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Introduced by: Mike Lowry  
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ORDINANCE NO. 3732

AN ORDINANCE relating to animal control, establishing a process for the consideration of establishing dog control zones; adding a new section to Ordinance 1896, Article III, and KCC 11.04.200; adding a new section to Ordinance 3548 and KCC 11.08; repealing Ordinance 3548, Section 7 and KCC 11.08.050; and amending Ordinance 3548, Section 2 and KCC 11.08.020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is added to KCC 11.08 a new section to read as follows:

Petitions to create dog control zones. 1. Petitions requesting the King County Council to create a dog control zone shall be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of the Council. The Clerk of the Council shall forward copies of the petitions and other materials to:

a. The office of the councilmember in whose district the proposed zone is requested; and

b. The Animal Control Section of the General Services Division; and

c. The Records and Elections Division.

2. Petitions shall be accompanied by a map and should include a legal description of the proposed zone. In addition, the petitions should contain:

a. The signatures (written and printed legibly) of at least ten per cent of the registered voters within the proposed zone; and

b. The popular addresses of the petitioners.

3. Upon receipt of the copy of the filed petition, the Animal Control Section shall conduct a comprehensive review of the enforceability of the proposed boundaries and if necessary recommend alternative boundaries to the County Administrative Officer and the affected councilmember.

4. The Records and Elections Division shall:

a. Determine the approximate number of registered voters

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1 within the proposed zone;

2 b. Determine the number of signatures of registered voters  
3 contained in the petition; and

4 c. Forward the conclusions regarding the number of  
5 signatures of registered voters and total number of registered  
6 voters residing within the proposed zone to the office of the  
7 affected councilmember and the County Administrative Officer.

8 5. The Executive may recommend a proposed dog control zone  
9 to the Council based on the recommendation of the County  
10 Administrative Officer. An ordinance to create a dog control  
11 zone may be introduced by a member or members of the Council.

12 6. In addition to other statutory requirements, the Council  
13 may cause to occur such public meetings or notification through  
14 the local media as deemed necessary to insure that affected  
15 citizens are aware of the proposed ordinance to create a dog  
16 control zone.

17 7. If the King County Council finds the formation of the  
18 petitioned area to be beneficial to the public health, safety and  
19 general welfare, it shall establish such a dog control zone by  
20 ordinance. The Council shall consider, but is not limited to,  
21 the location, terrain and surrounding land use of the petitioned  
22 area.

23 SECTION 2. Ordinance 3548, Section 7 and KCC 11.08.050 are  
24 hereby repealed.

25 SECTION 3. Ordinance 3548, Section 2, and KCC 11.08.020 are  
26 hereby amended as follows:

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

32 (a) "At large" means to be off the premises of the  
33 owner and not under the control of the owner by leash; provided,

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1 that an animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner  
2 shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.

3 (b) "Lawful training" means to be engaged in training  
4 on the premises of the owner or on the land of another person by  
5 permission, or on public land that is set aside for training or  
6 is open for hunting or trapping; provided, that the dog is  
7 accompanied afield by the owner or trainer. A "no-shooting"  
8 area shall not be interpreted to mean a "no-training" area.

9 (c) "Leash" includes a cord, thong or chain not more  
10 than fifteen feet in length by which an animal is physically  
11 controlled by the person accompanying it.

12 (d) "Restraint" An animal is considered to be under  
13 restraint if it is (~~confined~~) maintained and remains within the  
14 property limits of its owner or keeper (~~by a suitable fence, or~~  
15 ~~securely restrained within the premises by a leash affixed to a~~  
16 ~~post or other securely fixed object~~)).

17 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance,  
18 any councilmember may introduce legislation to enact a dog  
19 control zone.

20 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
21 May, 1978.

22 PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1978.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25  
26 Bernice Allen  
27 Chairman

28 ATTEST:

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30 Dorothy M. Owens  
31 Deputy Clerk of the Council

32 APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1978.

33 J. D. Spelman  
King County Executive