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AN ORDINANCE relating to animal control and amending Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5 and K.C.C. 11.04.210.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5 as amended and K.C.C. 11.04.210 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Impounding. A. The director of the animal control authority and his authorized representatives may apprehend any animals found doing any of the acts defined as a public nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as defined by law. After such animals are apprehended, the animal control authority shall ascertain whether they are licensed, or otherwise identifiable. If reasonably possible, the animal control authority shall return the animal to the owner together with a notice of violation of this chapter. If it is not reasonably possible to immediately return a currently licensed animal to its owner, the animal control authority shall notify the owner within a reasonable time by regular mail or telephone that the animal has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any currently licensed animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be held for the owner at least one hundred twenty hours, after telephone contact by the impounding agency or for at least two weeks after posting of

1 the notification of impoundment by regular mail; any other
2 animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be held for
3 its owner at least seventy-two hours from the time of
4 impoundment. The county shall not sell any animals to
5 research institutes or licensed dealers for research
6 purposes. Any animal suffering from serious injury or
7 disease may be humanely destroyed, or, in the discretion of
8 the impounding authority, may be held for a longer period and
9 redeemed by any person on payment of charges not exceeding
10 those prescribed herein.

11 B. Any animal not redeemed shall be treated in one of
12 the following ways:

13 1. Made available for adoption at a fee of \$7.50
14 per animal as provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035.

15 a. Any person may adopt an animal impounded
16 pursuant to the provisions contained in this chapter when all
17 billable costs, redemption fees, penalties, and boarding
18 costs incurred in such impoundment are may payable to the
19 county finance director, which may be accepted by the animal
20 control authority acting as agent for the county. As provided
21 in K.C.C. 11.04.035, all dogs and cats over the age of six
22 months adopted from the King County animal shelter shall be
23 spayed or neutered prior to adoption. A spay/neuter deposit
24 shall be charged for dogs and cats under the age of six
25 months which are too young to be spayed/neutered prior to
26 adoption. This deposit will be returned to the adopting
27 person upon submission of proof that the sterilization was
28 performed within six months from the date of adoption.

29 Failure to spay/neuter such dog or cat is a violation of this
30 chapter and a breach of the adoption contract and will result

1 in the forfeiture of the adoption and return of the dog or
2 cat to King County animal control for the required
3 spaying/neutering.

4 b. The director shall have the authority to
5 set administrative rules regarding the adoption of animals
6 from King County shelters.

7 2. Humanely destroyed by euthanasia.

8 c. The county shall not sell any animals for the
9 purposes of medical research to any research ionstitute or
10 any other purchasers.

11 d. Any unaltered dog or cat impounded more than once
12 shall be spayed or neutered either by the animal control
13 authority prior to the release of the dog or cat, or, at the
14 request of the owner, by the owner of the dog or cat,
15 provided the owner agrees to pay a cash deposit of \$250 and
16 provide proof of neutering or spaying on a form provided by
17 the County. In order for the deposit to be refunded to the
18 owner the form must be certified by a licensed veterinarian
19 within five days of release of the dog or cat to the owner.
20 If proof of neutering or spaying is not provided within five
21 days, the animal control authority will have the right to
22 again impound the dog or cat to ensure that it is spayed or
23 neutered. If the dog or cat is spayed or neutered by the
24 animal control authority, the cost of the spay or neuter

1 shall be charged to the owner upon redemption but shall be
2 deducted from the impound/redemption fees otherwise required
3 under this ordinance.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 17th
5 day of January _____, 1995.

6 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 7th day of
7 August, 1995.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

15 ATTEST:

16 Gerald G. Peterson
17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 15th day of August, 1995.

19 Ben Loh
20 King County Executive

21 Attachments: