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**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**AMENDED
ORDINANCE NO 96-052**

**AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 9.04 and 9.14
Relating to Dog and Cat Licenses and Dog Leash Law**

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.04.010 added by Ordinance 86-099, § 64, on November 12, 1986 is amended to read:

9.04.010 Dog License Required. Owners ((All-adult)) of all adult dogs residing ((within)) in unincorporated areas of the county shall ((be)) license((d)) ((by their owners)) their dogs with the licensing authority unless specifically exempted under section 9.04.020 of this chapter. Owners of dogs under the age of six months may obtain a junior dog license for their animal. When an animal reaches six months of age an adult dog license must be applied for with the licensing authority. The fee paid for the junior dog license will be credited towards the purchase of an adult ((altered)) dog license.

~~((All dogs shall have current and proper immunizations from disease as determined by the licensing authority according to the species and age of the dog. The licensing authority may require veterinarian verification of current inoculation period.)) All dogs over the age of six months must receive rabies inoculations. Wolf-hybrid animals licensed under the provisions of this chapter are exempt from the rabies inoculation requirement.~~

Owners of dogs which have a valid license from other jurisdictions and who move into unincorporated Snohomish County 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.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code 9.04.040 last amended by Ordinance 91-154 on November 6, 1991 is amended as follows:

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) ~~((Neutered male or spayed female))~~ altered dog- ~~\$(8.00)~~ 10.00 per year;
- (b) ~~((Unneutered unspayed))~~ unaltered dog- ~~\$(15.00)~~ 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)-((one-half of above)) 25% discount on altered dog only;
- (f) ~~((Blind or hearing impaired owner fees))~~ Certified Service Dogs - No charge - free;
- ~~(((f) With private kennel license, per animal \$2.00 per year;))~~
- (g) law enforcement agency dog license - No charge-free;
- (h) replacement of license tag - ~~(\$2.00)~~ \$3.00 per tag;
- (i) Transfer fee - \$3.00 per license.

Section 3. The heading of Snohomish County Code Sections 9.14.010 thru 9.14.111 is amended as follows:

Chapter 9.14
((OPTIONAL)) DOG LEASH LAW

Sections:

- 9.14.010 Purpose((s)).
- 9.14.020 Definitions.
- 9.14.030 Dogs off premises to be on leash.
- 9.14.040 Exceptions.
- ~~((9.14.050 Standards for leash law zone applications.))~~
- ~~((9.14.060 Petition Form.))~~
- ~~((9.14.070 Public hearing.))~~
- ~~((9.14.080 Other regulations.))~~
- ~~((9.14.090))~~ 9.14.050 Enforcement.
- ~~((9.14.100 Abrogation of leash law zone.))~~
- ~~((9.14.110 Effective date.))~~
- ~~((9.14.111 Dog leash law zones.))~~

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.010 added by Ordinance 82-114 SS1, adopted on December 16, 1982 is amended as follows:

9.14.010 Purpose((s)). Under the authority of RCW Chapter 16.10 and the general police power of the county's legislative body, this chapter is intended to further protect the public health, safety and welfare in regard to the control of dogs.

~~((To this end, the purpose of the resolution codified herein is to establish: a means by which any county residents so desiring may petition for a dog leash law for their areas; and a means by which the legislative body of the county may determine the need for said law in said area; and a means by which said law, if enacted, may be administered and enforced.))~~

Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.020 added by § 22 of Res. adopted on July 10, 1978 is amended to read:

9.14.020 Definitions. In construing the provisions of this chapter, except where otherwise plainly declared or clearly apparent from the context, words used herein shall be given their common and ordinary meaning; in addition, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Lawful", in regard to herding, hunting, competition, or training, means to be engaged in said activity on the property of another by permission or, on public land that is set aside and/or open for said use. "Lawful", in regard to herding, also means to be engaged in said activity on a public right-of-way where such is authorized, necessary, and is conducted in a reasonably safe and prudent manner.

(2) "Premises" includes the premises of the entire complex when in regard to multi-family dwellings. "Multi-family dwellings" includes duplexes and condominium arrangements.

(3) "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.

Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.030 added by § 22 of Res. adopted on July 10, 1978 is amended as follows:

9.14.030 Dogs off premises to be on leash. It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to cause, permit, or allow such dog to roam, run, stray or be away from the premises of such owner or custodian and to be on any public place or any public property or the private property of another ~~((within the boundaries of the leash law zone as provided for herein))~~ unless such dog is ~~((while away from such premises, be))~~ controlled by ~~((a))~~ an automatic retractable leash or ~~((a leash or))~~ by a ~~((chain))~~ leash not more than eight feet in length. ~~((such control to be exercised by such owner or custodian or other competent and authorized person.))~~ Any dog found roaming, running, straying or being away from such premises and not on a leash as herein provided, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and such dog may be seized and impounded subject to redemption in the manner provided by chapter 9.12 SCC.

Section 7. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.040 added by Ordinance 82-114 § 2, adopted on December 16, 1982 is amended as follows:

9.14.040 Exceptions.

(1) The prohibition contained in SCC 9.14.030 shall not apply to dogs that are under control while engaged in one of the following:

~~((1) Being within sight and within ten (10) feet or voice control of an owner of 10 years of age or older; PROVIDED, That said dog shall not be trespassing on private property;))~~

~~((2))~~ ((1)) (a) Lawful herding of farm animals;

~~((3))~~ ((2)) (b) Lawful hunting activities;

~~((4))~~ ((3)) (c) Lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized body or a local chapter thereof; or

~~((5))~~ ((4)) (d) Lawful training in preparation for such herding, hunting, or competitive activities.

(2) The prohibition contained in SCC 9.14.030 shall not apply in future "open run areas" established by Snohomish county. For this chapter "open run areas" means a clearly defined area where dogs are allowed to run off a leash but under control.

(3) Dogs engaged in search and rescue activities in conformance with chapter 118-04 WAC are exempt from the prohibition contained in SCC 9.14.030.

(4) Dogs engaged in law enforcement activities conducted by city, county, state, or federal law enforcement officials are exempt from the prohibition contained in SCC 9.14.030.

Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.050 added by Ordinance 82-114 § 3, adopted on December 16, 1982 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 9. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.060 added by Ordinance 82-114 § 4, adopted on December 16, 1982 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 10. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.070 added by Ordinance 82-114 § 5, adopted on December 16, 1982 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 11. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.090 added by § 22 of Res. adopted July 10, 1978 is amended as follows:

~~((9.14.090))~~ 9.14.050 Enforcement. The enforcement of this chapter shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 9.12 SCC.

Section 12. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.100 added by § 22 of Res. adopted on July 10, 1978 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 13. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.110 added by § 23 of Res. adopted on July 10, 1978 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 14. Snohomish County Code Section 9.14.111 last amended by Ordinance 92-086, adopted on August 19, 1992 is repealed in its entirety.

PASSED this 10th day of July, 1996.

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