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ORDINANCE NO. **10423**

AN ORDINANCE relating to animal control and amending Ordinance 1396, Article I, Section 3 and Article II, Sections 1-10, as amended and Ordinance 7416, Section 2 and K.C.C. 11.04.020; 11.04.030-.120; and 11.04.210 and adding new sections to 11.04 and 11.12 and repealing K.C.C. 11.04.120.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1396, Article 1, Section 3 as amended and K.C.C. 11.04.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. In construing the provisions of this chapter, except where otherwise plainly declared or clearly apparent from the context, words used herein shall be given their common and ordinary meaning; in addition, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Abatement" means the termination of any violation by reasonable and lawful means determined by the director of the animal control authority in order that an owner or a person presumed to be the owner shall comply with this chapter.

B. "Animal" means any living creature except ((man)) homosapiens, insects and worms.

C. "Animal control authority" means the county animal control section, division of general services, acting alone or in concert with other municipalities for enforcement of the animal control laws of the county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals.

D. "Animal control officer" means any individual employed, contracted or appointed by the animal control authority for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this chapter or any other law or ordinance relating to the licensing of animals, control of animals or seizure and impoundment of animals, and includes any state or municipal peace officer, sheriff, constable or other employee whose duties in whole or in part

1 include assignments which involve the seizure and taking into  
2 custody of any animal.

3 E. "Animal Rescuer" means any individual who routinely  
4 obtains an unwanted dog or cat and who locates within 90 days  
5 an adoptive home for that spayed or neutered dog or cat  
6 provided, however, an interim, administrative extension may be  
7 granted by the animal control authority for a maximum of 6  
8 months if a dog or cat is pregnant, nursing, or injured and  
9 that condition is verified by a veterinarian.

10 F. "Cattery" means a place where four or more adult cats  
11 are kept, whether by owners of the cats or by persons providing  
12 facilities and care, whether or not for compensation, but not  
13 including small animal hospital, clinic or pet shop. An adult  
14 cat is one of either sex, altered or unaltered, that has  
15 reached the age of six months.

16 ~~((E-))~~ G. "Domesticated animal" means those domestic  
17 beasts as any dog, cat, rabbit, horse, mule, ass, bovine  
18 animal, lamb, goat, sheep or hog, or other animal made to be  
19 domestic.

20 ~~((F-))~~ H. "Euthanasia" means the humane destruction of  
21 an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous  
22 unconsciousness and immediate death, or by a method that causes  
23 painless loss of consciousness, and death during such loss of  
24 consciousness.

25 ~~((G-))~~ I. "Grooming (~~parlor~~) service" means any place  
26 or establishment, public or private, where animals are bathed,  
27 clipped or combed(~~(, whether or not for compensation,))~~ for the  
28 purpose of enhancing their aesthetic value and/or health and  
29 for which a fee is charged.

30 ~~((H-))~~ J. "Harboring, keeping, or maintaining a dog or  
31 cat" means performing any of the acts of providing care,  
32 shelter, protection, refuge, food, or nourishment in such  
33 manner as to control the animals actions, or, that the  
34 animal(s) is treated as living at one's house by the homeowner.

1           K. "Hobby cattery" means a noncommercial cattery at or  
 2 adjoining a private residence where four or more adult cats are  
 3 bred or kept for exhibition for organized shows or for the  
 4 enjoyment of the species provided, however, a combination hobby  
 5 cattery/kennel license may be issued where the total number of  
 6 cats and dogs exceeds the number allowed in Title 21.

7           ~~((F-))~~ L. "Hobby kennel" means a noncommercial kennel at  
 8 or adjoining a private residence where four or more adult dogs  
 9 ~~((or cats))~~ are bred or kept for hunting, training and  
 10 exhibition for organized shows, field, working and/or obedience  
 11 trials, or for enjoyment of the species ~~((-))~~ provided,  
 12 however, a combination hobby cattery/kennel license may be  
 13 issued where the total number of cats and dogs exceeds the  
 14 number allowed in Title 21.

15           M. "Juvenile" means any dog or cat, altered or unaltered,  
 16 that is under the age of six months.

17           ~~((F-))~~ N. "Kennel" means a place where four or more  
 18 adult dogs ~~((or cats or any combination thereof))~~ are kept,  
 19 whether by owners of the dogs ~~((and cats))~~ or by persons  
 20 providing facilities and care, whether or not for compensation,  
 21 but not including a small animal hospital or clinic or pet  
 22 shop. An adult dog ~~((or cat))~~ is one of either sex, altered or  
 23 unaltered, that has reached the age of ~~((four))~~ six months.

24           ~~((K-))~~ O. "Livestock" means ~~((horses, bovine animals,~~  
 25 ~~sheep, goats, swine, reindeer, donkeys and mules))~~ as defined  
 26 in K.C.C. 21.04.540.

27           ~~((L-))~~ P. "Owner" means any person having an interest  
 28 in or right of possession to an animal or any person having  
 29 control, custody or possession of any animal, or by reason of  
 30 the animal being seen residing consistently at a location,  
 31 shall be presumed to be the owner.

32           ~~((M-))~~ Q. "Packs of dogs" means a group of ~~((three))~~ two  
 33 or more dogs running upon either public or private property not  
 34 that of its owner in a state in which either its control or

1 ownership is in doubt or cannot readily be ascertained, and  
2 when such dogs are not restrained or controlled.

3 ((N-)) R. "Person" means any individual, partnership,  
4 firm, joint stock company, corporation, association, trust,  
5 estate or other legal entity.

6 ((O-)) S. "Pet shop" means any person, establishment,  
7 store or department of any store that acquires live animals,  
8 including birds, reptiles, fowl and fish, and sells, or offers  
9 to sell or rent such live animals to the public or to retail  
10 outlets.

11 ((P-)) T. "Running at large" means to be off the  
12 premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or  
13 competent person authorized by the owner, either by leash or  
14 verbal voice and/or signal control.

15 U. "Service animal" means any animal, which is trained or  
16 being trained to aide a person who is blind, hearing impaired,  
17 or otherwise disabled and is used for that purpose and is  
18 registered with a recognized service animal organization.

19 ((Q-)) V. "Shelter" means a facility which is used to  
20 house or contain stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals  
21 and which is owned, operated or maintained by a public body, an  
22 established humane society, animal welfare society, society for  
23 the prevention of cruelty to animals or other nonprofit  
24 organization or person devoted to the welfare, protection and  
25 humane treatment of animals.

26 W. "Special Hobby Kennel License" means a license issued  
27 to pet owners under certain conditions, who do not meet the  
28 requirements for a Hobby Kennel License, to allow them to  
29 retain only those specific dogs and cats then in their  
30 possession until such time as the death or transfer of such  
31 animals reduces the number they possess to the legal limit set  
32 forth in the King County Zoning Code.

33 ((R-)) X. "Under control" means the animal is under  
34 competent voice and/or signal control so as to be thereby  
35 restrained from approaching any bystander or other animal and

1 from causing or being the cause of physical property damage  
2 when off of a leash or off the premises of the owner.

3 ~~((6-))~~ Y. "Vicious" means the act of, or the propensity  
4 to do any act endangering the safety of any person, animal or  
5 property of another, including, but not limited to, biting a  
6 human being, an attack on human beings or domestic animals  
7 without provocation.

8 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. Mandatory spaying and neutering.

9 A. No person shall own or harbor any cat or dog over the  
10 age of six months that has not been spayed or neutered unless:

11 1. The person holds an unaltered animal license for the  
12 animal pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance; or

13 B. Guide dog puppies in training and police service dogs  
14 are exempted from the provisions of this section.

15 C. Any dog or cat over the age of six months adopted from  
16 an animal shelter in King County shall be spayed or neutered  
17 before transfer to the owner.

18 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. Licensing - general

19 requirements. All animal shelters, kennels, catteries, hobby  
20 kennels, hobby catteries, pet shops, and grooming services must  
21 be licensed by the animal control authority. Licenses will be  
22 valid for one year from the date of application. Fees shall be  
23 assessed as provided in Section 11.04.035. There is no  
24 proration of the license fee. Renewal licenses shall retain  
25 the original expiration date whether renewed prior to, on, or  
26 after their respective renewal month. Any person(s) who  
27 engages in more than one of the services or maintains more than  
28 one of the types of facilities cited in this section shall pay  
29 license fees as provided in Section 11.04.035. Veterinarians  
30 shall obtain the required licenses for any service other than  
31 one which by law may be performed only by a veterinarian;  
32 provided, that no such license shall be required for his or her  
33 possession of animals solely for the purposes of veterinary  
34 care.

1            SECTION 4. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1 as  
2 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.030 are hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4            (~~Dog and cat~~) Pet licenses required. A. LICENSE  
5 REQUIREMENTS. All (~~weaned~~) dogs and cats eight weeks and  
6 over which are harbored, kept or maintained in King County  
7 shall be licensed and registered annually, provided that an  
8 altered two-year license may be purchased.

9            B. LICENSE ISSUANCE. (~~Dog and cat~~) Pet licenses shall  
10 be issued by the animal control section and may be issued by  
11 veterinarians, pet shops, catteries, and kennels and other  
12 approved locations upon application and the payment of (~~an~~  
13 ~~annual~~) a license fee made payable to the department of  
14 finance according to the schedule provided in Section 11.04.035  
15 of this chapter:

16            1. Pet licenses for unaltered dogs and cats will be  
17 valid for a term of one year from the date of issuance,  
18 expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. Pet licenses  
19 for altered dogs and cats will be valid for two years, expiring  
20 on the last day of the twenty-fourth month. There is no  
21 proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses will retain  
22 the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on, or  
23 after their respective renewal month;

24            2. Juvenile licenses must be obtained for pets from  
25 four weeks to six months of age.

26            3. King County residents sixty-five years of age or  
27 older may purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime  
28 of cats or dogs which are neutered or spayed and for which they  
29 are the registered owners when said animals are maintained at  
30 said owner's registered address. Such residents shall not be  
31 required to annually purchase a new license for the lifetime of  
32 such licensed animals; provided, that no person shall be issued  
33 more than three (3) special permanent animal licenses for any  
34 combination of three (3) cats and dogs for which they are the  
35 registered owner;

1           (~~3-~~) 4. Applications for (~~dog or cat~~) a pet  
2 license(s) shall be on forms provided by the animal control  
3 section;

4           (~~4-~~) 5. License tags shall be worn by (~~the~~) dogs  
5 at all times. As an alternative to a license tag, a dog or cat  
6 may be identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right  
7 ear or on its inside right thigh or groin with a license number  
8 approved or issued by the animal control section.

9           (~~5-~~) 6. Owners of dogs and/or cats which hold valid  
10 licenses from other jurisdictions and who move into King County  
11 may transfer the license by paying a transfer fee. Such  
12 license shall maintain the original expiration date.

13           7. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any  
14 person to sell or transfer ownership of any pet without a pet  
15 license. The King County animal control authority shall be  
16 notified of the name, address, and telephone number of the new  
17 owner by the person who sold or transferred the pet.

18           C. PENALTY. 1. A late penalty shall be charged on all  
19 pet license applications, according to the schedule provided in  
20 Section 11.04.035 of this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

34           e. The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable  
35 in the section's administrative rules and regulations.

1 D. FEES COLLECTED. All fees and fines collected under  
2 this chapter shall be deposited in the county current expense  
3 fund and shall be distributed according to the provisions in  
4 Section 10 of this ordinance.

5 E. CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this chapter for  
6 any person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are  
7 insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment  
8 of fees contained in this chapter. Any license(s) or penalties  
9 paid for with such checks are, in the case of the license,  
10 invalid; and in the case of the penalty, still outstanding.  
11 Costs incurred by the county in collecting checks of this  
12 nature shall be considered a cost of abatement and are personal  
13 obligations of the animal owner under K.C.C. 11.04.300.

14 F. NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section shall  
15 not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a veterinarian or  
16 animal shelter or animal rescuer, or whose owners are  
17 nonresidents temporarily within the county for a period not  
18 exceeding thirty days.

19 SECTION 5. Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended, and  
20 K.C.C. 11.04.035 are hereby amended to read as follows:

21 License fees and penalties.

22 A. Fees. The following fees are applicable as provided  
23 in this chapter:

- 24 1. ~~((a-))~~ Pet license -
  - 25 a. unaltered (dog or cat).....~~((30-00))~~ 55.00
  - 26 b. ~~((Pet License-))~~ altered..... 10.00
- 27 2. Juvenile pet license ..... 5.00
- 28 ~~((2-a-))~~ 3.a. Senior Citizen ~~((pet))~~/Lifetime license -
  - 29 ~~((unaltered))~~ dog .....~~((15-00))~~ 20.00
  - 30 b. Senior Citizen ~~((pet))~~/Lifetime license -
    - 31 ~~((altered))~~ cat .....~~((5-00))~~ 12.00
- 32 ~~((3-))~~ 4. Replacement tag ..... 3.00
- 33 ~~((4-))~~ 5. Transfer fee ..... 3.00
- 34 ~~((5-))~~ 6. Animal Shelter ..... 200.00
- 35 ~~((6-))~~ 7. Kennel and Cattery



- 1 a. Hobby ..... 50.00
- 2 b. Commercial ..... 200.00
- 3 ~~((7-))~~ 8. Pet shop ..... 200.00
- 4 ~~((8-))~~ 9. Grooming Service
- 5 a. Operating Alone ..... 100.00
- 6 b. When operated in conjunction with pet
- 7 shop or kennel or veterinarian ..... 100.00
- 8 ~~((9-))~~ 10. Guard Dog registration ..... 100.00
- 9 ~~((10-))~~ 11. Exotic pet
- 10 a. New ..... 500.00
- 11 b. Renewals ..... 250.00
- 12 ~~((11-))~~ 12. Service animal ..... no charge
- 13 ~~((12-))~~ 13. K-9 Police Dog ..... no charge
- 14 14. Animal Rescuer License ..... 5.00

15 B. Late fees. The following late fees are applicable in  
 16 the cases of late registration and licensing as provided in  
 17 this chapter:

18 License renewal applications:

- 19 1. Received after thirty days of license expiration,  
 20 but before sixty days or failure to comply with Subsection C,  
 21 Section 4 ..... \$ 10.00
- 22 2. Received after sixty days of license expiration, but  
 23 before ninety days ..... 20.00
- 24 3. Received after ninety days of license  
 25 expiration ..... 40.00

26 C. Penalties. The following penalties shall be assessed:

- 27 1. Dog leash law violations
- 28 a. 1st notice ..... 25.00
- 29 b. Successive violations within one year... 50.00
- 30 2. Civil Penalties .....max 1000.00
- 31 3. Animal abandonment ..... 500.00

32 D. Service Fees

- 33 1. Adoptions - per animal ..... \$ 7.50
- 34 ~~((2- Spay/neuter deposit ..... 35.00))~~
- 35 ~~((3-))~~ 2. Impound/Redemption

- 1 a. Dogs, cats, other small animals
- 2 First Offense ..... 30.00
- 3 Second Offense, within 1 year ..... 60.00
- 4 Third Offense, within 1 year ..... 90.00
- 5 b. Livestock .....100.00

6 ((4+)) 3. Kenneling - per 24 hours or portion  
 7 thereof..... 7.00

8 ((5+)) 4. Recovery of deceased domestic pets from doctors  
 9 of veterinary medicine, per pet .....  
 10 7.00

11 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. Euthanasia rate targets.

12 A. It shall be the policy of King County that the  
 13 following maximum euthanasia rate targets are used to measure  
 14 the progress towards reducing the rates of unwanted, healthy  
 15 pet cats and dogs destroyed by the animal control authority  
 16 and/or its designees. The euthanasia rates shall not include  
 17 animals that are destroyed because they are feral, medically or  
 18 temperamentally unsuitable for adoption or have been released  
 19 by their owners for owner-requested euthanasia. The  
 20 computation of the euthanasia rates shall be based on a  
 21 population which is defined as all of King County, except the  
 22 City of Seattle.

23 1. The number of healthy dogs and cats destroyed by  
 24 King County animal control and its designees exceeds 11 cats  
 25 per 1,000 persons living in the county and 6.6 dogs per 1,000  
 26 persons living in the county for any given year ending December  
 27 31st, or

28 2. The number of healthy dogs and cats destroyed by  
 29 King County animal control or its designees exceeds 5.5 cats  
 30 per 1,000 persons living in the county and 3.3 dogs per 1,000  
 31 persons living in the county for the year ending December 31,  
 32 1996, or

33 3. The number of healthy dogs and cats destroyed by  
 34 King County animal control or its designees exceeds 1.7 cats  
 35 per 1,000 persons living in the county and 1.0 dogs per 1,000

1 persons living in the county for the year ending December 31,  
2 2000.

3 B. The animal control authority shall report annually to  
4 the council about the number of unwanted, healthy pets  
5 destroyed and what additional measures or programs might be  
6 recommended for council approval to reduce the euthanasia  
7 rates.

8 SECTION 7. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 5 as  
9 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.070 are hereby amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 Animal shelters, kennels, hobby kennels, catteries, hobby  
12 catteries, and pet shops - Reporting required. Each animal  
13 shelter, kennel, hobby kennel, cattery, hobby cattery or pet  
14 shop shall provide a list to the animal control authority,  
15 quarterly, based upon the calendar year, of all dogs and cats  
16 (~~auctioned-off~~) given away(~~(7)~~) or sold (~~or otherwise~~  
17 ~~disposed-of~~). The list shall include the origin, the age and  
18 type of dog or cat, and the name and address of the person to  
19 whom the dog(s) or cat(s) was given or (~~purveyed~~) sold.

20 NEW SECTION. SECTION 8. It is a violation of this  
21 chapter to sell or give away unaltered dogs and cats in any  
22 public places or to auction off or raffle unaltered dogs and  
23 cats as prizes or gifts.

24 NEW SECTION. SECTION 9. No person in unincorporated King  
25 County shall publish or advertise to King County residents the  
26 availability of any unaltered cat or dog unless the publication  
27 or advertisement includes: the unaltered animal's license  
28 number or the animal's juvenile license number, provided,  
29 however that nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit licensed  
30 breeders from advertising in national publications for sale of  
31 a planned litter or litters.

32 NEW SECTION. SECTION 10. Use of revenue. Funds  
33 collected from the animal control license canvassing program  
34 and the sale of juvenile licenses should be used for the  
35 following purposes:

1           A. Fifty percent (50%) to pay for or provide  
 2 reimbursements for the cost of spaying and neutering of cats  
 3 and dogs. Although the subsidy shall be available to all  
 4 people who own unaltered dogs or cats, the emphasis should be  
 5 for pets owned or harbored by low-income or fixed-income  
 6 residents or senior citizens on a low or fixed income to make  
 7 spaying and neutering affordable and convenient for them.

8           B. Fifty percent (50%) to provide public education to  
 9 prevent the overpopulation of dogs and cats and to encourage  
 10 licensing and the responsible treatment of cats and dogs. The  
 11 education program shall include but not be limited to public  
 12 advertising and informational campaigns.

13           C. If the general services division cannot adhere to the  
 14 expenditure targets listed in A-C, it shall be noted in the  
 15 annual budget proposed by the King County executive.

16           SECTION 11. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 4 as  
 17 amended and K.C. C. 11.04.060 are hereby amended to read as  
 18 follows:

19           Hobby kennel or hobby cattery license - Required. A.  
 20 LICENSE REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to keep and  
 21 maintain any dog or cat within the county for the purposes of a  
 22 hobby kennel or hobby cattery without annually obtaining a  
 23 valid and subsisting license therefor. The fee for such annual  
 24 license shall be assessed upon the owner or keeper of such  
 25 animals and shall be as provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035. In  
 26 addition, each animal shall be licensed individually under  
 27 provisions of Section 11.04.030B.

28           B. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS ALLOWED. Any  
 29 hobby kennel or hobby cattery license shall limit ((F))the  
 30 total number of dogs and cats over ((four)) six months of age  
 31 kept by ((a)) such hobby kennel or hobby cattery ((shall not  
 32 exceed the total number authorized by the King County animal  
 33 control section)) based on the following guidelines:

- 34           1. Animal size;
- 35           2. Type and characteristics of the breed;

1           3. The amount of lot area; provided, that the maximum  
2 number shall not exceed twenty-five where the lot area contains  
3 five acres or more; the maximum number shall not exceed ten  
4 where the lot area contains thirty-five thousand square feet  
5 but less than five acres and the maximum number shall not  
6 exceed five where the lot area is less than thirty-five  
7 thousand square feet;

8           4. The facility specifications/dimensions in which the  
9 dogs and cats are to be maintained;

10           5. The zoning classification in which the hobby kennel  
11 or hobby cattery would be maintained.

12           C. REQUIREMENTS - Hobby kennels and hobby catteries.

13           1. All open run areas shall be completely surrounded by  
14 a six-foot fence set back at least twenty feet from all  
15 property lines; provided this requirement may be modified for  
16 hobby catteries as long as the open run area contains the cats  
17 and prohibits the entrance of children. For purposes of this  
18 section "Open run area" means that area, within the property  
19 lines of the premises on which the hobby kennel or hobby  
20 cattery is to be maintained, where the dogs and cats are  
21 sheltered or maintained. If there is no area set aside for  
22 sheltering or maintaining the dogs (~~and cats~~) within the  
23 property lines of the premises the twenty foot setback does not  
24 apply. The property lines of premises not containing an open  
25 run area must be completely surrounded by a six-foot fence;

26           2. No commercial signs or other appearances advertising  
27 the hobby kennel or hobby cattery are permitted on the property  
28 ~~((or in any publication, book or newspaper,))~~ except for the  
29 sale of the allowable offspring set forth in this section;

30           3. The director may require setback, additional  
31 setback, fencing, screening or soundproofing (~~((requirements))~~)  
32 as she or he deems necessary to insure the compatibility of the  
33 hobby kennel or hobby cattery with the surrounding  
34 neighborhood. Factors to be considered in determining such  
35 compatibility are:

1 a. Statements regarding approval/disapproval of  
 2 surrounding neighbors relative to maintenance of a hobby kennel  
 3 or hobby cattery at the address applied for;

4 b. Past history of animal control complaints  
 5 relating to the dogs and cats of the applicant at the address  
 6 for which the hobby kennel or hobby cattery is applied for;

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

9 d. Animal size, type and characteristics of breed;

10 e. The zoning classification of the premises on  
 11 which the hobby kennel or hobby cattery is maintained.

12 4. The hobby kennel or hobby cattery shall limit dog  
 13 and cat reproduction to no more than ~~twelve offspring per~~  
 14 ~~license year~~ one litter per license year per female dog and two  
 15 litters per license year per female cat;

16 5. Each dog and cat in the hobby kennel or hobby  
 17 cattery shall have current and proper immunization from disease  
 18 according to the dog's and cat's species and age. ((~~For dogs~~))  
 19 ((~~=~~))Such shall consist of DHLPP inoculation for dogs over  
 20 three months of age and FVRCP for cats over two months of age,  
 21 and rabies inoculations for ((~~these~~)) all dogs and cats over  
 22 six months of age.

23 D. LICENSE ISSUANCE AND MAINTENANCE. Only when the  
 24 director is satisfied that the requirements of K.C.C.  
 25 11.04.060C.1. through 5. have been met, a hobby kennel or hobby  
 26 cattery license may be issued. The license will continue in  
 27 full force throughout the license year unless, at anytime, the  
 28 hobby kennel or hobby cattery is maintained in such a manner as  
 29 to:

30 1. Exceed the number of dogs and cats allowed at the  
 31 hobby kennel by the animal control section; or,

32 2. Fail to comply with any of the requirements of  
 33 K.C.C. 11.04.060C.1. through 5.

34 E. SPECIAL HOBBY KENNEL LICENSE

1           1. Persons owning a total number of dogs and cats  
2 exceeding three, who do not meet the requirements for a Hobby  
3 Kennel License, may be eligible for a Special Hobby Kennel  
4 License to be issued at no cost by the animal control authority  
5 which will allow them to retain the specific animals then in  
6 their possession; provided that the following conditions are  
7 met:

8           a. The applicant must apply for the Special Hobby  
9 Kennel License and individual licenses for each dog and cat  
10 within 30 days of the enactment of this ordinance, or at the  
11 time they are contacted by an Animal Control Officer, King  
12 County License Inspector, or King County Pet License Canvasser.

13           b. The applicant is keeping the dogs and cats for  
14 the enjoyment of the species, and not as a commercial  
15 enterprise.

16           2. The Special Hobby Kennel License shall only be  
17 valid for those specific dogs and cats in the possession of the  
18 applicant at the time of issuance, and is intended to allow pet  
19 owners to possess animals beyond the limits imposed by Title 21  
20 of the K.C.C. until such time as the death or transfer of such  
21 animals reduces the number possessed to the legal limit set  
22 forth in Title 21 of the K.C.C.

23           3. The Director of Animal Control may deny any  
24 application for a Special Hobby Kennel License based on past  
25 Animal Control Code violations by the applicant's dogs and  
26 cats, or complaints from neighbors regarding the applicant's  
27 dogs and cats; or if the animal(s) is maintained in inhumane  
28 conditions.

29           SECTION 12. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 2 as  
30 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.040 are each hereby amended to read as  
31 follows:

32           Animal shelter, kennel, grooming service, cattery and pet  
33 shop license - Required. It is unlawful for any person to keep  
34 or maintain any animal shelter, kennel, cattery, grooming  
35 service or pet shop within King County without first obtaining

1 a valid and subsisting license therefor. The fee, as provided  
2 in Section 11.04.035, shall be assessed not upon individual  
3 animals but upon the owner or keeper of an animal shelter,  
4 kennel, cattery, grooming service or pet shop. Each license  
5 and certificate of inspection issued pursuant to this chapter  
6 shall be conspicuously displayed at the establishment to which  
7 such license was issued. The license shall be dated and  
8 numbered and shall bear the name of King County, Washington,  
9 and the name and address of the owner or keeper of the  
10 establishment, and the expiration date of the license. The  
11 license shall run for a period of one year from the date of  
12 purchase.

13 SECTION 13. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 3 as  
14 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.050 are each hereby amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Animal shelter cattery, pet shop, grooming service, and  
17 kennel license - Information required.

18 A. ZONING COMPLIANCE. The applicant for an original  
19 animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming service, or kennel  
20 license shall present to the animal control authority a written  
21 statement from the county department of parks, planning and  
22 ~~((community development))~~ resources that the establishment of  
23 the animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming service or  
24 kennel at the proposed site is not in violation of the King  
25 County zoning code, has a legal nonconforming zoning status, or  
26 a conditional use permit has been issued for the intended use.

27 B. HEALTH INSPECTION. Before an animal shelter, cattery,  
28 pet shop, grooming service or kennel license may be issued by  
29 the animal control authority, a certificate of inspection from  
30 the Seattle-King County health department or King County animal  
31 control section must be issued showing that the animal shelter,  
32 cattery, pet shop, grooming service or kennel is in compliance  
33 with Sections 11.04.080, 11.04.090, 11.04.100 and 11.04.110.



1           SECTION 14. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 6 as  
2 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.080 are each hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           Animal shelters, catteries, grooming services, kennels and  
5 pet shops - Inspection.

6           A. INSPECTION. It shall be the duty of the director or  
7 his agent of the Seattle-King County department of public  
8 health or the animal control authority to make or cause to be  
9 made such inspections as may be necessary to insure compliance  
10 with Sections 11.04.090, 11.04.100 and 11.04.110. The owner or  
11 keeper of an animal shelter, kennel, cattery, grooming service  
12 or pet shop shall admit to the premises, for the purpose of  
13 making an inspection, any officer, agent or employee of the  
14 Seattle-King County department of public health or animal  
15 control authority at any reasonable time that admission is  
16 requested.

17           B. UNSANITARY CONDITIONS UNLAWFUL. It is unlawful to  
18 keep, use or maintain within King County any animal shelter,  
19 kennel, cattery, grooming service or pet shop that is  
20 unsanitary, nauseous, foul or offensive, or in any way  
21 detrimental to public health and/or safety and not in  
22 compliance with Sections 11.04.070, 11.04.090, 11.04.100 and  
23 11.04.110 and may be cause for revocation or denial of such  
24 license.

25           SECTION 15. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 7 as  
26 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.090 are each hereby amended to read as  
27 follows:

28           Animal shelters, kennels, grooming services, catteries and  
29 pet shops - Conditions. Animal shelters, kennels, catteries,  
30 grooming services, and pet shops shall meet the following  
31 conditions:

32           A. Housing facilities shall be provided the animals and  
33 such shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in  
34 good repair; shall be designed so as to protect the animals

1 from injury; shall contain the animals; and shall restrict the  
2 entrance of other animals.

3 B. Electric power shall be supplied in conformance with  
4 city, county, and state electrical codes adequate to supply  
5 lighting and heating as may be required by this chapter. Water  
6 shall be supplied at sufficient pressure and quantity to clean  
7 indoor housing facilities and primary enclosures of debris and  
8 excreta.

9 C. Suitable food and bedding shall be provided and stored  
10 in facilities adequate to provide protection against  
11 infestation or contamination by insects or rodents.  
12 Refrigeration shall be provided for the protection of  
13 perishable foods.

14 D. Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of  
15 animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris.  
16 Disposal facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary  
17 condition, free from the infestation or contamination of  
18 insects or rodents or disease, and from obnoxious or foul  
19 odors.

20 E. Washroom facilities, including sinks and toilets, with  
21 hot and cold water, must be conveniently available for cleaning  
22 purposes, and a large sink or tub provided for the purpose of  
23 washing utensils, equipment and facilities.

24 F. Sick animals shall be separated from those appearing  
25 healthy and normal and, if for sale, shall be removed from  
26 display and sale. Sick animals shall be kept in isolation  
27 quarters with adequate ventilation to keep from contaminating  
28 well animals.

29 G. There shall be an employee on duty at all times during  
30 hours any store is open whose responsibility shall be the care  
31 and welfare of the animals in that shop or department held for  
32 sale or display.

33 H. An employee or owner shall come in to feed, water and  
34 do the necessary cleaning of animals and birds on days the  
35 store or shop is closed.

1 I. No person, persons, association, firm or corporation  
2 shall knowingly sell a sick or injured animal or bird.

3 J. No person, persons, association, firm or corporation  
4 shall misrepresent an animal or bird to a consumer in any way.

5 SECTION 16. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 8 as  
6 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.100 are each hereby amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Animal shelters, kennels, catteries, grooming services and  
9 pet shops - Indoor facilities.

10 Animal shelters, kennels and pet shops which have indoor  
11 housing facilities for animals and birds shall:

12 A. Be sufficiently heated or cooled to protect such  
13 animals from temperatures to which they are not normally  
14 acclimatized;

15 B. Be adequately ventilated to provide for the health of  
16 animals contained therein and to assist in the removal of foul  
17 and obnoxious odors. Provision shall be made so that the  
18 volume of air within any enclosed indoor facility shall be  
19 changed three times or more each hour. This may be  
20 accomplished through the location and periodic opening of doors  
21 and windows. If fans or ventilating equipment are used, they  
22 shall be constructed in conformance with current standards of  
23 good engineering practice with respect to noise and  
24 minimization of drafts;

25 C. Have sufficient natural or artificial lighting to  
26 permit routine inspection and cleaning at any time of day. In  
27 addition, sufficient natural or artificial lighting shall be  
28 supplied in the area of sinks and toilets to provide for the  
29 hygiene of animal caretakers;

30 D. Have interior wall and ceiling surfaces constructed of  
31 materials which are resistant to the absorption of moisture and  
32 odors, or such surfaces shall be treated with a sealant or with  
33 paint, when such materials are not originally resistant to  
34 moisture or odors. Floor surfaces shall not be made of  
35 unsealed wood. In addition, interior walls shall be

1 constructed so that the interface with floor surfaces is sealed  
2 from the flow or accumulation of moisture or debris;

3 E. Contain a drainage system which shall be connected to  
4 a sanitary sewer or septic tank system which conforms to the  
5 standards of building codes in force within the county and  
6 shall be designed to rapidly remove water and excreta in the  
7 cleaning of such indoor housing facility under any condition of  
8 weather or temperature; provided, this requirement shall not  
9 apply to hobby kennels and pet shops. All indoor housing  
10 facilities for animals, fish, or birds shall be maintained in a  
11 clean and sanitary condition and a safe and effective  
12 disinfectant shall be used in the cleaning of such facilities.

13 SECTION 17. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 9 as  
14 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.110 are each hereby amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Animal shelters, kennels, catteries and pet shops -  
17 Outdoor facilities.

18 Animal shelters, kennels, catteries and pet shops which  
19 have outdoor facilities for animals and birds shall:

20 A. Be constructed to provide shelter from excessive  
21 sunlight, rain, snow, wind, or other elements. In addition,  
22 such facilities shall be constructed to provide sufficient  
23 space for the proper exercise and movement of each animal  
24 contained therein;

25 B. Be constructed to provide drainage and to prevent the  
26 accumulation of water, mud, debris, excreta, or other materials  
27 and shall be designed to facilitate the removal of animal and  
28 food wastes;

29 C. Be constructed with adequate walls or fences to  
30 contain the animals kept therein and to prevent entrance of  
31 other animals.

32 SECTION 18. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 10 as  
33 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.120 are hereby repealed.

34 NEW SECTION. SECTION 19. There is added to K.C.C. 11.12  
35 a new section which reads as follows:

1 All dogs and cats six months of age or older shall be  
2 vaccinated against rabies. All vaccinations shall be performed  
3 in accordance with the standards contained in the Compendium of  
4 Animal Rabies Control as amended, published by the National  
5 Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

6 NEW SECTION. SECTION 20. Exemptions. The provisions of  
7 this ordinance shall not apply to dogs and cats in the custody  
8 of an animal facility registered or licensed by the United  
9 States Department of Agriculture and regulated by 7 United  
10 States Code 2131 et. seq.

11 NEW SECTION. SECTION 21. Release from confinement. No  
12 person other than the owner or person authorized by the owner  
13 of the animal shall release any animal from any confinement,  
14 vehicle or restraint unless such release is necessary for the  
15 immediate health and safety of the animal; provided this  
16 section shall not apply to peace officers and animal control or  
17 humane officers.

18 NEW SECTION. SECTION 22. Monitoring. The animal control  
19 authority shall report to the council no later than twelve  
20 months from the adoption of this ordinance and annually  
21 thereafter, on the number of pets adopted, the number of  
22 animals euthanized, an estimate of the number of pets killed  
23 annually due to abandonment, the number and type of pet  
24 licenses issued, and the number of spay/neuter vouchers issued  
25 and redeemed.

26 SECTION 23. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5 as  
27 amended and K.C.C. 11.04.210 are hereby amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 Impounding. A. The director of the animal control  
30 authority and his authorized representatives may apprehend any  
31 animals found doing any of the acts defined as a public  
32 nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as defined  
33 by law. After such animals are apprehended, the animal control  
34 authority shall ascertain whether they are licensed, or  
35 otherwise identifiable. If reasonably possible, the animal

1 control authority shall return the animal to the owner together  
 2 with a notice of violation of this chapter. If it is not  
 3 reasonably possible to immediately return a currently licensed  
 4 animal to its owner, the animal control authority shall notify  
 5 the owner within a reasonable time by regular mail or telephone  
 6 that the animal has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any  
 7 currently licensed animal impounded pursuant to this chapter  
 8 shall be held for the owner at least one hundred twenty hours,  
 9 ~~((after posting of the notification of impoundment by regular~~  
 10 ~~mail or))~~ after telephone contact by the impounding agency or  
 11 for at least two weeks after posting of the notification of  
 12 impoundment by regular mail; any other animal impounded  
 13 pursuant to this chapter shall be held for its owner at least  
 14 seventy-two hours from the time of impoundment. The county  
 15 shall not sell any animals to research institutes or licensed  
 16 dealers for research purposes. Any animal suffering from  
 17 serious injury or disease may be humanely destroyed, or, in the  
 18 discretion of the impounding authority, may be held for a  
 19 longer period and redeemed by any person on payment of charges  
 20 not exceeding those prescribed herein.

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

23 1. Made available for adoption at a fee of ~~((five~~  
 24 ~~dollars))~~ \$7.50 per animal.

25 a. Any person may adopt an animal impounded pursuant  
 26 to the provisions contained in this chapter when all billable  
 27 costs, redemption fees, penalties, and boarding costs incurred  
 28 in such impoundment are made payable to the county finance  
 29 director, which may be accepted by the animal control authority  
 30 acting as agent for the county.

31 ~~((b. There shall be a spay/neuter deposit of \$25.00~~  
 32 ~~on all adopted animals.))~~ All dogs and cats over the age of  
 33 six months adopted from the King County animal shelter shall be  
 34 spayed or neutered ~~((within thirty days from the date of))~~  
 35 prior to adoption ~~((, or the age of six months for females or~~

1 ~~nine months for males, whichever comes last}}~~. A spay/neuter  
2 deposit shall be charged for dogs and cats under the age of six  
3 months which are too young to be spayed/neutered prior to  
4 adoption. This deposit will be returned to the adopting person  
5 upon submission of proof that the sterilization was performed  
6 within (~~the applicable time period.~~) six months from the date  
7 of adoption. Failure to spay/neuter such dog or cat is a  
8 violation of the ordinance and a breach of the adoption  
9 contract and will result in the forfeiture of the adoption and  
10 return of the dog or cat to King County animal control for the  
11 required spaying/neutering.

12 ((e-)) b. The director shall have the authority to  
13 set administrative rules regarding the adoption of animals from  
14 King County shelters.

15 2. Humanely destroyed by euthanasia.

16 c. The county shall not sell any animals for the purposes  
17 of medical research to any research institute or any other  
18 purchasers.

19 D. Any unaltered dog or cat impounded more than once shall  
20 be spayed or neutered by the animal control authority prior to  
21 the release of the dog or cat. The cost of the spay or neuter  
22 shall be charged to the owner upon redemption but shall be  
23 deducted from the impound/redemption fees otherwise required  
24 under this ordinance.

25 NEW SECTION. SECTION 24. Spay/neuter vouchers.

26 When issuing a license for an unaltered pet the animal  
27 control authority shall also provide to the applicant a voucher  
28 with a value not to exceed twenty-five dollars for the payment  
29 of all or part of the cost of a spay or neuter operation by a  
30 licensed veterinarian on such pet. The animal control  
31 authority shall compile, maintain and make available to the  
32 public a list of veterinarians who accept such vouchers as full  
33 or partial payment for spay or neuter operations. Spay/neuter  
34 vouchers shall be redeemed through the King County office of

1 finance by veterinarians who have performed a spay or neuter  
2 operation on a pet licensed in King County as an unaltered pet.

3 NEW SECTION. SECTION 25. Education.

4 A. The animal control authority in conjunction with the  
5 King County animal control citizen's advisory committee shall  
6 develop a public information and education campaign about  
7 responsible pet ownership, pet adoption, and the benefits of  
8 spay and neuter operations. The campaign should be coordinated  
9 with other animal interest groups. The materials shall be made  
10 available to the general public and provided to each person  
11 obtaining a license or redeeming a pet. Materials shall be  
12 made available to and disseminated through veterinarians, pet  
13 shops, catteries, kennels, and the media. The use of pro bono  
14 assistance from entities having expertise in public advertising  
15 or information campaigns is encouraged. The education program  
16 shall be reviewed by the animal control authority, and a report  
17 shall be made to the council within twelve months after the  
18 adoption of this ordinance. Funding for subsequent years shall  
19 be reviewed annually based upon an evaluation of the efficacy  
20 of the education program.

21 NEW SECTION. SECTION 26. Breeder certification program.

22 The animal control authority in conjunction with the King  
23 County animal control citizen's advisory committee shall  
24 develop a breeder certification program, including a definition  
25 of the term "breeder", to promote the "best management  
26 practices" for the breeding and caring of animals. The  
27 proposed breeder certification program shall be submitted to  
28 the county council for approval.

29 NEW SECTION. SECTION 27. Canvassing program.

30 The animal control authority shall develop and implement a  
31 twelve month program to canvass for compliance with the  
32 licensing requirements of this ordinance. The program shall be  
33 directed at households within unincorporated areas of King  
34 County and cities under contract with King County for animal  
35 control services. Animal control authority employees and



1 persons or organizations under contract to the animal control  
2 authority performing the canvassing shall have the authority to  
3 issue pet licenses and collect license fees. The canvassing  
4 program shall be reviewed by the animal control authority, and  
5 a report shall be made to the council within twelve months  
6 after the adoption of this ordinance. Funding for subsequent  
7 years shall be reviewed annually based upon an evaluation of  
8 the efficacy of the canvassing program.

9 SECTION 28. Severability. Should any section,  
10 subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
11 ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any  
12 reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the  
13 remaining portion of this ordinance.

14 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
15 of February, 1992

16 PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1992

17 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
18 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

19 [Signature]  
20 Chair

ATTEST:

21 [Signature]  
22 Clerk of the Council

23 APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.  
24 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT  
25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.  
DATED: 6-26-92  
King County Executive