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Introduced by: LOIS NORTH

Proposed No.: 83-616

ORDINANCE NO. 6702

AN ORDINANCE relating to Animal Control; amending Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1 and K.C.C. 11.04.030; and Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section II and K.C.C. 11.04.080.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 1 and K.C.C. 11.04.030 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 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. FEES. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the animal control ((~~authority~~)) section upon application and payment of an annual license fee made payable to the county comptroller according to the following schedule:

~~((For the license year beginning April 1, 1982, the sum of eighteen dollars for dogs and ten dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be eight dollars for dogs and five dollars for cats;))~~

1. For ((the)) all dog and cat licenses ((year beginning)) issued between April 1, 1983, and April 1, 1984, the sum of nineteen dollars for dogs and eleven dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be nine dollars for dogs and six dollars for cats;

2. For ((the)) all licenses ((year beginning April 1, 1984,)) issued on and after May 1, 1984, the sum of twenty

1 (\$20) dollars for dogs and twelve (\$12) dollars for cats;
 2 provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has
 3 been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be ten (\$10) dollars for
 4 dogs and seven \$7) dollars for cats ((+));

5 3. Licenses issued after April 1, 1983 but prior to April
 6 1, 1984 will be valid until April 30, 1984. Licenses issued on
 7 and after May 1, 1984 will be valid for a term of one year from
 8 the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth
 9 month. There is no proration of any license fees. Renewal
 10 licenses will retain the original expiration period whether
 11 renewed prior to, on, or after their respective renewal month;

12 4. King County residents sixty-five years of age or older
 13 ((shall-be-entitled-to)) may purchase a special permanent
 14 license for the lifetime of cats or dogs for which they are the
 15 registered owners when said animals are maintained at said
 16 owner's address. ((Eligible-residents-may-purchase-t)) The
 17 special permanent animal license ((s-according-to-the
 18 following)) fee ((schedule:

19 For-the-license-year-beginning-April-1,-1982,-the-sum-of
 20 eighteen-dollars-per-licensed-dog-and-ten-dollars-per-licensed
 21 cat;

22 For-the-license-year-beginning-April-1,-1984,-the-sum-of))
 23 is twenty (\$20) dollars per licensed dog and twelve (\$12)
 24 dollars per licensed cat((+)). Such residents shall not be
 25 required to annually purchase a new license for the lifetime of
 26 such licensed animals; provided, that no person shall be
 27 ((granted)) issued more than three (3) special permanent animal
 28 licenses for any combination of three (3) cats and dogs for
 29 which they are the registered owner; ((+provided-further,-that
 30 the-animal-control-authority-is-authorized-to-enact-the
 31 necessary-rules-and-procedures-to-efficiently-implement-the
 32 program.--The-effective-date-for-such-licenses-shall-be-on-the
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1 ~~first-day-of-May-for-1977-only,--The-annual-license-fee-shall~~
 2 ~~become-due-and-pay-on-April-1st-of-each-subsequent-year.)~~

3 5. Applications for a dog or cat license shall be on
 4 forms provided by the animal control ((~~authority~~)) section ((~~---~~
 5 ~~No-portion-of-a-license-fee-for-a-portion-of-the-calendar-year~~
 6 ~~shall-be-made.~~));

7 6. All license tags issued herein shall be securely
 8 affixed to a substantial collar, harness, or other means
 9 ((~~which~~)) and shall be worn by the dog at all times. As an
 10 alternative to a license tag, an animal may be identified as
 11 licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on its inside
 12 right thigh or groin with a license number approved or issued by
 13 the animal control ((~~authority~~)) section.

14 C. PENALTY. ((~~In-addition-to-paying-the-appropriate~~
 15 ~~license-fee,-a)~~) 1. A late penalty ((~~in-the-sum-of-twenty-five~~
 16 ~~dollars~~)) shall be charged on all dog and cat license
 17 applications ((~~received-after-April-30th-of-each-year,-provided,~~
 18 ~~however,-that~~)) ,according to the following schedule:

19 a. Dog and cat licenses issued after April 1, 1983 but
 20 prior to April 1, 1984, a late penalty of twenty-five (\$25)
 21 dollars per animal if received after April 30, 1983;

22 b. Dog and cat licenses issued on May 1, 1984, a late
 23 penalty of twenty-five (\$25) dollars per animal, if the license
 24 applied for is a new license application and the exceptions
 25 under K.C.C. 11.04.030 C.2. below do not apply; ten (\$10)
 26 dollars per animal, if the license applied for is a renewal
 27 license application and it is made after thirty (30) days of its
 28 expiration; twenty (\$20) dollars per animal, if the license
 29 applied for is a renewal license application and it is made
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1 after (60) days but within ninety (90), days of its expiration;
 2 forty (\$40) dollars per animal, if the license applied for is a
 3 renewal license application and it is made later than ninety
 4 (90) days from its expiration.

5 2. ((a)) No late penalty shall be charged if:

6 ((1+)) a. The owner submits proof of purchase or
 7 acquisition of the animal within the preceding thirty (30) days;
 8 or

9 ((2+)) b. The owner has moved into the county within
 10 the preceding thirty (30) days; or

11 ((3+)) c. The animal is currently or has been within
 12 the preceding thirty (30) days, under the age which requires a
 13 license (six months); or

14 ((4+)) d. The licenses are issued after April 1, 1983
 15 but prior to April 1, 1984 only, ((7)) and the owner purchases
 16 the license(s) voluntarily, prior to in person or field contact
 17 by animal control personnel; or

18 ((5+)) e. The owner submits other proof deemed
 19 acceptable in the ((~~division's~~)) section's administrative rules
 20 and regulations.

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

23 E. CHECKS. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any
 24 person to knowingly issue a check for which funds are
 25 insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment
 26 of fees contained in this chapter. Any license(s) or penalties
 27 paid for with such checks are, in the case of the license,
 28 invalid; and in the case of the penalty, still outstanding.
 29 Costs incurred by the county in collecting checks of this nature
 30 shall be considered a cost of abatement and are personal
 31 obligations of the animal owner under K.C.C. 11.04.300.
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1 F. NONAPPLICABILITY. The provisions of this section shall
2 not apply to dogs or cats in the custody of a veterinarian or
3 animal shelter or whose owners are nonresidents temporarily
4 within the county for a period not exceeding thirty days. ((the-
5 fees-contained-herein-shall-become-effective-beginning-with-the-
6 1979-license-year.))

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

9 Redemption procedures. Any animal impounded pursuant to the
10 provisions of section 11.04.210 may be redeemed upon payment of
11 the redemption fee as provided herein. The redemption fee for
12 dogs and cats shall be twenty dollars for each such dog or cat,
13 plus an additional fee of five dollars for each twenty-four-hour
14 period, or portion thereof, during which such dog or cat is
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1 retained by the impounding agency and shall be made payable to
2 the county comptroller. The redemption fee for livestock shall
3 be fifty dollars per animal impound incident plus any hauling
4 and boarding costs due. Livestock not redeemed may be sold at
5 public auction by the impounding agency. The hauling and
6 boarding costs for livestock impounded shall be in accordance
7 with the rate established by contract between the county and the
8 given stock yard used for holding such animal.

9 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 12th day of
10 December, 1983.

11 PASSED this 27th day of February, 1984.

12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

14 Gary Grant
15 Chairman

16 ATTEST:

17 Dorothy M. Owens
18 Clerk of the Council

19 APPROVED on this 7th day of March, 1984.

20 Randy Lowell
21 King County Executive