name is Stewart Thorpe. I am a constituent of District 5. My council member is Erin Mendenhall. I am writing this e-mail in my support of ending carriages in Salt Lake City. Horses don't belong on city streets, especially downtown city streets. As the annual inversion continues to get worse, horses are compelled to work on pollution days and exert themselves when that is precisely what we are told not to do. The carriages are also a traffic nuisance for cyclists especially - which I also am. Carriages are an archaic tradition whose time has long since past. It isn't good for the horses. It isn't safe for traffic. And this year's death of a horse in the streets is indicative of the high cost for a trivial fancy.I support an outright ban. If not that (and that is what should be done), Charlie Luke's proposal actually has something of substance in it. Considering the malconduct, dishonesty, and outright deception of the carriage company, their business licence out to be revoked;.Thank you.</p>
1/3/2014 12:15	Genie Borrelli	<p>Eight hours is too long a period for horses to pull carriages in a 24 hour period. Four to six hours maximum would be much better. Ten minutes is not enough of a rest period each hour to allow for feeding and watering. The range for adverse weather conditions is too broad. Not allowing carriages in weather conditions between 25 degrees F and 90 degrees Fahrenheit would be much preferred to allow horses to remain in a good state of health. There should be something stated about keeping the horses well hydrated. This is one of the most important aspects of using any living beings for work. Additionally, there should be a reasonable maximum age for horses to draw carriages. Very young and older horses should be allowed to live comfortably without work. A healthful and beneficial retirement should be provided for these horses that does not allow them to be sent to "glue factories," slaughterhouses, or any other unseemly or unhealthful end or service.</p>

1/3/2014 12:28	Russell Dember	The proposed revision restricting horse drawn carriage operation when "ambient heat index exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees Fahrenheit" is ridiculous. The air temperature was 97° F when the horse died last year. The upper air temperature limit of operation should be 90° F at the most (85° F preferred). I don't know anything about horses but I do know that working at 90° F air temperature IN THE SHADE is very exhausting for humans. The revisions should include an access to water requirement for the horses and a carriage load limit. A 10 minute rest period every hour does not seem long enough for a 1000 lb animal to cool off.
1/3/2014 12:58	Flora	A lady by the name of Flora from New York called to urge the Council Members to ban the horse drawn carriages. She was very emotional about the topic and due to the recent incident, she feels that the poor animals shouldn't have to carry people around in carriages. She stated she is trying to ban them in New York, as well. She wanted to thank the Council Members for their service to the city.
1/3/2014 12:59	Leela Rose	Strongly oppose having horses working in downtown area at all, most of progressive cities have banned due to animal cruelty in the biggest sense, lets hire people to do that like in Japan and India, people on bikes.
1/3/2014 16:51	Susan Snowball	I believe the carriage horse owners should be subjected to at least a yearly complete vet check on the horses. Also, there should be regular checks on the daily care of the horses; proper stall care, food, quality hay, etc. Thank you

1/6/2014 15:11	Christine Macmurray	<p>Dear City Council of Salt Lake City, I am the Vice President of the Coalition to Ban the Horse-Drawn Carriage in New York City. My colleagues and I have been observing the horses and campaigning for change since the 1970's. Over the decades, it became apparant that more rules and regulations did not help the horses. Sometimes the new regulations were not followed, sometimes they were not enfored. More importantly, many important areas of the horses' lives could not be improved by instituting regulations. The New York City carriage horses are sick, miserable, and depressed. Their working conditions are horrendous for a horse. They travel to the heart of New York City every day for 10 hours, stand in the hot sun (no trees at all on the hack line), pull carriages on the hot asphalt or endure the cold while standing for long periods of time, walk nose-to-nose with exhaust pipes all day when they are not standing on the hack line, and at the end of the day go back to their stables which are high-rise tenements. The horses must climb up to their floor and than enter a stall that is much too small and wait there until their next shift. They get no turn-out or fraternizing with other horse, both of which are necessary for a healthy, content horse. In 2006, we started campaigning for a total ban of the industry. For 12 years we worked hard to effect a ban. Now, our new mayor, Bill de Blasio, for whom we campaigned, has promised to ban the horse carriage trade as soon as he can. He thinks the horse-carriage industry is cruelty to horses, which it is. Sincerely,</p>
1/6/2014 15:14	Linda	<p>Hello On website I attempted to access the link to read more on the horse drawn carriage issue. It comes up very tiny and difficult to read. I was not able to enlarge and have it remain complete. Thank you</p>
1/6/2014 15:14	M Garrett	<p>Please ban this practice entirely. It is stomach-churning to see these poor beasts on our streets, exhausted, ill-treated, working in extreme weather. Salt Lake City is better than this. Please do the right thing. Ban horse-drawn carriages entirely.</p>

1/7/2014 10:23	Margo Becker	<p>Horse-drawn carriages are outdated, abusive/cruel and a nuisance!! Horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City should be banned!! Horses are meant to work on farms and pastures, not on polluted, train and traffic-ridden downtown streets in busy, noisy cities! Salt Lake should retire horse-drawn carriages and ban them altogether. There are so many upsetting factors about horse-drawn carriages that it is difficult to highlight only a few in making a case to ban this antiquated servitude! Salt Lake City has grown exponentially over the past 15 years. Downtown now sees more people, traffic, trains, pollution, and noise than ever before. Horse carriages are dangerous for the horses and they disrupt traffic. It is a profit-driven, animal-abusive business. Carriage For Hire lied outright to the public, the city and the media about the health and condition of one of their workhorses that collapsed on a busy downtown street and later died. The company downplayed the incident despite it having been witnessed by countless people. The company lied and said the horse was merely ill. The company lied and said the horse was retired when it had actually died! These are examples of abuse, neglect and a company who puts profit over the proper care and treatment of the innocent animals they employ. There are romantic alternatives to a horse carriage ride, such as a bike carriage ride. Bike carriage rides are the exact same concept and they don't put helpless horses at risk of pollution, collisions, exhaustion and mistreatment, bothersome noise and dangerous traffic. Salt Lake City does not need horse-drawn carriage rides to attract visitors. Salt Lake City should get rid of this antiquated service and put Carriage For Hire out of business. We should demand better treatment of animals and a more progressive downtown! Please BAN horse-drawn carriages outright! Thank you, Margo Becker Downtown Salt Lake City Resident</p>
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1/7/2014 12:05	Pat Ithurrealde	In my opinion, it is time to eliminate all horse-drawn carriages in downtown Salt Lake Sooty like the mayor of NYC is doing. It is dangerous to all trying to maneuver around carriages, cars, buses, and TRAX on our evenings of entertainment and dining in the city. I also believe that the carriages are inhumane in this day and age and should be stopped. I remember the day Jerry the horse died on the street and it breaks my heart to think of the other horses that are being subjected to the same inhumane treatment. It is your duty to do away with this ugly sight in our city. There are so many other attractions that can fill the space. Do what the new mayor of NYC is proposing, vintage automobiles run on electricity or natural gas. Do the right thing and eliminate the horse-drawn carriages. Most sincerely,
1/7/2014 12:06	Ashley Wadsworth	City Council of Salt Lake City: Upon hearing the tragic news of Jerry the horse's untimely death, I decided to take the time to write you and show my support of banning horse-drawn carriages. Although I live in Louisiana, I grew up in New Orleans where horse-pulled carriages are a tourist attraction, one I do not support. It's my belief horses are not meant for such conditions and shouldn't be forced to live that way. Please consider the power we, as humans, have over animals and the impact we have on bettering or worsening their lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.
1/7/2014 12:06	Lori Lokken	I support the ban on horse drawn carriages in the city. It's cruel and not fair to the horse. Horses aren't meant to be in the city but in the country. Lori Lokken

1/7/2014 12:07	Richard White	<p>Dear Members of the Salt Lake City City Council: Thank you for your humane and serious consideration of the horse-drawn carriage issue. The proposed changes to the ordinance are okay, as far as they go (except that the permitted temperature range allows for too-great extremes of temperature, and should be restricted to a more temperate range, and also account for wind-chill and heat-index), in that enhancing the welfare of animals is better than not doing so. Yet, these proposals only attempt to curb some of the excesses of an industry that has run its course, is inherently inhumane, and should be entirely banned. That this is recognized is shown by bans on horse-drawn carriages already enacted by many of the world's leading tourist destinations, including London, Oxford, Paris, Beijing, Toronto, Las Vegas, Reno, Palm Beach, etc., and imminently, as Mayor De Blasio has pledged, New York City. None of the cities that banned horse-drawn carriage has suffered any diminution in tourism. And if desired, Salt Lake City could replace horse-drawn carriages with an innovation that has been successfully implemented in Michigan: a battery-powered device that converts the carriages into self-powered "horseless" carriages, which creates a bygone-style tourist conveyance, without the use of a horse. New York City has had such restrictions as are now proposed for Salt Lake City on the books for years: stipulation for hours, temperature, break times, etc. But there has been no way to monitor or enforce these. They have been strictly complaint-driven, and often unheeded even then. Citizens concerned with animal welfare have documented countless infringements, in vain. For wellness, horses require daily turnout to pasture, and interaction with other horses.</p>
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1/7/2014 12:07	Richard White	<p>CONTINUED: Few urban carriage-horse businesses have been able or willing to provide this. The constant exposure to exhaust is detrimental to the horses, as are long hours in all weathers. Trudging on pavement makes carriage horses vulnerable to lameness in various forms, and this is common among carriage horses. The fact that, as prey animals, horses are easily spooked by unexpected sounds or sights--even after years of working in city streets--makes carriage horses in modern city streets a danger to themselves and others. I am among the many people who avoid parts of towns where I am likely to encounter the unbearably sad sight of depressed carriage horses, treated not like noble and sensitive animals, but like combustion engines. I have also seen in sanctuaries and loving homes, how these horses, removed or retired from the streets, blossom from depressed nags to robust, youthful, bright, and happy horses, when lovingly cared for in a more natural pasture environment, and as part of a herd. As we evolve as a society--and as we come to understand the vital importance of respecting nature and all creatures--we set aside practices that we have come to understand as inhumane and disrespectful. If you can do no more at this time, please adopt the proposals, as a step forward, and a mitigation of some of the suffering. But please be aware that adopting such proposals, by causing the basic issue to be tabled, can also prolong the suffering of animals trapped in an inherently inhumane situation. If you can ban horse-drawn carriages, that is unquestionably what should be done. If you cannot yet do so, then the proposals are better than nothing. But only a ban--with the stipulation that the horses be retired to loving homes and sanctuaries, and not be put to work elsewhere, or sold to kill buyers--will solve the problem as it needs to be solved, and as cities around the country and around the world have solved it. Thank you for your compassionate concern for the well-being of the horses. Sincerely,</p>
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1/8/2014 14:12	Mckenzi Hilton	<p>œ I wanted to thank the council for continuing discussions regarding the horse drawn carriages in down town Salt Lake City. I attended the meeting tonight and chose not to speak on the issue. I did however, submit a comment card which I would like to expand on now. I have been a resident of Salt Lake City all of my life and I'm no stranger to the carriages in down town. As a child, I remember touring the down town area and Temple Square in one of them and also remember having reservations about it. I remember cars speeding by and honking at us because we were causing traffic delays. I also remember asking the driver about the "blinders" on the horse. The driver replied "they are there so that the horses won't get spooked as the cars go by". As we sat in the carriage in the freezing temps, I remember worrying about how the cold and anxiety of the traffic was affecting them. The same concerns that I had for them during the summer months. As I have gotten older and became a driver in Salt Lake, my concerns about the horses well being haven't stopped. However, I now have the added frustration as a driver of having to dodge the carriages in down town. Although my stance is that we should eliminate the carriages in down town due to ethical reasons for the animals, I feel that we will have no choice as our city continues to grow and our streets continue to become more and more crowded. In addition, at this time in our history, there is not a need to have horse drawn carriages. They are there for pure entertainment. As an active supporter of animals rights,</p>
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<p>1/8/2014 14:12</p>	<p>Mckenzi Hilton</p>	<p>CONTINUED: I do not believe that animals should be used for our entertainment in any way shape or form. Horse drawn carriages should be banned! There isn't a need nor will it affect our tourism industry. If not banned completely, I feel the following conditions should be met:1. Ongoing independent examinations from a Veterinarian chosen by animal welfare and state representatives. This should include surprise/unplanned visits.2. Ongoing audits and evaluation and strict standards regarding where and how the horses are kept.3. No rides during peak hours on roads. Specifically between 7-9 am and 4-6 pm. This also means that the horses are not waiting on the side of the street being exposed to an increase in pollution but are instead in a safe protected area.4. No rides during extreme weather or temperatures. I feel your temp regulations should be adjusted significantly to include 30-90 degrees. This also means that are not on the streets and are instead in a safe protected area. This includes high wind advisories, extreme rain and extreme snow.5. Stations where horses are kept on the side of the road should be shaded and provide water constantly.6. Due to fumes and inversion, horses should be worked for less hours. Right now the suggestion is 8 hours. I disagree and feel 6 (worst case 7) should be the max limit. This fits in nicely with my suggestion of the peak time frames above. One horse works AM 9-4 and a new horse works 6-11. They also need a rest period of 30 minutes in the middle of a shift. 7. Specific routes approved by animal welfare and state representatives. 8. Preferred route away from down town. Perhaps around Liberty Park or other parks in the city area which are large enough to hold them. 9. Unhealthy horses must not be used until deemed "ok" by a Veterinarian. 10. Strict penalties for violations of rules and regulations including confiscation of horses and loss of business licence and misdemeanor charges for animal cruelty. Once again, I thank you for your continued efforts in this area and look forward to attending the next council meeting.</p>
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1/8/2014 14:13	Boyd Tuttle	Dear SLC Council members, Please do not take away the horse carriages from downtown. It is a charming feature of our city. As one who owns a formerly Amish work horse I can tell you that any horse that is no longer working on an Amish farm is having a very lush life. These animals are bred to work, they love it. It does not hurt their feet to walk on the pavement, that is what they do! We lived in New York for 25 years and have seen our share of Amish work horses and know many farms that own and work them. The work these SLC horses are doing is nothing compared to pulling a plow or a harvester or hay baler. Thank you for your consideration
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1/8/2014 14:14	Mary Bet Andrews	<p>The following article was actually written to address a similar issue in New York City. However, it also applies to the situation here in Salt Lake City. Submitted by Mary Beth Andrews Leave the horses and drivers alone JEFF BACHNER/FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS Will an era end? A couple of years ago, a wonderful exhibit about the history of horses was featured at the American Museum of Natural History. The exhibit was a magnificent display of the contributions these beautiful animals have made over the centuries to world civilization , not only in transportation, wars and religious celebrations, but more importantly, as key contributors to the dignity of work. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's Creation. As religious leaders, we believe that work anoints us with dignity. In kind, working animals, such as horses , when treated with care and respect , willingly provide their great strength for man's purposes. Man, in turn, tends to the health and comfort of his partner in work. The Bible shows that God made his covenant with animals as well as human beings, that humans and animals have the same origin in God. For example, St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals. In Islam, mistreating an animal is considered a sin, and cruelty is forbidden. In the Talmud, God blesses all animals as part of Creation. It is with this in mind that we should examine the wisdom of banning the horse carriage industry, as Mayor de Blasio has pledged to do within days. Like all of us, New York City's carriage horses are God's creatures. From all that we have witnessed, carriage drivers treat them as such. Politicians, journalists and tour groups are allowed to tour the stables where the horses are domiciled and witness the working conditions. Unannounced visitors consistently report on the high levels of care provided to the carriage horses. The horses have mandated minimum space in their stalls and at least five weeks' vacation. They have quality veterinary care. They have a mandatory retirement age. Animal-abuse claims against the carriage workers are always taken seriously, as a violation and an aberration not to be accepted.</p>
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1/8/2014 14:14	Mary Bet Andrews	<p>New York City's workers, including carriage drivers, are God's creatures as well. As horses deserve dignity in their work, so do their drivers. Misrepresentations and myths propagated by carriage-ban promoters are deeply disrespectful of the care provided by the vast majority of drivers, stable workers and blacksmiths whose work has been carefully overseen by veterinarians, the ASPCA and the city. Many of New York City's horse carriage drivers are experienced equestrians from their home countries, or are second-generation carriage drivers. They have followed a calling to work with animals, and they have been denied basic respect by those seeking to ban their carriages. These drivers must be permitted to continue their good work and carry on the tradition of caring and respecting the horses that help provide them a fair living. We also call upon all New Yorkers to take responsibility for the welfare of others , including animals. New Yorkers must remember that there is dignity in labor, and that work in and of itself does not equate with abuse. Any decision that would remove workers from their chosen field should be based on facts and not on distortions. New York City's horse carriage industry can and should continue its high standards, as it has done for more than a century. As with any trade, it should provide all its workers , human and animal , with the highest levels of safety, care and dignity. We value truth, respect and a society that protects all of God's creatures. We expect our community and elected leaders to act in accordance with these same basic values. Jordan, the chaplain for the city's building trades unions, assisted carriage drivers and other workers on a labor organizing drive in 2009-10. Tannenbaum is rabbi of B'nai Israel Synagogue in Borough Park, Brooklyn, and the director of the Rabbinical Alliance of America. Kashmir is president of the Muslim Student Association at St. Francis College. Author: Father Brian Jordan, Rabbi Gershon Tannenbaum, Maryam Kashmir</p>
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1/8/2014 14:14	Don Olsen	To the Salt Lake City Council: My name is Don Olsen. I am a resident of Springville, Utah. My family and I visit downtown Salt Lake City on a monthly basis and spend several thousand dollars a year shopping, dining, and staying in the city. We have a tradition in our family of utilizing the horse drawn carriages at different locations throughout the city. We've utilized them at restaurants, hotels, theaters and at Temple Square. For our children, the carriage ride is typically the highlight of our evening in Salt Lake. In understand the Council may be considering restrictions on the horse drawn carriages. I would encourage you not to impose these. My observation has been that the carriages are operated humanely and professionally. Restricting this attraction would affect our decision about where and how we spend our entertainment dollars.
1/8/2014 14:28	Lydia Tredesson	Frankly I don't even feel like these regulations proposed are still not good enough. Stronger and better regulations should be put into place, I feel that this is cruel and unusual and do not feel that it reflects the city well to be cruel to animals in such a historic place
1/8/2014 14:29	Boyd Tuttle	I would be strongly oppose taking horses off city streets, they are charming and a lovely feature of our downtown, including variety transportation for locals and tourists, having lived in new York I have seen my share of Amish work horses, this work is nothing compared to pulling a plow and digging fields every day, I can tell you owing a horse they love to work and it is clear from their behavior. For someone to come in and say they know better and dictate to eliminate an amazing feature of our city is extremely short sided and ill informed and should take the time to learn how these horses work and live in the stable to their handlers and everyday life. Would like a call back
1/9/2014 11:20	Lenore Lewis	D-7 Constituent named Lenore Lewis. She is calling to let the Council know she supports having/keeping horse-drawn carriages in business. While also on that note she does believe we need strict regulations, she also knows that horses are animals that need to work and thrive off of work (having grown up on a farm). She doesn't want to see the alternative that would happen if the carriage business was shut down, which the horses would be sent to slaughter houses. She doesn't want to see those beautiful horses walking around Salt Lake be sent to a slaughter house

1/14/2014 15:55	Jana Harker	<p>PLEASE do the right thing, get the carriages horses off the streets. Every year, the list of accidents involving horse-drawn carriages grows, and horses continue to endure pain and suffering because of this outdated practice. The only way to end this cruelty is to ban it permanently and give these horses the freedom that they deserve. Forcing horses to pull oversized loads isn't romantic, it's cruel. Horses are forced to toil in all weather extremes, dodge traffic, and pound the pavement all day long. These gentle animals suffer from respiratory ailments because they breathe in exhaust fumes, and they develop debilitating leg problems from walking on hard surfaces. In some cases, horses have even dropped dead from heatstroke after working in scorching summer heat and humidity. Horses are extremely sensitive to loud noises and unexpected sounds, and busy city streets have plenty of both. Horses and people have been seriously hurt, with some injuries resulting in fatalities, when horses have become spooked and run amok. There have also been countless incidents in which carriages have been hit by impatient or careless drivers. Accidents have occurred in nearly every city where carriage rides are allowed. There is no way that cities, with their exhaust fumes, hard road surfaces, and busy traffic patterns can provide a humane environment for a carriage horse. Horses are afforded no federal protection under the Animal Welfare Act, so the responsibility of looking out for horses' welfare falls to local animal control officials. But anti-cruelty laws provide few safeguards to horses, and many humane authorities just don't have the resources or the time to monitor horse-drawn carriages in order to ensure that horses are not being overworked and that operators are following regulations. PLEASE BAN carriages horses.</p>
1/14/2014 15:55	Nancy Parker	<p>Once again, I am dismayed at the lack of concern from the general public about an important issue. The voices you are hearing the loudest are the extreme animal activists. This is not how the general population feels. Horse drawn carriages are an addition to the downtown experience. I don't have any doubt that the owners of the carriages and the horses do all that they can to ensure the safety of their customers and their horses. They have a real financial incentive to maintain and keep safety a top priority. If they lose a horse, it is a financial liability and it is probably difficult enough to stay in business as it is. Please do not give in to the extremist view. Thank you.</p>

1/17/2014 11:16	Janet A. Wagner	I witnessed jerry the Horse after he collapsed. He was unable to stand to move as the Carriage for Hire representatives, maybe owners, relentlessly attempted to make him stand. Jerry was obviously in distress on this extremely hot, humid summer day. He was not being cooled down or was any immediate medical assistance offered. This Business appears to have total disregard for their animals
1/17/2014 11:23	Elisa Stone	<p>“There is no way that cities with their exhaust fumes, hard road surfaces, and busy traffic patterns can provide a humane (as opposed to merely survivable) environment for a carriage horse.”</p> <p>Dr. Holly Cheever, DVM, Chairperson of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rather than taking tentative, steps to regulate the horse-drawn carriage industry in SLC, we need to follow New York City's bold example and BAN it altogether.!!</p>
1/17/2014 11:28	Alejandra Campos Yapura	<p>I strongly believe in the ban or the imposing of regulations governing horse-drawn carriages. This is a business that doesn't seem to care for their animals and that exploits them because of greed. The owners of the company lied about the horse Jerry that died last year. If he had gotten proper care and rest, that casualty could have been prevented. There have also been eight accidents involving the horses. It is a hazard. As I understand, they (the company) can only have up to three accidents per year without having its business license taken away. What happened here? They have more than twice the allowed number and no regulations have put in place, not the company sanctioned. We are not in a third-world country to have the greedy “need! for horses to work in deplorable conditions in an environment which they do not belong.</p>
1/17/2014 11:38	Larayn Clegg	I support a total ban on our horse& carriage industry. The horses have no voice and no choice. Please do what is best and ban this cruel industry.!
1/17/2014 11:46	Lauren Lockey	<p>If a ban on horse carriages is not possible then I please please urge you all to support Charlie Luke's proposal of regulations. This, overall, provides more safety and respect for the animals and people. Our state lead in Gay Marriage. Let's be a leader in this issue as well. Please consider this!</p> <p>Thank you</p>

1/17/2014 11:56	Susan Pett	This is my City and has been for 68 years. I want my City to be known/appreciated for more than Mormons and money. I want my City to become known for its embrace of different cultures and different ideas. I want my City to be known for carefulness, thoughtfulness, and kindness to all of its inhabitants and visitors. That includes its animals. The horse carriage industry in my opinion should be banned outright. The horses have no choice about their conditions and treatment, but we do. Let's be known for our humanity. If visitors want a wagon ride through the city, let human volunteers in pioneer costume pull the carts to see how it feels. New York- who had some of the more protective ordinances has now reportedly banned the practice altogether. Let's join them in the 21st century and protect those among us- human and non human- who are the most vulnerable. Let's stop torturing and killing horses!!
1/17/2014 12:12	Katie Hanson	I am here in support of banning horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City. Let's be a thoughtfully progressive city that doesn't condone terrible conditions and treatment of innocent animals.!
1/17/2014 12:16	Matt Killebrew	I am here in support of a BAN. Larger municipalities are taking a long hard look at this practice and concluding its cruel. Salt Lake is a better City than this cruel and pointless practice portrays us to be. Please recognize this and call it quits. Thank you.
1/17/2014 13:50	Lynn Marlow	I am opposed to horse-drawn carriages. And I am particularly disturbed by the most recent events involving the horse Jerry
1/17/2014 14:00	Mckenzi A Hilton	Regulations must be made/upheld to ensure the ethical treatment of these animals to include: - Regular vet visits "Restrictions on work hours (N/A 4-6pm M-f)-Monitoring of ..-Restrictions on temp. (45 degrees-75 degrees F only)- Restrictions on areas they travel-Penalties on companies who do not abide
1/17/2014 14:02	Mariana Halliday	Horse-Drawn carriages are cruel for the horses who suffer for long hours in extreme temperatures and also dangerous for people who are around them

1/17/2014 14:05	Jordan Kasteler	I do support the ordinances to make better conditions for the horses because the current temperature and condition ordinances are absurd. However, no ordinances can make SLC safe or give these horses the freedom they're entitled to. A ban is necessary. What's the point of making new ordinances when the current ones aren't enforced now? With lying to the public, falsified documents, failure to report citations, etc it seems Carriage For Hire is above the law. No business should get away with what they have.
1/17/2014 14:27	Hilary Jacobs	Using carriage horses is an out moded form of transportation. While I may seem quaint!, this does not justify the continued use of horses in conditions adverse to their well-being. Wood stoves are "quaint! as are typewriters (!) but are not used today- unless absolutely necessary- because they don't "w/ asphalt surfaces, automobiles, other load and exhaust emitting vehicles. It is cruel to have them exploited in simmering summer heat a or freezing icy winter conditions. Lets follow the appropriate example of NY City's Mayor DeBlasio and ban this cruelty from our SLC Streets. After the demise of Jerry it is clear these horses' best ..are not considered by their owners! These horses deserve better-as does the reputation of SLC
1/17/2014 14:31	Cara Rose Partington	My biggest qualm with Carriage For Hire and the horse-drawn carriage business in Salt Lake City is the fact that they've been deceptive and dishonest from the start of the investigation of Jerry's death. I fully support a complete ban on horse-drawn carriages in Salt Lake City

Horse-drawn carriage regulations

What do you think of proposed ordinance revisions that pertain to horse-drawn Carriage Regulations?

I support the the proposed changes to the regulations. I especially want to see numbers 4-8 implemented. However, I have two suggestions. With number 5, also add a maximum age limit for horses based on veterinary recommendation. Also, number 10, eliminating references to specific carriage businesses, this is unclear as to what this means or how it will work. I hope at the meeting in January this can please be better explained. Thank you!

December 4, 2013, 12:17 PM

Happy to see the city is taking the issue seriously and will hopefully get some nicer working conditions for the animals.
