

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## **AMENDED ORDINANCE 02-082**

## RELATING TO DOG AND CAT LICENSE REGULATIONS AND CHANGING LICENSE FEES AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 9.04

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.04.010 last amended by Ordinance 96-052§1 on July 10, 1996 is amended to read:

9.04.010 Dog license required.

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Owners of all adult dogs and cats residing in unincorporated areas of the county and within the boundaries of those municipalities participating in the Regional Pet Licensing program shall license their dogs and cats with the licensing authority unless specifically exempted under SCC 9.04.020 of this chapter. Owners of dogs and cats under the age of six months ((may)) shall obtain a junior ((dog)) license for their animal. When an animal reaches six months of age an adult dog or cat license must be applied for with the licensing authority. The fee paid for the junior ((dog)) license will be credited toward the purchase of an adult altered dog or cat license. Dogs under the age of six months bred and whelped from the adult dogs within a private kennel-breeding are exempt from the junior dog licensing requirement.

((All dogs over the age of six months must receive rabies inoculations. Wolf-hydrid animals licensed under the provisions of this chapter are exempt from the rabies inoculation requirement.))

Owners of dogs and cats which have a valid license from other jurisdictions and who move into unincorporated Snohomish County or within the boundaries of those municipalities participating in the Regional Pet Licensing program may transfer the license within 30 days of becoming a resident by paying a transfer fee. Full license fees must be paid after 30 days.

<u>Section 2.</u> Snohomish County Code Section 9.04.020 last amended Ordinance No 97-020 § 20, on May 7, 1997 is amended to read:

## 9.04.020 Exemptions.

(1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

(a) Dogs <u>and cats</u> kept in duly licensed commercial kennels, <u>boarding facilities</u>, pet shops and animal shelters or in the custody of a veterinarian;

(b) Dogs <u>and cats</u> brought into unincorporated areas of the county for a period not to exceed 30 days for the sole purpose of competing in a show or competition or for breeding purposes;

(c) Dogs <u>and cats</u> whose owners are nonresidents temporarily visiting within the county for a period not to exceed 30 days;

(d) Dogs <u>and cats</u> duly licensed by a municipality located within the county <u>not</u> <u>contracting with the county for licensing services;</u>

(e) Dogs and cats held in foster care as pursuant to SCC 6.06.050.

(2) In this section, "commercial kennel", "boarding facility", "pet shop" and "animal shelter" ((has)) have the meaning given in Title 6 SCC.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 9.04.040 last amended by Ordinance No 96-052 § 2 on July 10, 1996 is amended to read:

Amended Ordinance No 02-082 Amending SCC Chapter 9.04 Page 1 of 2 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. Dogs within a private kennel as defined in SCC 6.06 are also subject to these fees. Upon presentation of confirming documentation to the licensing authority, dogs and cats micro-chipped using an industry standard chip shall receive a 50% discount in licensing fees.
  - (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)) Altered cat - \$10.00 per year; (d) Unaltered cat - \$30.00 per year;

(((d))) (e) Junior dog license — \$5.00 per animal;

(((e))) (f) Senior citizen discount (65 or older) — ((25% discount on altered dog only))

\$8.00 per altered animal per year;

(((f))) (g) Service Dogs — No charge — free;

(((g))) (h) Law enforcement agency dog license — No charge — free;

(((h))) (i) Replacement of license tag — \$3.00 per tag;

(((i))) (j) Transfer fee — \$3.00 per license.

Cats maintained and/or owned in connection with agricultural pursuits as defined in SCC 6.06.005 are exempt from this licensing requirement.

PASSED this 4th day of December, 2002.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

County Executive

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of Council

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Approved as to Form Only:

**Deputy Prosecuting Attorney** 

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