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8 ORDINANCE NO. **11340**
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10 AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the private
11 ownership of exotic animals as pets,
12 establishing licensing and other
13 requirements for those currently
14 possessing such animals, and amending
15 Ordinance 2473, Sections 2, 3 and 11, and
16 K.C.C. 11.28.020, .030, and .110; and
17 adding a new section to K.C.C. 11.28.
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19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
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21 SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2473, Section 2, and K.C.C.

22 11.28.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

23 Definitions. A. "Animal control authority" means the County
24 Animal Control Section, (~~general~~) licensing and regulatory
25 services division, acting alone or in concert with other
26 municipalities for enforcement of the animal control laws of
27 the county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals.

28 B. "Director" means director of the animal control
29 authority.

30 C. "Exotic animal" means (~~any feline which, when in its~~
31 ~~wild state, is capable while at large of inflicting serious~~
32 ~~physical harm upon human beings~~) any of the following:

- 33 1. Venomous species of snakes capable of inflicting
34 serious physical harm or death to human beings;
35 2. Non-human primates and prosimians;
36 3. Bears;
37 4. Non-domesticated species of felines;
38 5. Non-domesticated species of canines and their hybrids,
39 including wolf and coyote hybrids;
40 6. The order crocodilia, including alligators,
41 crocodiles, caiman, and gavials.

1 SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 2473, Section 3, and K.C.C.
2 11.28.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:
3 Possession unlawful - Exception - Rules and regulation
4 compliance. The possession or maintenance of an exotic animal
5 by private citizens as pets is ((unlawful)) prohibited unless
6 ~~((in accordance with the rules and regulations of the animal~~
7 ~~control authority which may be adopted after public notice and~~
8 ~~hearing as provided by Chapter 2.98. Such rules and~~
9 ~~regulations shall classify the species of exotic animals~~
10 ~~according to adult weight for purposes of classification only,~~
11 ~~shall specify the particular cage or confinement where such~~
12 ~~animals may be possessed or maintained for each classification,~~
13 ~~and the manner of possessing or maintain such animals for each~~
14 ~~classification.))~~the owner possessed or maintained the exotic
15 animal on or before the effective date of this act, and agrees
16 to promptly act to satisfy the licensing requirements contained
17 in K.C.C. 11.28.040 through 11.28.090 and such rules and
18 regulations as the animal control authority may adopt as
19 provided in Chapter 2.98 regarding the maintenance of such
20 animals.

21 SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 2473, Section 11, and K.C.C.
22 11.28.110 are hereby amended to read as follows:
23 Chapter limitations. A. The purpose of this chapter is
24 to prohibit the private ownership of exotic animals as pets.
25 Therefore, ((#)) the provisions of this chapter shall not apply
26 to any facility possessing or maintaining exotic animals as
27 defined in this chapter which is owned, operated or maintained
28 by any city, county, state or the federal government, including
29 but not limited to public zoos, nor shall it apply to museums,
30 laboratories and research facilities maintained by scientific
31 or educational institutions, nor to private or commercial
32 activities such as circuses, fairs, or private zoological parks

1 which are otherwise regulated by law, nor to any recognized
2 program engaged in the training of exotic animals as defined in
3 this chapter for use as service animals by disabled citizens.

4 B. Breeding, or allowing the reproduction of, exotic
5 animals as defined in this chapter is prohibited, provided that
6 this prohibition shall not apply to any governmental facility
7 possessing or maintaining exotic animals nor shall it apply to
8 private or commercial activities as set forth in section 3(A)
9 above.

10 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. There is added to K.C.C. 11.28 a
11 new section to read as follows:

12 Severability. Should any section, subsection, paragraph,
13 sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared
14 unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall
15 not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this
16 ordinance.

17 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day of
18 December, 1993.

19 PASSED this 23rd day of May, 1994.

20 Passed by a vote of 13-0.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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25 Kent Pullen
26 Chair

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28 ATTEST:

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32 Arnold G. Peterson
33 Clerk of the Council

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35 APPROVED this 31st day of May, 1994.

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39 Gary Lode
40 King County Executive

41 Attachments: