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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 06- 136

RELATING TO KENNELS, GROOMING PARLORS AND PET SHOPS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 6.06.005, last amended by Ordinance 02-081 adopted December 4, 2002, is amended to read:

**6.06.005 Definitions.**

The following words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meanings set forth below or as defined in 6.01 SCC unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Adult dog or cat" means any dog or cat six months of age or older.
- (2) "Agricultural pursuits" means the use of land primarily for the production of crops and livestock or fur farming.
- (3) "Animal" means any member of the classes: amphibian, fish, reptile, bird, marsupial or non-human 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)~~) agency designated in SCC 9.01.040.
- (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) "Animal hospital" means a facility at which a licensed veterinarian provides medical treatment and consultation for animals which may stay temporarily at the facility for medical procedures or observation.
- (7) "Animal shelter" means a facility that accepts from the public impounded, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals for temporary housing for a period of time not to exceed 6 months.

(8) "Boarding facility" means a place where ~~((four or more animals are))~~ more than one animal is kept by contractual arrangement with the owner, whether for compensation or not, for any purpose other than medical treatment, breeding, or permanent disposal.

(9) "Cat" means a domesticated Felis catus.

~~((9))~~(10) "Commercial kennel" means a place where the owner or occupant of the property keeps at least four and not more than 25 total dogs including puppies and does not have a private kennel license as set forth herein.

~~((10))~~(11) "Foster care" or "Rescue" or "Placement" means providing temporary care for dogs and cats from ~~((an))~~ a licensed animal shelter at a private residence for a period of time not to exceed 6 months.

~~((14))~~(12) "Grooming parlor" means any establishment, public or private, where animals are bathed, clipped, or combed for compensation.

~~((12))~~(13) "Pet shop" means any person or establishment that acquires, holds, or offers animals not bred and whelped from the facility for the purpose of sale or resale to the public.

~~((13))~~(14) "Private kennel - breeding" means a place at or adjoining a private residence where at least four but not more than 10 dogs of which at least one has not been neutered or spayed, are owned, kept or maintained by the persons residing on said property, for the purpose of hunting, training, field work, obedience trials, other competition, breeding, the enjoyment of the species or for any other purpose. Dogs under the age of 6 months shall not be included for purposes of determining the total number of dogs within the private kennel provided that they are bred and whelped from the adult dogs within the private kennel. Upon request, it shall be the duty of the kennel owner to provide to the licensing authority ~~((r))~~ evidence that dogs are under the age of 6 months and are bred and whelped from the adult dogs within the private kennel.

~~((14))~~(15) "Private kennel - non-breeding" means a place at or adjoining a private residence where at least four but not more than 10 adult dogs of which all have been neutered or spayed, are owned, kept or maintained by the persons residing on said property, for the purpose of hunting, training, field work, obedience trials, other competition, the enjoyment of the species or for any other purpose.

~~((15))~~—"Quiet hours" means the hours of day during which a dog or dogs shall not be allowed to bark continuously for a duration that exceeds five minutes nor be allowed to engage in repetitive barking or noisemaking. For the purpose of this definition, "Repetitive barking" means barking, whether by one or more dogs, which while not continuous constitutes 10 minutes or more of any half-hour time span.)

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 6.06.016, last amended by Ordinance 02-081 adopted December 4, 2002, is amended to read:

**6.06.16 Requirements for obtaining license – Animal Facilities other than a private kennel**

The licensing authority may issue a license for a commercial kennel, boarding facility, animal shelter, grooming parlor or pet shop upon application by the owner and only if the licensing authority is satisfied that in addition to any other requirements applicable under this title, all of the following requirements are met:

(1) shelter shall be provided for all animals and shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, constructed to protect the animals from injury, contain the animals and restrict the entry of other animals;

(2) each animal shall be provided with adequate floor space to allow the animal to turn about freely and to stand, sit and lie down in a comfortable, normal position;

(3) electrical power shall be supplied in conformance with applicable electrical codes adequate to supply sufficient heating and lighting for the animals according to the species;

(4) animals which are caged, closely confined or restrained shall be permitted daily to exercise in a yard or area suitable for that purpose and for an appropriate length of time depending on their size, age and species;

(5) food and bedding shall be placed and stored in facilities which provide adequate protection against infestation or contamination by insects or rodents. Any perishable foods shall be refrigerated;

(6) food and water shall be provided in sufficient amounts to ensure normal growth in immature animals and maintenance of normal weight in adults;

(7) food and water receptacles shall be accessible to all animals and shall be located to prevent contamination by dirt and excreta;

(8) provisions shall be made on a daily basis for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, contaminated bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, free from the infestation or contamination of insects, rodents or disease, and shall be free from obnoxious or foul odors;

(9) dirtied or soiled utensils and equipment and open containers of animal food shall be stored in an area of the facility not accessible to the public;

(10) sick, diseased or injured animals shall not be sold. They shall be separated from healthy, normal animals, and shall be removed from display and kept in isolation quarters with adequate ventilation to prevent contamination of healthy animals and humans;

(11) no employee, keeper or owner shall misrepresent any information pertaining to any animal to a consumer;

(12) no employee, keeper or owner shall knowingly sell a sick, diseased and/or injured animal;

(13) adequate care and feeding instructions, responsible pet ownership education material and licensing information shall (~~must~~) be provided, in writing, to each animal purchaser;

(14) (~~any other requirements applicable under this chapter.~~) Private kennel and/or commercial kennel owners and/or operators may not purchase and/or acquire animals for the purpose of resale without first obtaining a pet shop license;

(15) Private kennel owners, commercial kennel owners or pet shop owners determined to be knowingly selling sick, diseased and/or injured animals shall have their license suspended for 6 months for the first violation; suspended for 1 year for the second violation; revoked permanently for the third violation;

(16) Any other requirements applicable under this chapter.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 6.06.050, last amended by Ordinance 02-081 adopted December 4, 2002, is amended to read:

**6.06.50 Foster Care or Rescue or Placement**

Any animal shelter licensed under the provisions of this chapter providing a foster care or rescue or placement program for dogs and cats shall provide those individuals ~~((providing the foster care))~~ serving as the providers with documentation identifying the individual as a bona fide ~~((foster))~~ care provider and a description of the animal in their care. A shelter placing an adult dog or cat in foster care or rescue or placement shall provide a collar with an identification tag establishing the animal as ~~((a foster))~~ an animal from their shelter. All animals placed in foster care or rescue or placement in unincorporated Snohomish county must maintain a current Snohomish county regional pet license. The shelter placing the animal shall be responsible to maintain records with license tag numbers of the whereabouts of each animal placed with a care provider including the name and address of the provider and the length of time the animal has been in foster care or rescue or for placement. These records must be available for inspection upon demand of the licensing authority. No dog or cat shall remain in foster care or rescue or placement for more than six months. Any dog or cat remaining ~~((in foster care))~~ over six months shall lose its identity as a foster care or rescue or placement animal and is subject to the licensing requirements set forth in SCC 9.04.

Any individual providing ~~((foster))~~ care on behalf of a licensed shelter may not shelter more than 3 ~~((foster care))~~ adult dogs at any given time. In addition, if a ~~((foster))~~ care individual or facility keeps, maintains or houses at least 4 adult dogs for more than 6 continuous months, the ~~((individuals))~~ individual provider must obtain a private kennel license pursuant to SCC 6.06.007.

PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007

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