



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 24, 2008

Ordinance 16309

Proposed No. 2008-0580.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to pet license requirements;
2 changing fees; amending Ordinance 1306, Article II
3 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.030 and
4 Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.
5 11.04.035 and prescribing penalties.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance propose to implement a pet
9 license fee increase, and to establish a fine for failure to comply with licensing
10 regulations. Licensed or identified pets help reduce the number of pets entering the
11 shelter by increasing the likelihood of being returned to their owner. Revenue derived
12 from pet licensing helps offset the cost of animal care and control services, and reduces
13 the cost impact on the general fund.

14 SECTION 2. Ordinance 1396, Article II Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.
15 11.04.030 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

16 A. All dogs and cats eight weeks old and older that are harbored, kept or
17 maintained in King County shall be licensed and registered annually.

18 B. Pet licenses shall be issued by the animal care and control section and may be
19 issued by veterinarians, pet shops, catteries and kennels and other approved locations
20 upon application and the payment of a license fee made payable to the department of
21 finance according to the schedule provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035 ((of this chapter)).

22 1. Pet licenses for unaltered dogs and cats shall be valid for a term of one year
23 from issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. Pet licenses for altered dogs
24 and cats shall be valid for one year, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. There
25 is no proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses shall retain the original expiration
26 period whether renewed before, on or after their respective renewal months.

27 2. Juvenile licenses must be obtained for pets from eight weeks to six months
28 old.

29 3. King County residents sixty-five years old or older may purchase a special
30 permanent license for the lifetime of cats or dogs that are neutered or spayed and for
31 which they are the registered owners when the animals are maintained at the owners'
32 registered addresses. Those residents shall not be required to annually purchase a new
33 license for the lifetime of the licensed animals though no person shall be issued more
34 than three special permanent animal licenses for any combination of three cats and dogs
35 for which the person is the registered owner.

36 4. Applications for a pet license shall be on forms provided by the animal care
37 and control section.

38 5. License tags shall be worn by dogs at all times. As an alternative to a license
39 tag, a dog or cat may be identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on its

40 inside right thigh or groin with a license number approved or issued by the animal care
41 and control section.

42 6. Owners of dogs or cats who hold valid licenses from other jurisdictions and
43 who move into King County may transfer the license by paying a transfer fee. The
44 license shall maintain the original license's expiration date.

45 7. It is a violation of this chapter for any person to sell or transfer ownership of
46 any pet without a pet license. The King County animal care and control authority shall
47 be notified of the name, address and telephone number of the new owner by the person
48 who sold or transferred the pet.

49 8. An applicant may be denied the issuance or renewal of a pet license, if the
50 applicant was previously found in violation of the animal cruelty provisions of K.C.C.
51 11.04.250 or convicted of animal cruelty under RCW 16.52.205 or 16.52.207.

52 a. An applicant may be denied the issuance or renewal of a pet license for up
53 to:

54 (1) four years, if found in violation of the animal cruelty provisions of K.C.C.
55 11.04.250 or convicted of a misdemeanor under RCW 16.52.207; or

56 (2) indefinitely, if convicted of a felony under RCW 16.52.205.

57 b. Any applicant who is either or both the subject of a notice and order under
58 K.C.C. 11.04.250 or charged with animal cruelty under RCW 16.52.205 or 16.52.207, or
59 both, may have the issuance or renewal of their pet license denied pending the final result
60 of either the notice and order or charge, or both.

61 9. The denial of the issuance or renewal of a pet license is subject to appeal, in
62 accordance with K.C.C. 11.04.270.

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86	2. Juvenile pet license	\$5.00
87	3. Senior citizen - lifetime license	
88	a. Senior citizen - lifetime license - dog	\$20.00
89	b. Senior citizen - lifetime license - cat	\$12.00
90	4. Replacement tag	\$5.00
91	5. Transfer fee	\$3.00
92	6. Animal shelter	\$250.00
93	7. Kennel and cattery	
94	a. Hobby	\$50.00
95	b. Commercial	\$250.00
96	8. Pet shop	\$250.00
97	9. Grooming service	
98	a. Operating alone	\$150.00
99	b. When operated in conjunction with pet shop or	\$150.00
100	kennel or veterinarian	
101	10. Guard dog registration	\$100.00
102	11. Exotic pet	
103	a. New	\$500.00
104	b. Renewal	\$250.00
105	12. Service animal	no charge
106	13. K-9 police dog	no charge
107	14. Individual private animal placement permit	\$25.00
108	15. Organizational private animal placement permit	\$10.00

109 B. The following late fees are applicable to license renewal applications as
110 provided in this chapter:

111 1. Received after forty-five days of license expiration, \$15.00
112 but before ninety days or failure to comply with
113 K.C.C. 11.04.030.C,

114 2. Received after ninety days of license expiration, \$20.00
115 but before one hundred thirty-five days

116 3. ~~((Received after))~~ After one hundred thirty-five days of license expiration the
117 pet shall be considered unlicensed. ~~(((\$40.00))~~

118 C. The following penalties shall be assessed:

- 119 1. Dog leash law violations
- 120 a. First notice \$25.00
- 121 b. Successive violations within one year \$50.00
- 122 2. Civil penalties maximum \$1,000.00
- 123 3. Animal abandonment \$500.00
- 124 4. Unlicensed cat or dog \$75.00

125 D. The following service fees apply as provided in this chapter:

126 1. Adoptions - per animal \$75.00

127 This is a one-price fee that includes the fee for adopting an animal, the license fee
128 and the spaying or neutering of the animal.

129 2. Spay or neuter deposit - per animal as required \$50.00
130 in K.C.C. 11.04.210B.1.a,

131 3. Impound or redemption

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132	a. Dog, cats other small animals first offense	\$45.00
133	Second offense, within one year	\$85.00
134	Third offense within one year	\$90.00
135	b. Livestock	\$100.00
136	4. Kenneling - per 24 hours or portion thereof	\$12.00
137	5. In-field pick up of an owner's deceased	\$20.00
138	unlicensed pet or pick up of an unlicensed	
139	pet released voluntarily to animal care and control	
140	6. Owner-requested euthanasia (unlicensed pets)	\$20.00
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142 7. Optional microchipping for adopted pets \$25.00

143 SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2009.

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Ordinance 16309 was introduced on 10/20/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/24/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

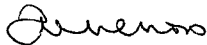
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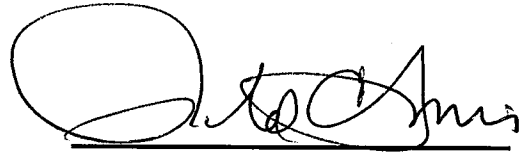

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 5 day of December, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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