

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:1-2 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

On September 5, 2012, Senate Bill 310 of the 129th General Assembly became effective. Senate Bill 310 was more commonly referred to as the Dangerous Wild Animal and Restricted Snake Act which regulated the possession of dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes in the state of Ohio. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 935.04, “a person that possesses a dangerous wild animal on [September 5, 2012] shall *register* the animal with the director of agriculture in accordance with this section not later than sixty days after [September 5, 2012].” Further, Ohio Revised Code 935.17(A) stated that the Director of Agriculture was to adopt rules no later than ninety days after September 5, 2012, which established standards for the care and housing of registered dangerous wild animals. These standards were established in Chapter 901:1-2 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Any person that possessed a registered dangerous wild animal on October 1, 2013, and that wished maintain possession of the animal after January 1, 2014, was required to obtain either a wildlife shelter or propagation permit by that date. At that time, all dangerous wild animals properly permitted were subject to the standards adopted in Chapter 901:1-4 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Therefore, due to the conversion from registered animals to permitted animals the rules regulating registered animals are no longer necessary. **Therefore, the rules of Chapter 901:1-2 of the Ohio Administrative Code are proposed to be rescinded.**

Please note that the standards for *permitted* animals were adopted in Chapter 901:1-4 of the Ohio Administrative Code. **The standards found in OAC Chapter 901:1-4 are not impacted by this rule package and remain effective.**

The hearing will be held on:

December 8, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar “B”)
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine



witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

