

ORDINANCE NO. 7416

AN ORDINANCE relating to Animal Control fees and penalties, amending Ordinance No. 1396, Article II, Section 1 and King County Code 11.04.030, and adding a new section to K.C.C. 11.04.

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 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))~~ LICENSE ISSUANCE. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the animal control section upon application and payment of an annual license fee made payable to the ~~((county comptroller))~~ department of finance according to the ~~((following))~~ schedule ~~((:))~~ provided in Section 2 of this ordinance.

~~((1.--For all dog and cat licenses issued between April 1, 1983, and April 1, 1984, the sum the 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 all licenses issued on and after May 1, 1984, the sum of twenty (\$20) dollars for dogs and twelve (\$12) dollars for cats; provided that when proof is submitted that such dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, the fee shall be ten (\$10) dollars for dogs and seven (\$7) dollars for cats;~~

~~3.--Licenses issued after April 1, 1983 but prior to April 1, 1984 will be valid until April 30, 1984.))~~

1. Licenses ~~((issued on and after May 1, 1984))~~ will be valid for a term of one year from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. There is no proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses will retain the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on, or after their respective renewal month;

1 ~~((4.))~~ 2. King County residents sixty-five years of age or older may
 2 purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of cats or dogs for which
 3 they are the registered owners when said animals are maintained at said owner's
 4 registered address. ~~((The special permanent animal license fee is twenty-(\$20)
 5 dollars per licensed dog and twelve-(\$12) dollars per licensed cat.))~~ Such
 6 residents shall not be required to annually purchase a new license for the life-
 7 time of such licensed animals; provided, that no person shall be issued more
 8 than three (3) special permanent animal licenses for any combination of three
 9 (3) cats and dogs for which they are the registered owner;

10 ~~((5.))~~ 3. Applications for a dog or cat license shall be on forms provided
 11 by the animal control section;

12 ~~((6.))~~ 4. All license tags issued herein shall be securely affixed to a
 13 substantial collar, harness or other means and shall be worn by the dog at all
 14 times. As an alternative to a license tag, an animal may be identified as
 15 licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or on its inside right thigh or
 16 groin with a license number approved or issued by the animal control section.

17 C. PENALTY. 1. A late penalty shall be charged on all dog and cat license
 18 applications, according to the ~~((following))~~ schedule~~((+))~~ provided in Section 2
 19 of this ordinance.

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

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

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

- a. The owner submits proof of purchase or acquisition of the animal within the preceding thirty (30) days; or
- b. The owner has moved into the county within the preceding thirty (30) days; or
- c. The animal is currently or has been within the preceding thirty (30) days, under the age which requires a license (six months); or
- d. The ~~((licenses are issued after April 1, 1983 but prior to April 1, 1984 only, and the))~~ owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily, prior to in person or field contact by animal control personnel; or
- e. The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable in the section's administrative rules and regulations.

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

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

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

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. Dog and cat license fees and penalties.

A. Fees. The following fees are applicable to the registration and licensing of dogs and cats kept and maintained in King County as provided in this ordinance:

- 1. Dogs - annual.....\$20.00
- 2. Dogs - annual - with proof that animal
has been neutered or spayed..... 8.00