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## CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

## ORDINANCE NO. 3773

AN ORDINANCE regarding dogs and cats; amending fees and penalties relating to the licensing, impounding and redemption of such dogs and cats; and amending Bellevue City Code 8.04.040, 8.04.045, 8.04.150 and 8.04.160; and repealing Bellevue City Code 8.04.080.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code 8.04.040, as last amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 3094, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.04.040 Application for License - Fees - Penalties

Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the animal control authority upon application and payment of an annual license fee in the sums hereafter specified. Applications for a dog or cat license shall be on forms provided by the animal control authority. The application shall list the name, address and phone number of the owner of the animal and such information shall be kept, conveniently indexed, by the licensing official together with the number of the license issued. Licenses shall be issued for a one-year period.

Fees shall be according to the following schedule:

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| 1. | Dogs - Annual   | \$22.00 |
| 2. | Dogs - Annual with proof that animal has been neutered or spayed. | \$10.00 |
| 3. | Cats - Annual   | \$12.00 |
| 4. | Cats - Annual with proof that animal has been neutered or spayed. | \$ 7.00 |
| 5. | Special permanent animal license - senior citizens:               |         |
|    | a. Dogs - with proof that animal has been neutered or spayed.     | \$20.00 |
|    | b. Cats - with proof that animal has been neutered or spayed.     | \$12.00 |

B. Penalties

The following penalties are applicable in cases of late

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registration and licensing of dogs and cats as provided in this Chapter:

- 1. New license applications \$50.00
- 2. License renewal applications:
  - a. Received after 30 days of license expiration but before 60 days \$10.00
  - b. Received after 60 days of license expiration but before 90 days \$20.00
  - c. Received after 90 days of license expiration \$40.00

Section 2. Bellevue City Code 8.04.045, as last amended by Section 2 of Ordinance No. 3094, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.04.045 Special Permit License - Purchased by Residents 65 years of age or older.

City residents 65 years of age or older shall be entitled to purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of cats or dogs for which they are the registered owner when the animals are maintained at the owner's registered address. A special permanent license will be issued only for a cat or dog which has been neutered or spayed. Eligible residents may purchase the special permanent animal licenses in accordance with the fee schedule specified in Bellevue City Code 8.04.040.

Such persons shall not be required to annually purchase a new license for the lifetime of such licensed animals; provided, that no person shall be granted more than three permanent animal licenses for any combination of three cats and dogs for which they are the registered owners; provided further, that any permanent license issued under this Section shall terminate at any time the person issued such license ceases to be the owner of the licensed dog or cat; provided further, that the animal control authority is authorized to enact the necessary rules and procedures to efficiently implement the programs.

Section 3. Bellevue City Code 8.04.080 is hereby repealed.

Section 4. Bellevue City Code 8.04.150, as last amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1842, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.04.150 Impounding Procedures.

The director of the animal control authority and his authorized representatives may apprehend any animal found doing any of the acts defined as a public nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as defined by law. After such animals are apprehended,

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the animal control officer shall ascertain whether they are licensed, or otherwise identifiable. If reasonably possible, the animal control authority shall return the animal to the owner, together with a notice of violation of this code. If it is not reasonably possible to immediately return a currently licensed animal to its owner the animal control authority shall notify the owner within a reasonable time by regular mail or telephone that the animal has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any currently licensed animal impounded pursuant to this code shall be held for the owner at least 120 hours after posting of notification by regular mail or after telephone contact by the impounding agency; any other animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be held for its owner at least 72 hours from the time of impoundment. Any animal suffering from serious injury or disease may be humanely destroyed, or in the discretion of the impounding authority, may be held for a longer period and redeemed by any person on payment of charges not exceeding those prescribed herein. No live animal shall be used for experimentation purposes.

- B. Any animal not redeemed shall be treated in one of the following ways:
1. Made available for adoption at a fee of \$5.00 per animal.
    - a. Any person may adopt an animal impounded pursuant to provisions contained in this Chapter when all available costs, redemption fees, penalties, and boarding costs incurred in such impoundment, are made payable to the County Finance Director, which may be accepted by the animal control authority acting as agent for the County.
    - b. There shall be a spay/neuter deposit of \$25.00 on all adopted animals. This deposit will be returned to the adopting person upon submission of proof that the sterilization was performed within 180 days of the date of the adoption.
    - c. No animal impounded in the City shall be sold for the purposes of medical research to any research institute or any other purchasers.

Section 5. Bellevue City Code 8.04.160, as last amended by Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1842, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.04.160 Impounding Fees.

Any animal impounded pursuant to provisions of Section 8.040.150 may be redeemed upon payment of the fee as provided herein. The

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redemption fee for dogs and cats shall be \$25.00 for each such dog or cat on the first offense, \$40.00 on the second offense, within one year of the first offense, and \$55.00 on the third offense, within one year of the first offense. Owners of impounded licensed dogs or cats shall not be charged a redemption fee on the first offense, but shall be charged on the second offense at the second offense rate. An additional fee of \$5.00 for each 24-hour period, or portion thereof, during which such dog or cat is retained by the impounding agency shall be made payable to the County Comptroller. The redemption fee for livestock shall be \$50.00 per animal impound incident plus any hauling and boarding costs due. Livestock not redeemed may be sold at public auction by the impounding agency. The hauling and boarding costs for livestock impounded shall be in accordance with the rate established by contract between King County and the given stockyard used for holding such animal.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

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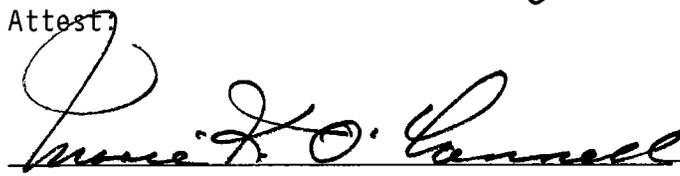
  
Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney

  
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Attest:

  
Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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