

ORDINANCE NO. 885

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF ALL DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF KIRKLAND, AUTHORIZING THE IMPOUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF DOGS, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates,

(a) "Dog" shall be intended to mean both male and female.

(b) "Owner" shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.

(c) "At large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

(d) "Dog Catcher" shall mean the person, association or corporation, including the King County Humane Society, appointed by the Mayor to carry out the duties either delegated by the Mayor or directly imposed under this Ordinance upon the Dog Catcher.

(e) "Pound Master" shall mean the person, association or corporation, including the King County Humane Society, appointed by the Mayor to carry out the duties either delegated by the Mayor or directly imposed under this Ordinance upon the Pound Master.

Section 2. License and Registration Required. All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the City of Kirkland shall be licensed and registered if over 3 months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon payment of a license tax of \$1.00 for each male or spayed female, and \$2.00 for each unspayed female. The owner shall state at the time application is made for such license and upon printed forms provided for such purpose his name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned and kept by him. The provisions of this Section shall not be intended to apply to dogs whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the City, nor to dogs brought into the City for the purpose of participating in any dog show, nor to

"seeing-eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons when such dogs are actually being used by blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place.

Section 3. Tag and Collar. Upon payment of the license fee, the Clerk shall issue to the owner a license certificate and a metallic tag for each dog so licensed. The tag shall have stamped thereon the year for which it was issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Clerk upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the license fee for the current year, and the payment of a fifty (50¢) cent fee for such duplicate. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee because of death of the dog or the owner's leaving the City before expiration of the license period.

Section 4. Running at Large Prohibited. No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large whether licensed or unlicensed.

Section 5. Impounding. It shall be the duty of every police officer or the dog catcher to apprehend any dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of Section 4 hereof and to impound such dog in the city pound or other suitable place. The Poundmaster (or some other designated official) upon receiving any dog shall make a complete registry, entering the breed, color, and sex of such dog and whether licensed. If licensed he shall enter the name and address of the owner and the number of the license tag. Licensed dogs shall be separated from unlicensed dogs.

Section 6. Notice to Owner and Redemption. Not later than 3 days after the impounding of any dog, the owner shall be notified, or if the owner of the dog is unknown written notice shall be posted for