

ORDINANCE NO. 423

AN ORDINANCE, relating to animal control within the City of Redmond; providing for the licensing of dogs; prohibiting dogs from running at large; authorizing the impounding and destruction of dogs; defining offenses and prescribing penalties for violations; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 34, 90 and 156.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, unless the context indicates otherwise,

- (a) "Dog" shall include all members of the canine family, and 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 immediate control of the owner, member of his immediate family, or person authorized by him, either by leash, cord, chain or other effective means of restraint.
- (d) "Dog Catcher" shall mean the person, association or corporation, including the King County Humane Society, appointed or authorized to carry out the duties of dog catcher under this ordinance.
- (e) "Pound Master" shall mean the person, association, or corporation, including the King County Humane Society, appointed or authorized to carry out the duties of pound master under this ordinance.

Section 2. License and Registration Required. All dogs kept, harbored or maintained by their owners in the City of Redmond shall be licensed each year on a calendar year basis and registered if over four (4) months of age. Annual dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon payment of a license fee of \$3.00 for each dog. 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 or kept by him. The provisions of this section shall not be intended to apply to dogs whose owners are non-residents 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. License 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 nature of the tag shall be changed every year and 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 payment of the license fee for the current year and the payment of a .50¢ 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. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to cause, permit or allow such dog to run at large within the City of Redmond; provided, that this section shall not apply to dogs which are in special areas designated and posted by the Chief of Police as dog training areas so long as the regulations of the Chief of Police with respect to the use of such areas are complied with and such dogs are under the custody and control of their trainer.

Section 5. Public Nuisance Declared - Enforcement. Any dog found at large within the corporate limits of the City of Redmond contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or any dog not displaying the license tag as provided herein, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of the police department and the dog catcher to impound and detain all dogs found within the City of Redmond in violation of this ordinance and deliver such dogs to the poundmaster to be detained, held and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. Any police officer or other officer of the City charged with the enforcement of this ordinance may, in the event of a violation of this ordinance, issue a citation to the owner directing him or her to appear in Court and/or to post bail in accordance with a bail schedule to be fixed by the Judge hearing municipal cases.

Section 6. Notice of Impounding. When any licensed dog is impounded, the officer or department impounding such dog shall attempt to give notice the same day by mail, and by telephone if possible, to the owner informing him or her of the impounding of such dog and the reason therefor. When an unlicensed dog is impounded, notice thereof shall be posted at the City Hall within twenty-four hours, giving the breed, color, sex and other identifying characteristics of the dog, together with the date and place of impounding and reason therefor. It shall, however, be the entire responsibility of the owner to ascertain that his dog has been impounded and to take such measures as he deems fit for redeeming such dog, and neither the City of Redmond or any officer or agent of the City shall be responsible for notifying an owner of the impounding of any dog under this ordinance.

Section 7. Redemption. Any owner of a dog which has been impounded may redeem the same from the City of Redmond or authorized poundmaster by paying to the City an impounding fee of \$5.00 for the first impounding of such dog; \$7.50 for the second impounding; and \$10.00 for each subsequent impounding, plus reasonable charges of the poundmaster for the restraint and care of such dog while impounded. In the event the impounded dog has not been licensed the license fee must likewise be paid prior to such redemption. Provided, no dog may be redeemed or released who is found to have rabies or other infectious or dangerous disease.

Section 8. Disposition. Any dog not redeemed within seventy-two (72) hours from the time of impounding may be sold by the City of Redmond or authorized poundmaster for the full amount of license fees and fees for impounding, distraining and keeping said dog; and in the event there is no purchaser who offers to pay such amount, then the City of Redmond or authorized poundmaster, at the expiration of the seventy-two (72) hours, shall have the right to and shall cause said dog to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Section 9. Disposal of Certain Dogs. It shall be lawful for any police officer to kill any dangerous or vicious dog found at large which cannot be safely taken up and impounded.

Section 10. Muzzling and Vaccination. Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of rabies, the Mayor, if he deems it necessary, shall issue a proclamation ordering every person owning or keeping a dog to confine it securely on his premises unless such dog shall have a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent its biting any person. Any unmuzzled dog running at large during the time of the proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies. All dogs so noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious propensities shall be killed by the poundmaster or by any police officer, without notice to the owner. Dogs impounded during the first two days of such proclamation shall, if claimed within five days, be released to the owner, unless infected with rabies, upon payment of the fees and charges provided in Section 7. If unclaimed after that period, such dog may be summarily destroyed. Said proclamation may also provide for and require the vaccination of all dogs with anti-rabies vaccine.

Section 11. Rabies - Notice. If a dog is believed to have rabies or has been bitten by a dog suspected of having rabies, such dog shall be confined by a leash or chain on the owner's premises and shall be placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a period of two weeks. The owner shall notify the police department or poundmaster of the fact that his dog has been exposed to rabies and at his discretion, the poundmaster is empowered to have such dog removed from the owners premises to a veterinary hospital and there placed under observation for a period of two weeks at the expense of the owner.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowing or suspecting a dog has rabies to allow such dog to be taken off his premises or beyond the limits of the City without the written permission of the poundmaster. Every owner, or other person, upon ascertaining a dog is rabid shall immediately notify the poundmaster or a police officer who shall either remove the dog to the pound or summarily destroy it.

Section 12. Certain Activity Declared Nuisance. It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any dog, whether licensed or not, which by continual howling, yelping, barking, or other noise, disturbs any neighborhood, and any such dog is hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded.

It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog, whether licensed or not, to trespass upon private or public property so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value, and the same is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any such dog may be impounded.

Section 13. Dumping of Dogs and Cats Unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit or abandon any dog or cat, or the young thereof, within the City of Redmond in any manner, without making provision for the care of such animal. In addition to the penalty imposed by court, any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall pay to the City the cost and expense of the impound and distraint of the animal or animals involved.

Section 14. Penalty. Any owner who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 for such offense.

Section 15. Validity. Should any clause, section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.


Section 16. Police Power. This ordinance is declared to be an exercise of the police power of the City of Redmond for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

Section 17. Repeal. Ordinance No. 34, Ordinance No. 90 and Ordinance No. 156 are hereby repealed.

Section 18. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after the date of its publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof and APPROVED by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1967.

CITY OF REDMOND

  
G. C. GRAEP  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
EDWARD FROEBE  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
JOHN D. LAWSON  
CITY ATTORNEY

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