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Introduced by MIKE LOWRY
Proposed No. 78-1076

ORDINANCE NO. 3980

AN ORDINANCE relating to Animal Control;
amending Ordinance 1396, Article II,
Section 1 and K.C.C. 11.04.030, Ordinance
1396, Article III, Section 11 and
K.C.C. 11.04.270.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1 and
K.C.C. 11.04.030 are hereby amended as follows:

Dog and cat licenses required. (a) LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All dogs and cats harbored, kept or maintained in King County
over four months of age shall be licensed and registered annually;
provided, however, that dogs kept in kennels need not be licensed
as provided in Section 11.04.040.

(b) FEES. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the
animal control authority upon application and payment of an
annual license fee made payable to the county treasurer in the
sum of ((eight)) fifteen dollars for dogs; provided, that when
proof is submitted that such dog has been neutered or spayed, the
fee shall be ((four)) six dollars, and ((four)) eight dollars
for cats; provided, that when proof is submitted that such cat
has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be ((two)) four dollars.
The effective date for such license fees shall be ((January-17
1974)) April 1, 1979. King County residents sixty-five years
of age or older shall be entitled to purchase a special permanent
license for the lifetime of cats or dogs for which they are the
registered owners when said animals are maintained at said owner's
registered address. Eligible residents may purchase the special
permanent animal licenses at a cost of ((eight)) fifteen dollars
per licensed dog and ((four)) eight dollars per licensed cat,
and they shall not be required to annually purchase a new license

1 for the lifetime of such licensed animals; provided, that no
2 person shall be granted more than three permanent animal
3 licenses for any combination of three cats and dogs for which
4 they are the registered owner; provided, further, that the
5 animal control authority is authorized to enact the necessary
6 rules and procedures to efficiently implement the program. The
7 effective date for such licenses shall be on the first day of
8 May for 1977 only. The annual license fee shall become due and
9 payable on April 1st of each subsequent year. Applications for
10 a dog or cat license shall be on forms provided by the animal
11 control authority. No proration of a license fee for a portion
12 of the calendar year shall be made. All license tags issued
13 herein shall be securely affixed to a substantial collar, harness
14 or other means which shall be worn by the dog at all times. As
15 an alternative to a license tag, an animal may be identified as
16 licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on its inside
17 right thigh or groin with a license number approved or issued
18 by the animal control authority.

19 (c) PENALTY. In addition to paying the appropriate
20 license fee, a late penalty in the sum of ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five
21 dollars shall be charged on all applications received after
22 April 30th ~~((and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be~~
23 ~~charged on all applications received after June 30th))~~ of each
24 year ~~((it shall be a rebuttable presumption that an animal~~
25 ~~has not been licensed unless a proof of purchase, within the~~
26 ~~preceding thirty days, is presented to the licensing officer or~~
27 ~~agent, the animal's owner has moved into the county within the~~
28 ~~preceding thirty days, the animal has been under the age which~~
29 ~~requires a license, or other proof deemed acceptable in the~~
30 ~~department's rules and regulations))~~ ; provided, however, that no
31 late penalty shall be charged if:
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1 (1) The owner submits proof of purchase of the
2 animal within the preceding thirty days; or

3 (2) The owner has moved into the County within the
4 preceding thirty days; or

5 (3) The animal had been under the age which requires
6 a license (four months); or

7 (4) The owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily,
8 prior to in-person or field contact by Animal Control
9 personnel; or,

10 (5) The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable
11 in the department's rules and regulations.

12 (d) FEES COLLECTED. All fees and fines collected
13 under this chapter shall be deposited in the county current
14 expense fund.

15 (e) CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this ordinance
16 for any person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are
17 insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment
18 of fees contained in this Chapter.

19 ~~((e))~~ (f) NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section
20 shall not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a veterinarian
21 or animal shelter or whose owners are nonresidents temporarily
22 within the county for a period not exceeding thirty days. The
23 fees contained herein shall become effective beginning with the
24 ~~((1975))~~ 1979 license year ~~((7-except-for-these-relating-to~~
25 ~~persons-age-sixty-five-and-over,-which-shall-become-effective~~
26 ~~with-the-1977-license-year))~~.

27 SECTION 2. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 11
28 and K.C.C. 11.04.270 are hereby amended as follows:

29 Redemption procedures. Any animal impounded pursuant
30 to the provisions of Section 11.04.210 may be redeemed upon
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(d) No person shall deny, prevent, obstruct or attempt to deny, prevent or obstruct an officer from pursuing any animal observed to be in violation of this chapter. Further, no person shall fail or neglect, after a proper warrant has been presented, to promptly permit the director or the authorized animal control officer to enter private property to perform any duty imposed by this chapter. Any person violating this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day of November, 1978.

PASSED this 11th day of December, 1978.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Burnes Stern
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessie M. Brown
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 19th day of December, 1978.

[Signature]
King County Executive

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