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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

Snohomish County, Washington

Ordinance No. 01-049

**AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 9.01 AND 9.04 RELATING TO
GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DOG AND CAT LICENSES**

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.01.030 last amended by Ordinance 97-020, § 19, on May 7, 1997 is amended to read:

9.01.030 - Definitions

In construing the provisions as set out in this title all words not otherwise given special definitions herein or in SCC 6.06 shall be given their common and ordinary meaning, in addition, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Abatement" means the termination of any violation of this title by lawful and reasonable means as determined by the authorized Snohomish County animal control agency personnel in order that a person or persons presumed to be the owner of an animal comply with this title.
- (2) "Adult dog or cat" means any dog or cat six months of age or older.
- (3) "Animal" means any member of the classes: reptile, bird, or mammal, except human.
- (4) "Animal control agency" means the Snohomish county animal control agency created and perpetuated to enforce the provisions of the Snohomish county Code and laws of the state of Washington as they pertain to animal welfare.
- (5) "Animal control officer" means any individual employed, contracted or appointed by the animal control agency for the purpose of enforcing this code or any other code, or the laws of the state of Washington.
- (6) "Certificate of registration for dangerous dog" means any document issued by the Snohomish county licensing authority pursuant to chapter 16.10 RCW and SCC 9.10.040.
- (7) "Certification authority" means the Snohomish county licensing authority.
- (8) "~~((Certified service))~~ Service dog" means any dog, which is trained or being trained to aid a disabled person and is used for that purpose. ~~((and is registered with a recognized service animal organization.))~~
- (9) "County" for purposes of this title, means the unincorporated areas of Snohomish county.
- (10) "Dangerous dog" means any dog that according to the records of the county, (a) has inflicted severe injury on a human being without provocation on public or private property,

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(b) has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property, or (c) has been previously found to be potentially dangerous, the owner having received notice of such and the dog again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals; but, dogs shall not be declared dangerous if the threat, injury, or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog, or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog, or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, abused, or assaulted the dog or was committing or attempting to commit a crime.

(11) "Domesticated animal" means any animal including dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, mules, asses, cattle, lambs, sheep, or other animals made to be domestic.

(12) "Euthanasia" means the humane destruction of an animal by a method that is painless to such animal either causing instant painless unconsciousness and subsequent death or immediate death.

(13) "Junior dog" means any dog under the age of 6 months.

(14) "Licensing authority" means the Snohomish county auditor or his or her duly authorized representative.

(15) "Owner" means any person, firm, corporation, organization, or department possessing, harboring, keeping, having an interest in, or having control or custody of an animal.

(16) "Pack of dogs" means a group of three or more dogs running upon land, either public or private, not that of their owner, when such dogs are not restrained or controlled.

(17) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, estate, or other legal entity.

(18) "Potentially dangerous dog" means any dog that when unprovoked: (a) inflicts bites on a human or a domestic animal either on public or private property, or (b) chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, or to cause injury, or otherwise threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals.

(19) "Proper enclosure of a dangerous dog" means, while on the owner's property, a dangerous dog shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, and shall also provide protection from the elements for the dog and comply with all applicable provisions of the Snohomish county building and zoning code.

(20) "Running at large" means to be off the premises of the owner and not under control of either the owner or competent person authorized by the owner.

(21) "Severe injury" means any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery.

(22) "Under control" means the animal is under competent voice and/or signal control so as to be thereby restrained from approaching any bystander or other animal and from causing or being the cause of physical property damage when off of a leash or off the premises of the owner. Said animal is presumed not to be under control if injuries, damages, or trespass result.

(23) "Vicious" means acting in an unruly manner or the propensity to do any act which might endanger the safety of any person, animal, or property of another.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 9.04.040 last amended by Ordinance 96-052, § 2, on July 10, 1996 is amended to read:

9.04.040 - License fee and term

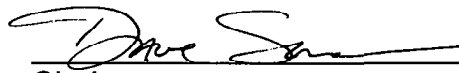
(1) The fee for licensing an animal under this chapter is due and payable in full upon submitting an application. The term of a license is one year from the date of issuance.

(2) The fees for dog and cat licenses are established as follows:


- (a) Altered dog--\$10.00 per year;
- (b) Unaltered dog--\$30.00 per year;
- (c) Cat license--voluntary--\$9.00 per year;
- (d) Junior dog license--\$5.00 per animal;
- (e) Senior citizen (65 or older)--25% discount on altered dog only;
- (f) ~~(Certified)~~ Service Dogs--No charge--free;
- (g) Law enforcement agency dog license--No charge--free;
- (h) Replacement of license tag--\$3.00 per tag;
- (i) Transfer fee--\$3.00 per license.

Passed this 25th day of July, 2001.

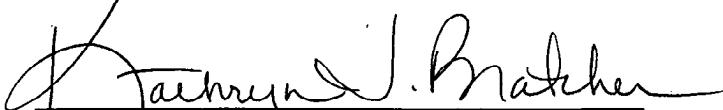
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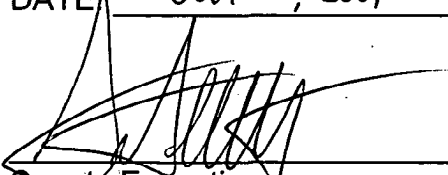
Approved as to form only:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Jason J. Cummings

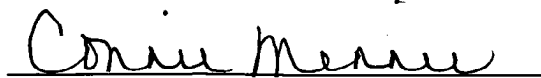
Attest:


Clerk of Council

- APPROVED
- VETOED
- EMERGENCY

DATE July 30, 2001

County Executive

Attest:



STEPHEN L. HOLT
Executive Director

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