

ORDINANCE NO. 4552

AN ORDINANCE relating to Animal Control; dogs used in police work by the Department of Public Safety; amending Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1, and KCC 11.04.030; adding new sections to KCC 11.04; and providing a penalty.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1396, Section 1(a) and KCC 11.04.030(a) 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 cats; provided, that when proof is submitted that such cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be four dollars. The effective date for such license fees shall be April 1, 1979. King County residents sixty-five years of age or older shall be entitled to purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime 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 cost of fifteen dollars per licensed dog and eight dollars per licensed cat, and they 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

1 permanent animal licenses for any combination of three cats and
2 dogs for which they are the registered owner; provided further,
3 that the animal control authority is authorized to enact the
4 necessary rules and procedures to efficiently implement the
5 program. The effective date for such licenses shall be on the
6 first day of May for 1977 only. The annual license fee shall
7 become due and payable on April 1st of each subsequent year.
8 Applications for a dog or cat license shall be on forms provided
9 by the animal control authority. No proration of a license fee
10 for a portion of the calendar year shall be made. All license
11 tags issued herein shall be securely affixed to a substantial
12 collar, harness or other means which shall be worn by the dog at
13 all times. As an alternative to a license tag, an animal may be
14 identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on
15 its inside right thigh or groin with a license number approved or
16 issued by the animal control authority.

17 (c) PENALTY. In addition to paying the appropriate
18 license fee, a late penalty in the sum of twenty-five dollars
19 shall be charged on all applications received after April 30th of
20 each year; provided, however, that no late penalty shall be
21 charged if:

22 (1) The owner submits proof of purchase of the animal
23 within the preceding thirty days; or

24 (2) The owner has moved into the county within the
25 preceding thirty days; or

26 (3) The animal had been under the age which requires a
27 license (four months); or

28 (4) The owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily,
29 prior to in person or field contact by animal control personnel;
30 or

31 (5) The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable in
32 the department's rules and regulations.

33 (d) FEES COLLECTED. All fees and fines collected

1 under this chapter shall be deposited in the county current
2 expense fund.

3 (e) CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this chapter
4 for any person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are
5 insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment
6 of fees contained in this chapter.

7 (f) NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section
8 shall not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a veterinarian
9 or animal shelter or whose owners are nonresidents temporarily
10 within the county for a period not exceeding thirty days. The
11 fees contained herein shall become effective beginning with the
12 1979 license year.

13 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. No person shall willfully torment,
14 torture, beat, kick, strike or harass any dog used by a police
15 department for police work, or otherwise interfere with the use
16 of any such dog for police work by said department or its
17 officers or members.

18 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate
19 Section 2 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a
20 misdemeanor, punishable by not more than ninety days in jail or
21 not more than two hundred fifty dollar fine, or both.

22 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. Should any section, subsection,
23 paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be
24 declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such
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1 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions
2 of this ordinance.

3 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 8th day of
4 October, 1979.

5 PASSED this 29th day of October, 1979.

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7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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9 Ruby Chow
10 Chairman

11 ATTEST:

12 Janet M. Owens
13 Deputy Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 6th day of November, 1979.

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17 [Signature]
18 King County Executive

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