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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 87-043

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE SECTION 9.12.060
RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES AND
PROCEDURES

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section I. Snohomish County Code 9.12.060 Enforcement--
Nuisance--Abatement last amended by Resolution adopted
October 4, 1978, is amended to read:

9.12.060 Enforcement--Nuisance--Abatement It shall be
unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to cause,
allow, permit or participate in any of the following, which
are, singly or together, defined as a public nuisance:

(1) Frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounds made by
any animal which unreasonably disturb or interfere with the
peace, comfort, and repose of property owners or possessors,
except:

(a) ((that--such-sounds--made-by--pigs;--cattle;--sheep;
horses;--goats;--and-poultry;--whether-from-commercial-or
noncommercial-activities;--and)) such sounds made in
animal shelters, commercial kennels, veterinary
hospitals, pet shops, grooming parlors or pet kennels
licensed under and in compliance with Title 9,
Snohomish County Code, shall be exempt under this
subsection.

(b) such sounds made by pigs, cattle, sheep, horses,
goats, and poultry, whether from commercial or
noncommercial activities in unincorporated areas
outside of the area bounded by Puget Sound on the west,
the Snohomish County/King County line on the south,
164th Street SE on the north and the Bothell Highway
(SR 527) on the east shall be exempt under this
subsection.

(2) Any domesticated animal which enters upon private
or public property, so as to damage or destroy any real
property or personal property thereon.

(3) Any domesticated animal which chases, runs after or
jumps at vehicles, using the public streets and alleys.

(4) Any domesticated animal which habitually snaps,
growls, snarls, jumps, at or upon, or otherwise threatens
persons lawfully using public sidewalks, streets, alleys or
other public ways.

(5) Any nondomesticated animal, either predatory or nonpredatory, in the custody, possession or control of any person within the county, which due to its size, habits, natural propensities or instincts represents a danger or potential danger to people or property, not reasonably confined, restricted or restrained.

(6) Animals running in packs.

(7) A female domesticated animal, whether licensed or not, while in heat, not confined and accessible to other animals for purposes other than controlled and planned breeding.

(8) Any domesticated animal, whether licensed or not, which runs at large in any park or enters any public beach, pond, fountain or upon any public playground or school ground; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to dogs being walked or exercised while on a tether or leash or ten (10) feet or less; to any blind person using a Seeing Eye dog; to animal shows or exhibitions; or organized dog training classes where approval is secured from the Snohomish County board of commissioners after giving reasonable advance notice.

(9) Any animal which enters any place where food is prepared, served, stored or sold to the public; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any blind person using a Seeing Eye dog or duly authorized law enforcement officers, security guards or postmen using guard dogs in performance of their duties.

(10) Animals confined, staked or kept on public property without prior consent of the applicable agency.

(11) Animals kept, harbored or maintained and known to have a contagious disease, unless under the treatment of a licensed veterinarian or being kept for medical research.

(12) Animals on public property not under the control of the owner or other competent person and without the consent of the applicable agency.

(13) The ownership, harboring, or keeping of any species of animal designated by the State Board of Health pursuant to WAC 248.100.450, together with amendments thereto, as dangerous to the public including any skunk, fox or raccoon, except as lawfully authorized for fur farming.

(14) Any vicious animal or animal with vicious propensities which runs at large at any time, or such animal when off or outside of the owner's premises, not under the physical restrictions of a person of suitable age and discretion to control such animal.

(15) The taking from the wild, or the holding in captivity, or the having in one's possession, or the exportation from or importation into the county of any species designated in WAC 232-12.015 and -030 and -040 together with amendments thereto, as protected wildlife, as furbearing animals, or as game fish, birds, or animals, except as lawfully authorized.

(16) Any dog in an established leash law zone found in violation of the provisions of Chapter 9.14, this title.

(17) Any animal violating or involved in a violation of the provisions of Chapter 9.08, this title.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1986.

Shirley Bartholomew
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