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AN ORDINANCE relating to animal/pet license fees; amending Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1, 2, 4, and 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.030, K.C.C. 11.04.040, K.C.C. 11.04.060, K.C.C. 11.04.120; amending Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.035; amending Ordinance 1396, Article III, Sections 4, 5, and 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.200, K.C.C. 11.04.210, and K.C.C. 11.04.280; amending Ordinance 3548, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.08.060; amending Ordinance 2473, Section 4, and K.C.C. 11.28.040; and amending Ordinance 3232, Section 7, and K.C.C. 11.32.070.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

~~((Dog and cat))~~ Pet licenses required. A. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. All weaned dogs and cats harbored, kept or maintained in King County ~~((over six 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. LICENSE ISSUANCE. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the animal control section upon application and payment of an annual license fee made payable to the department of finance according to the schedule provided in Section 11.04.035 of this chapter:

1. Pet ~~((B))~~ licenses will be valid for a term of one year from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. there is no proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses will retain the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on, or after their respective renewal month;

1 2. King County residents sixty-five years of age or older
2 may purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of
3 cats or dogs which are neutered or spayed and for which they
4 are the registered owners when said animals are maintained at
5 said owner's registered address. Such residents shall not be
6 required to annually purchase a new license for the lifetime or
7 such ~~((licensed))~~ animals; provided, that no person shall be
8 issued more than three (3) special permanent animal licenses
9 for any combination of three (3) cats and dogs for which they
10 are the registered owner;

11 3. Applications for dog or cat licenses shall be on forms
12 provided by the animal control section;

13 4. ~~((All-1))~~ License tags ~~((issued herein shall be~~
14 ~~securely affixed to a substantial collar, harness or other~~
15 ~~means and))~~ shall be worn by dogs at all times. As an
16 alternative to a license tag, ~~((an animal))~~ a dog or a cat may
17 be identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or
18 on its inside right thigh or groin with a license number
19 approved or issued by the animal control section.

20 5. Owners of dogs and/or cats which hold valid licenses
21 from other jurisdictions and who move into King County may
22 transfer the license by paying a transfer fee. Such license
23 shall maintain the original expiration date.

24 C. PENALTY. 1. A late penalty shall be charged on all
25 pet ~~((dog and cat))~~ license applications, according to the
26 schedule provided in Section 11.04.035 of this chapter:

1 2. No late penalty shall be charged on new license
2 applications if:

3 a. The owner submits proof of purchase or acquisition
4 of the animal within the preceding thirty (30) days; or

5 b. The owner has moved into the county within the
6 preceding thirty (30) days; or

7 c. The animal is currently or has been within the
8 preceding thirty (30) days, under the age which requires a
9 license; or

10 d. The owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily,
11 prior to in person or field contact by animal control
12 personnel; or

13 e. The owner submits other proof deemed
14 acceptable in the section's administrative rules and
15 regulations.

16 D. FEES COLLECTED. All fees and fines collected under
17 this chapter shall be deposited in the county current expense
18 fund.

19 E. CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this chapter for
20 any person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are
21 insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment
22 of fees contained in this chapter. Any license(s) or penalties
23 paid for with such checks are, in the case of the license,
24 invalid; and in the case of the penalty, still outstanding.
25 Costs incurred by the county in collecting checks of this
26 nature shall be considered a cost of abatement and are personal
27 obligations of the animal owner under K.C.C. 11.04.300.

28 F. NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section
29 shall not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a
30 veterinarian or animal shelter or whose owners are

1 nonresidents temporarily within the county for a period not
 2 exceeding thirty days.

3 SECTION 2. Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended, and
 4 K.C.C. 11.04.035 are amended to read as follows:

5 ~~((Dog and cat 1))~~ License fees and penalties.

6 A. Fees. The following fees are applicable ~~((to the~~
 7 ~~registration and licensing of dogs and cats kept and maintained~~
 8 ~~in King County))~~ as provided in this chapter:

- 9 ~~((1. Dogs annual..... \$22.00~~
- 10 ~~2. Dogs annual with proof that animal has~~
- 11 ~~been neutered or spayed..... 10.00~~
- 12 ~~3. Cats annual..... 12.00~~
- 13 ~~4. Cats annual with proof that animal has~~
- 14 ~~been neutered or spayed..... 7.00~~
- 15 ~~5. Special permanent animal license senior citizens:~~
- 16 ~~a. Dogs with proof that animal has been~~
- 17 ~~neutered or spayed..... 20.00~~
- 18 ~~b. Cats with proof that animal has been~~
- 19 ~~neutered or spayed..... 12.00))~~
- 20 1. a. Pet license - unaltered (dog or cat)..\$30.00
- 21 b. Pet license - altered..... 10.00
- 22 2. a. Senior Citizen pet license - unaltered.15.00
- 23 b. Senior Citizen pet license - altered... 5.00
- 24 3. Replacement tag..... 3.00
- 25 4. Transfer fee..... 3.00
- 26 5. Animal Shelter..... 200.00
- 27 6. Kennel
- 28 a. Hobby..... 50.00
- 29 b. Commercial.....200.00
- 30 7. Pet shop.....200.00
- 31 8. Grooming Service
- 32 a. Operating Alone.....100.00

1	b. <u>When operated in conjunction with pet</u>	
2	shop or kennel	100.00
3	9. <u>Guard Dog registration</u>	100.00
4	10. <u>Exotic pet</u>	
5	a. <u>New</u>	500.00
6	b. <u>Renewals</u>	250.00
7	11. <u>Service animal</u>	no charge
8	12. <u>K-9 Police dog</u>	no charge
9	B. <u>((Penalties)) Late fees.</u> The following	
10	<u>((penalties)) late fees</u> are applicable in cases of late	
11	registration and licensing <u>((of dogs and cats kept and</u>	
12	<u>maintained in King County))</u> as provided in this chapter:	
13	<u>((1. New license applications</u>	\$50.00
14	2.) <u>License renewal applications:</u>	
15	<u>((a-) 1. Received after thirty days of license</u>	
16	expiration, but before sixty days	\$10.00
17	<u>((b-) 2. Received after sixty days of license</u>	
18	expiration, but before ninety days	20.00
19	<u>((c-) 3. Received after ninety days of license</u>	
20	expiration	40.00
21	C. <u>Penalties.</u> The following penalties shall be	
22	<u>assessed:</u>	
23	1. <u>New pet license</u>	\$25.00
24	2. <u>Dog leash law violations</u>	
25	a. <u>1st notice</u>	25.00
26	b. <u>Successive violations within one year</u>	50.00
27	3. <u>Civil Penalties</u>	max 1000.00
28	D. <u>Service Fees</u>	
29	1. <u>Adoptions - per animal</u>	\$7.50
30	2. <u>Spay/neuter deposit</u>	35.00
31	3. <u>Impound/Redemption</u>	
32	a. <u>Dogs, cats, other small animals</u>	
33	<u>First Offense</u>	30.00

1	Second Offense, within 1 year	60.00
2	Third Offense, within 1 year	90.00
3	b. Livestock	100.00
4	4. Kenneling - per 24 hours or portion thereof ...	7.00
5	5. Recovery of deceased domestic pets from doctors of	
6	veterinary medicine, per pet	7.00

7 SECTION 3. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 2, as
8 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.040 are amended to read as
9 follows:

10 Animal shelter, kennel and pet shop license - Required.
11 It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any animal
12 shelter, kennel or pet shop within King County without first
13 obtaining a valid and subsisting license therefor. ((A))
14 The fee, as provided in Section 11.04.035, ((of one hundred
15 fifty dollars for such license)) shall be assessed not upon
16 individual animals but upon the owner or keeper of an animal
17 shelter, kennel or pet shop. Each license and certificate
18 of inspection issued pursuant to this chapter shall be
19 conspicuously displayed at the establishment to which such
20 license was issued. The license shall be dated and numbered
21 and shall bear the name of King County, Washington, and the
22 name and address of the owner or keeper of the
23 establishment, and expiration date of the license. The
24 license shall run for a period of one year from the date of
25 purchase.

26 SECTION 4. Ordinance No. 1396, Article II, Section 4,
27 as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.060 are amended to read as
28 follows:

29 Hobby kennel license - Required. A. LICENSE REQUIRED.
30 It is unlawful for any person to keep and maintain any dog
31 or cat within the county for the purposes of a hobby kennel
32 without obtaining a valid and subsisting license therefor.
33 The fee for such license shall be assessed upon the owner or

1 keeper of such animals and shall be ((~~twenty dollars~~)) as
2 ~~provided in Section 11.04.035~~. In addition, each animal
3 shall be licensed individually under provisions of Section
4 11.04.030B.

5 B. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS ALLOWED.

6 The total number of dogs and cats over four months of age
7 kept by a hobby kennel shall not exceed the total number
8 authorized by the King County animal control section based
9 on the following guidelines:

- 10 1. Animal size;
- 11 2. Type and characteristics of the breed;
- 12 3. The amount of lot area; provided, that the maximum
13 number shall not exceed twenty-five where the lot area
14 contains five acres or more; the maximum number shall not
15 exceed ten where the lot area contains thirty-five thousand
16 square feet but less than five acres and the maximum number
17 shall not exceed five where the lot area is less than
18 thirty-five thousand square feet;
- 19 4. The facility specifications/dimensions in which
20 the dogs and cats are to be maintained;
- 21 5. The zoning classification in which the hobby
22 kennel would be maintained.

23 C. REQUIREMENTS.

- 24 1. All open run areas shall be completely surrounded
25 by a six-foot fence set back at least twenty feet from all
26 property lines. For purposes of this section "Open run
27 area" means that area, within the property lines of the
28 premises on which the hobby kennel is to be maintained,
29 where the dogs and cats are sheltered or maintained. If
30 there is no area set aside for sheltering or maintaining the
31 dogs and cats within the property lines of the premises the
32 twenty foot setback does not apply. The property lines of
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1 premises not containing an open run area must be completely
2 surrounded by a six-foot fence;

3 2. No commercial signs or other appearances
4 advertising the hobby kennel are permitted on the property
5 or in any publication, book or newspaper, except for the
6 sale of the allowable offspring set forth in this section;

7 3. The director may require setback, additional
8 setback, fencing, screening or soundproofing requirements as
9 he deems necessary to insure the compatibility of the hobby
10 kennel with the surrounding neighborhood. Factors to be
11 considered in determining such compatibility are:

12 a. Statements regarding approval/disapproval of
13 surrounding neighbors relative to maintenance of a hobby
14 kennel at the address applied for;

15 b. Past history of animal control complaints
16 relating to the dogs and cats of the applicant at the
17 address for which the hobby kennel is applied for;

18 c. Facility specifications/dimensions in which the
19 dogs and cats are to be maintained;

20 d. Animal size, type and characteristics of the
21 breed,

22 e. The zoning classification of the premises on
23 which the hobby kennel is maintained.

24 4. The hobby kennel shall limit dog and cat
25 reproduction to no more than twelve offspring per license
26 year;

27 5. Each dog and cat in the hobby kennel shall have
28 current and proper immunization from disease according to
29 the dog's and cat's species and age. For dogs such shall
30 consist of DHL inoculation for dogs over three months of
31 age and rabies inoculations for those over six months of
32 age.

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1 D. LICENSE ISSUANCE AND MAINTENANCE. Only when the
2 director is satisfied that the requirements of K.C.C.
3 11.04.060C.1. through 5. have been met, a hobby kennel
4 license may be issued. The license will continue in full
5 force throughout the license year unless, at anytime, the
6 hobby kennel is maintained in such a manner as to:

- 7 1. Exceed the number of dogs and cats allowed at the
8 hobby kennel by the animal control section; or,
- 9 2. Fail to comply with any of the requirements of
10 K.C.C. 11.04.060C.1. through 5.

11 SECTION 5. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 10, as
12 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.120 are amended to read as
13 follows:

14 Grooming parlors - License required. It is unlawful
15 for any person to keep or maintain any grooming parlor
16 without first obtaining a valid and subsisting license
17 therefor. A fee ~~((of one hundred dollars for such license))~~
18 shall be assessed as provided in Section 11.04.035.
19 ~~((However, if the grooming parlor is operated as a part of
20 the business of a kennel, or a pet shop, a fee of fifty
21 dollars shall be assessed. Such fee shall be in addition to
22 the fee established for a kennel, or pet shop license.))~~

23 SECTION 6. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 4, as
24 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.200 are amended to read as
25 follows:

26 Violations - Civil penalty. In addition to or as an
27 alternative to any other penalty provided in this chapter or
28 by law, any person whose animal is maintained in violation
29 of this chapter shall incur a civil penalty in an amount not
30 to exceed ~~((two hundred and fifty))~~ one thousand dollars per
31 violation to be directly assessed by the director plus
32 billable costs of the animal control authority. The
33 director, in a reasonable manner, may vary the amount of the

1 penalty assessed to consider the appropriateness of the
2 penalty to the nature and type of violation; the gravity of
3 the violation; the number of past and present violations
4 committed and the good faith of the violator in attempting
5 to achieve compliance with prescribed requirements or after
6 notification of a violation. All civil penalties assessed
7 will be enforced and collected in accordance with the
8 procedure specified in this chapter.

9 SECTION 7. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5, as
10 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.210 are amended to read as
11 follows:

12 Impounding. A. The director of the animal control
13 authority and his authorized representative may apprehend
14 any animals found doing any of the acts defined as a public
15 nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as
16 defined by law. After such animals are apprehended, the
17 animal control authority shall ascertain whether they are
18 licensed, or otherwise identifiable. If reasonably
19 possible, the animal control authority shall return the
20 animal to the owner together with a notice of violation of
21 this chapter. If it is not reasonably possible to
22 immediately return a currently licensed animal to its owner,
23 the animal control authority shall notify the owner within a
24 reasonable time by regular mail or telephone that the animal
25 has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any currently
26 licensed animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be
27 held for the owner at least one hundred and twenty hours,
28 after posting of the notification of impoundment by regular
29 mail or after telephone contact by the impounded agency; any
30 other animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be
31 held for its owner at least seventy two hours from the time
32 of impoundment. The county shall not sell any animal to
33 research institutes or licensed dealers for research

1 purposes. Any animal suffering from serious injury or
2 disease may be humanely destroyed, or, in the discretion of
3 the impounding authority, may be held for a longer period
4 and redeemed by any person on payment of charges not
5 exceeding those prescribed herein.

6 B. Any animal not redeemed shall be treated in one of
7 the following ways:

8 1. Made available for adoption at a fee (~~of five~~
9 ~~dollars per animal~~) as provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035.

10 a. Any person may adopt an animal impounded
11 pursuant to the provisions contained in this chapter when
12 all billable costs, redemption fees, penalties, and boarding
13 costs incurred in such impoundment are made payable to the
14 county finance director, which may be accepted by the animal
15 control authority acting as agent for the county.

16 b. There shall be a spay/neuter deposit (~~of~~
17 ~~\$25.00~~) as provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035 on all adopted
18 animals. All dogs and cats adopted from the King County
19 animal shelter shall be spayed or neutered within thirty
20 days from the date of adoption, or the age of six months for
21 females or nine months for males, whichever comes last.
22 This deposit will be returned to the adopting person upon
23 submission of proof that the sterilization was performed
24 within the applicable time period.

25 c. The director shall have the authority to set
26 administrative rules regarding the adoption of animals from
27 King County shelters.

28 2. Humanely destroyed by euthanasia.

29 C. The county shall not sell any animals for the
30 purposes of medical research to any research institute or
31 any other purchasers.

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1 SECTION 8. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 11, as
2 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.280 are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Redemption procedures. Any animal impounded pursuant
5 to the provisions of Section 11.04.210 may be redeemed upon
6 payment of the redemption fee as provided ((herein)) in
7 ~~Section 11.04.035. ((The redemption fee for dogs and cats~~
8 ~~shall be twenty five dollars for each such dog or cat on the~~
9 ~~first offense, forty dollars on the second offense within~~
10 ~~one year of the first offense, and fifty five dollars on the~~
11 ~~third offense, within one year of the first offense.))~~
12 Owners of impounded licensed dogs or cats shall not be
13 charged a redemption fee on the first offense but shall be
14 charged on the second offense at the second offense rate.
15 An additional kenneling fee ((~~of five dollars~~)) for each
16 twenty-four-hour period, or portion thereof, during which
17 such dog or cat is retained by the impounding agency shall
18 be made payable to the county ((~~comptroller~~)). The
19 redemption fee for livestock shall be as provided in Section
20 11.04.035 ((~~fifty dollars per animal impound incident~~)) plus
21 any hauling and boarding costs due. Livestock not redeemed
22 may be sold at public auction by the impounding agency. The
23 hauling and boarding costs for livestock impounded shall be
24 in accordance with the rate established by contract between
25 the county and the given stock yard used for holding such
26 animal.

27 SECTION 9. Ordinance 3548, Section 5, as amended, and
28 K.C.C. 11.08.060 are amended to read as follows:

29 Violations - Civil penalty. In addition to, or as an
30 alternate to, any other penalty provided in Title 11 of the
31 King County Code as amended, or by general law, any person
32 whose animal is maintained in violation of this chapter
33 shall incur a civil penalty plus billable costs of the

1 animal control authority. The penalty for (~~the first~~
2 ~~notice of~~) violation shall be (~~twenty five dollars, and~~
3 ~~fifty dollars for each successive violation in any one year~~
4 ~~period~~) as provided in Section 11.04.035; provided, that
5 for the first thirty days following the enactment of each
6 individual dog control zone, no penalty shall be assessed in
7 those cases where a licensed animal is maintained in
8 violation of this chapter and the animal control officer is
9 able to determine the owner and, if impounded, return such
10 animal to its owner directly from the site in which it was
11 impounded; provided further, that on the thirty-first day
12 following the enactment of each individual dog control zone
13 and thereafter, one-half the normal penalty shall be
14 assessed in those cases where a licensed animal is
15 maintained in violation of this chapter and the animal
16 control officer is unable to determine the owner and, if
17 impounded, return such animal to its owner directly from the
18 site in which it was impounded.

19 SECTION 10. Ordinance 2473, Section 4, and K.C.C.
20 11.28.040 are amended to read as follows:

21 License - Issuance generally - Fees. The animal
22 control authority may cause to be issued an exotic animal
23 owner's license that shall authorize the licensee to possess
24 or maintain all or some of such species of exotic animals as
25 specified according to Section 11.28.030 herein, provided
26 the application is accompanied by payment of the license
27 fee, contains the information required by Section 11.28.050;
28 and meets the cage or confinement rules and regulations of
29 the animal control authority.

30 The (~~cost of~~) fee for such license shall be (~~fifty~~
31 ~~dollars for the first year and thirty dollars for each~~
32 ~~yearly renewal thereafter. All such licenses shall expire~~
33 ~~on the first day of April annually and application for~~

1 ~~renewal shall be made prior thereto-)) as provided for in~~
2 ~~Section 11.04.035. All licenses shall expire one year from~~
3 ~~the date of the original application.~~

4 SECTION 11. Ordinance 3232, Section 7, and K.C.C.
5 11.32.070 are amended to read as follows:

6 Guard dog - Registration. All persons using dogs as
7 guard dogs shall register the dogs with the Animal Control
8 Authority. The cost of such registration shall be ((fifty
9 dollars per year for the first year and twenty five dollars
10 per year for the second and subsequent years)) as provided
11 in Section 11.04.035. Said registrations shall be valid for
12 one year from date of issue. All registrations shall be
13 affixed on the guard dog in such a manner so as to be
14 readily identifiable.

15 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 28th day
16 of October, 1991.

17 PASSED this 26th day of November, 1991.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

20 Lois North
21 Chairman

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24 ATTEST:

25 Gerald A. Peterson
26 Clerk of the Council

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28 APPROVED this 6th day of December, 1991.

29 J. Hill
30 King County Executive
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