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From: Comments, BCC Agenda
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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject:

Live Form

Topic Pet Grooming vote to essential
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I am a Dog groomer in Oldsmar at a small business. I am opposed to grooming becoming an essential service. We do provide an important service, but pet owners are more than capable of bathing and brushing their pets. Our weekly, biweekly and monthly clients who get groomed regularly will be just fine going a few extra weeks without grooming. Its the clients who don't maintain their dog's coats on a regular basis that will get the short haircuts when we do return. If we were to reopen we will have up to 20 clients a day coming out into public to bring their pets to our shop. Some of which will only need a tidy up. At the same time placing themselves and us at risk. There is a concern for financial hardship but there are government programs in place to help. I believe it doesn't outweigh the pandemic we are all facing. We think a May 1st soft opening would be a better choice for our families as well as our community. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Topic Dog Grooming

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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

As a local Dog Groomer I do Not feel Dog Grooming should be considered ESSENTIAL. If nails are too long or they have a hot spot or anal glands needing to be done....A Veterinarian can do those those things. Opening up the numerous Grooming Shops just opens up opportunities for people to be out exposing/or being exposed to the Virus. We ALL need to sit tight and wait it out!!!

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
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Live Form

Topic Pet grooming change to essential service
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I own a pet grooming business in Oldsmar. I am not in favor of pet grooming salons being allowed to re-open and to be classified as an essential service. Yes, we can have pets dropped off and picked up without contact with the owner. Yes, we can follow CDC guidelines for disinfection and distance. Yes, dogs do need regular grooming. And yes, closure causes temporary financial hardships (for which the government has initiated aid programs). Many of our customers realized that we may have to close and brought their dogs in for grooming in March. I assure you, regularly groomed dogs will not suffer because groomers close shop for a month. The dogs that suffer from lack of grooming haven't been groomed in months and are not likely to be getting groomed anytime soon because the owners are unaware of their dog's condition or don't care. Pet groomers do provide a very necessary and "essential" service, but no harm will come from pet owners bathing their own dogs. Myself and my groomers look forward to getting back to work, and we'll get these pets groomed then. Yes, some dogs may have to get short haircuts, but no harm will come to them from that. They can wait for now. By being open, we invite at least 18 to 20 people per day, plus ourselves, to leave the safety of their homes. Please don't invite more people out of their homes when we all need to be keeping each other and our families safe. Thank for your time and consideration.

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Subject: FW: [BULK] Dog grooming

Importance: Low

From: jennifer323@outlook.com [mailto:jennifer323@outlook.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:12 PM

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Subject: [BULK] Dog grooming

Importance: Low

Regarding the opening of dog grooming I can not in good conscious say the industry falls essential. Yes there maybe certain instances that grooming would fall into essential however, this would be up to a veterinarian to decide. If a person allowed their pet to fall into such circumstances that person should not own a pet requiring regular grooming.

The only valid argument I have in favor of dog grooming is the financial aspect. Many small businesses are in jeopardy of not surviving the covid-19.

However, with that being said is financial hardship a reason to put more people at risk of being exposed to covid-19? It seems the curve is starting to flatten because we are social distancing. I honestly believe that with adding pet grooming to essential services would encourage hundreds of people to be out and about, hundreds more people moving about and possibly increasing the spread of the virus.

Even if you decide to add pet grooming to essential with restrictions, such as one groomer per shop, one client at a time. I personally believe this will do more harm to ones business than just staying closed til May 1 when the current 'stay-at-home' order is due to expire. I believe this because who is going to decide which 1 groomer is going to work. This alone will cause tension within the business. Who decides which pet is VIP? The client will always believe it is them and when turned down for an appointment will become angry. Maybe alternating groomers, once again from what I have read the virus has the ability to outlive a 24 hour period depending on the surface. Also, the economy is hurting and many do not have money for groceries let alone having their pet groomed. In turn, I am sure there will be plenty of 'i will pay you when I have the money' which would defeat the purpose of financial help to a salon.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Snyder

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Subject: FW: Please keep dog grooming non essential

From: Misty Hypes [mailto:oxelismommixo@gmail.com]

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Subject: Please keep dog grooming non essential

Hello, and hope you are well.

I would like to start by saying that I am a dog groomer out of Palm Harbor, and as much as I love my job and could really benefit from a paycheck I must say that the realities of dog grooming make it impossible to keep the CDC-recommended six feet of distance away from other people. Many times throughout the day it takes two employees standing face to face to hoist a large dog onto a grooming table or into the tub that sits 3-4 feet off the ground and to give support to make sure it didn't squirm while getting its hair cut or nails clipped. In order to even assess the dogs skin and coat prior to grooming we have to gather "grooming notes" and to do so we come into contact with the dog's owners, just like when you get your hair cut, you tell your stylist how and what you want. On a whole other note we aren't even so sure that the virus can't live on the pets coat, all we would have to do is essentially touch a dog from an infected household and possibly be putting ourselves and our families at risk. Any veterinarian is capable and willing to clip nails, or express anal glands. They are also able to shave coats if necessary due to matting, or hotspots, there is no reason dog groomers should be considered any different from hair stylists. I work in a small shop, we are not offered masks or gloves, and our salon isn't even big enough for the 4 of us to be at a safe distance from one another. Please help keep our families safe too.

Thank you