

TO: Lincoln Lancaster County Board of Health

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RE: A new policy (300.67) addressing bat infestations in the City of Lincoln

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Animal Control Division is proposing a new policy that will address bat infestations in Lincoln. The policy would establish procedure for when the Health Department would consider a property to have a bat infestation.

The two criteria are:

1. Animal Control has had more than 3 calls to the same property in a calendar year.

or;

2. Animal Control has removed 5 or more bats on a single call from a single address.

Animal Control will contact the property owners by letter regarding any bat infestations and recommend they contact a wildlife removal specialist to remove the bats. The intent is to reduce or eliminate any public health risk from human or pet contact and any potential for rabies exposure.

Staff recommend approval of the new bat infestation policy (300.67).