

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND BOARD MEETING**

The New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (“NMBVM”) will hold a public rule hearing beginning on September 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., to consider any public comment and adoption of the proposed rules listed below.

Public participation is welcomed, and comments may be submitted in writing during the public comment period, or in person during the public rule hearing. The hearing and subsequent meeting will take place at the Regulation and Licensing Department, 5500 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

The hearing and subsequent meeting may also be accessed virtually via Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643031507?pwd=78acOKCamWm1HtrTaxhRzdJrCuzTGS.1>

Meeting ID: 826 4303 1507

Passcode: 768379

or

Join by Phone: +1 346 248 7799 US

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained through the board website or contacting the Board Office through the information below:

[www.bvm.nm.gov](http://www.bvm.nm.gov)

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Written comment will be accepted during the public comment period, up until September 11, 2024, and may be submitted either by email or by postal mail to the following addresses:

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Written comments received during the public comment period prior to the public rule hearing will be posted to the board website page linked above. Public comment will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be submitted in writing or presented orally by those attending both in-person and virtually. The board will not enter into substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider and deliberate any public comment during the board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the board meeting, which will begin immediately after the public rule hearing, will be available no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and available on the Board website linked above or by contacting the Board Chair.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact the Board Chair.

**Statutory Authority:**

NMSA 1978, Section 61-14-7.1 directs the Animal Sheltering Committee of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine to develop criteria for individuals, nonprofit organizations, animal shelters and euthanasia agencies to receive monetary assistance for dog and cat spaying and neutering from the Animal Care and Facility Fund; and recommend to the Board the disbursements of money from the Animal Care and Facility Fund to eligible individuals, nonprofit organizations, animal shelters and euthanasia agencies.

**Purpose of Proposed Rules:**

The purpose of the proposed rules is to establish criteria and procedures for the disbursement of funds from the Animal Care and Facility Fund to eligible recipients for providing spay and neuter services to dogs and cats.

**Summary of Proposed Rule:**

The proposed rule determines the eligibility of all organizations and individuals seeking disbursements from the Animal Care and Facility Fund, outlines the obligations of successful applicants, describes the qualifications for individuals seeking disbursements from the Fund, details possible loss of eligibility for applicants, and provides the procedure for Board approval of disbursements from the Fund.