Introduced by: Scott Blair

No.: 81-735

 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_5805

AN ORDINANCE relating to Animal Control; amending Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section I and K.C.C. 11.04.030; Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 4 and K.C.C. 11.04.200; Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5 and K.C.C. 11.04.210; and 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 to read 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; provided further, that this section shall not apply to dogs used by the Department of Public Safety for police work.

(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-fifteen-dollars-for-dogs;-provided,-that-when-proof-is-submitted-that-such-dog-has-been-neutered-or-spayed,-the-fee-shall-be-six-dollars,-and-eight-dollars-for-eats;-provided,-that-when-proof-is-submitted-that-such-eat-has-been-neutered-or-spayed,-the-fee-shall-be-four-dollars,--The-effective-date-for-such-license-fees-shall-be-April-1,-1979,))

comptroller according to the following schedule:

For the license year beginning April 1, 1982, the sum of eighteen dollars for dogs and ten dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be eight dollars for dogs and five dollars for cats;

For the license year beginning April 1, 1983, the sum of nineteen dollars for dogs and eleven dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been

neutered or spayed, the fee shall be nine dollars for dogs and six dollars for cats;

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For the license year beginning April 1, 1984, the sum of twenty dollars for dogs and twelve dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be ten dollars for dogs and seven dollars for cats.

King County residents sixty-five years of age or older shall be entitled to purchase a special permanent license for the life-time 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-eest-ef-fifteen-dellars-per-licensed-deg-and-eight-dellars-per-licensed-eat;-and-they)) according to the following fee schedule:

For the license year beginning April 1, 1982, the sum of eighteen dollars per licensed dog and ten dollars per licensed cat;

For the license year beginning April 1, 1983, the sum of nineteen dollars per licensed dog and eleven dollars per licensed cat;

For the license year beginning April 1, 1984, the sum of twenty dollars per licensed dog and twelve dollars per licensed cat;

Such residents shall not be required to annually purchase a new license for the lifetime of such licensed animals; provided, that no person shall be granted more than three permanent animal licenses for any combination of three cats and dogs for which they are the registered owner; provided further, that the animal control authority is authorized to enact the necessary rules and procedures to efficiently implement the program. The effective date for such licenses shall be on the first day of May for 1977 only. The annual license fee shall become due and payable on April 1st of each subsequent year. Applications for a dog or cat

license shall be on forms provided by the animal control authority. No proration of a license fee for a portion of the calendar year shall be made. All license tags issued herein shall be securely affixed to a substantial collar, harness or other means which shall be worn by the dog at all times. As an alternative to a license tag, an animal may be identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on its inside right thigh or groin with a license number approved or issued by the animal control authority.

- (c) PENALTY. In addition to paying the appropriate license fee, a late penalty in the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be charged on all applications received after April 30th of each year; provided, however, that no late penalty shall be charged if:
- (1) The owner submits proof of purchase of the animal within the preceding thirty days; or
- (2) The owner has moved into the county within the preceding thirty days; or
- (3) The animal had been under age which requires a license (four months); or
- (4) The owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily, prior to in person or field contact by animal control personnel; or
- (5) The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable in the department's rules and regulations.
- (d) FEES COLLECTED. All fees and fines collected under this chapter shall be deposited in the county current expense fund.
- (e) CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment of fees contained in this chapter.
- (f) NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a veterinarian or animal shelter or whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the county for a period not exceeding thirty days. The fees

contained herein shall become effective beginning with the 1979 license year.

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SECTION 3. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5 and K.C.C. 11.04.210 are hereby amended as follows:

(a) The director of the animal control authority Impounding. and his authorized representatives may apprehend any animals found doing any of the acts defined as a public nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as defined by law. After such animals were apprehended, the animal control authority shall ascertain whether they are licensed, or otherwise identifiable and if reasonably possible, return the animal to the owner together. with a notice of violation of this chapter, and if it is not reasonably possible to immediately return the animal to its owner, the animal control authority shall notify the owner within a reasonable time by certified mail or telephone that the animal has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be held for the owner at least seventy-two hours, after his receipt of notification by certified mail or by telephone from the impounding agency; provided that any animal sold to a research institute pursuant to this chapter shall be held for an additional one hundred twenty hours over and above the required seventy-two hours specified; provided further, that any animal sold to a licensed dealer, pursuant to this chapter, may be released to the licensed dealer following custody of the animal by the Animal Control Division for a period of seventy-two hours; provided further, that it is the responsibility of the Animal Control Division to monitor and insure that the licensed dealer will hold the animal for an additional one hundred twenty hours prior to the sale of the animal to a research institute; provided further, that any owner may redeem an animal in the custody of a licensed dealer by complying with the fees and redemption procedure of the Animal Control Division, the Animal Control Division shall return all fees paid by the licensed dealer, and

the sale of the animal shall be declared null and void; provided further, that the advisory board may make recommendations to the Animal Control Division which shall be administrative rule, set the sales price of animals to be sold to licensed dealers and research institutes; provided further, that the Animal Control Division shall, by administrative rule, through required contract provisions, insure that licensed dealers do not sell county purchased animals to research institutes at a rate in excess of that paid by research institutes purchasing animals directly from the Animal Control Division. Any animal suffering from serious injury or disease may be humanely destroyed, or, in the discretion of the impounding authority, may be held for a longer period and redeemed by any person on payment of charges not exceeding those prescribed herein.

- (b) Any animal not redeemed shall be treated in one of the following ways:
  - (1) Humanely destroyed by euthanasia.
- (2) Sold to a dealer licensed pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., as now or hereafter amended; provided, however, that said dealer shall comply with the following requirements:
- (A) He shall sell animals purchased from the county only to research laboratories located in the state of Washington licensed pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., accredited under the American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, or to state or federal research laboratories exempted from the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.
- (B) All animals purchased from the county by said dealer shall be identified by breed, color, age, and any other information deemed necessary for a reliable identification of the animal.
- (C) He shall provide evidence to the county that each animal purchased from the county was sold to a research laboratory fully licensed, accredited or exempted in the manner described in

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subsection B(1) of this section.

(D) He shall be a resident of the state of Washington for a period of one year prior to his purchase of animals from the county.

- (E) No animal bearing a tattoo identification, affixed in a manner as prescribed in Section 11.04.030(b), shall be sold to a licensed dealer or research medical institute, without the written permission of the registered owner.
- (3) Sold to a research laboratory licensed pursuant to 7
  U.S.C. 2131 et seq., accredited under the American Association for
  Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, or exempted from the
  provisions of 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., provided, however, that said
  research laboratory shall comply with the following requirements:
- (A) All animals purchased from the county by said research laboratory shall be identified by breed, color, age, and any other information deemed necessary for a reliable identification of the animal.
- (B) Provide evidence to the county as to each animal's disposition or use by the research laboratory.
- (C) Shall be available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by the King County Animal Control Division. Such inspections shall be performed in the same manner as inspections performed under Sections 11.04.100, 11.04.110, and 11.04.240.
- (D) Shall be physically located within the state of Washington.
- (E) No animal bearing a tattoo identification, affixed in a manner as prescribed in Section 11.04.030(b), shall be sold to a licensed dealer or research medical institute, as defined in this chapter, without the written permission of the registered owner.
- (4) Made available for adoption. The owner of any animal impounded pursuant to the provisions contained in this chapter may recover said animal or animals when all billable costs, redemption fees, penalties, and boarding costs incurred in such impoundment

are made payable to the county comptroller, which may be accepted by the animal control authority acting as agent for the county.

- (c) There is created an advisory board for the sale of animals by the county to licensed research institutes and dealers. consisting of five members to be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council, one of whom shall be a licensed veterinarian. No member of the board shall be employed by King County. Members of the advisory board shall serve for two years without compensation. The board shall meet at least once every three months to examine inspection reports under subsection B(3)(c) of this section, and make recommendations as to the qualifications of dealers and research laboratories under subsections B(2) and B(3) of this section; provided, under the provision of the Animal Welfare Act, as amended, or as part of negotiated contract provision compliance, the advisory board shall be empowered to conduct such inspections of facilities receiving animals under this section, as are necessary to insure that animals are treated humanely. The commission shall have the authority to prohibit the sale of any animal to any dealer or research center when it has found that any such dealer or research center is not treating the animals purchased from the Animal Control Division humanely.
- (d) A copy of all reports and records required to be filed by dealers or research laboratories pursuant to any state or federal law shall be filed with the director of animal control and all such records shall be public record and available for inspection at any reasonable time during normal county working hours.

All records required to be filed pursuant to this chapter shall also be public record and shall be available for inspection by any interested person at any reasonable time during normal county working hours.

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