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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5047

AN ORDINANCE regarding the regulation of dogs and cats in the City of Bellevue; amending Section 1 (part) of Ordinance No. 1842, as most recently amended by Section 3 of Ordinance No. 4865, and Section 8.04.040 of the Bellevue City Code; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, King County provides certain animal control services to the City of Bellevue pursuant to interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, such interlocal agreement requires that the City adopt an ordinance(s) which is substantially similar to Title 11 of King County Code as now or hereafter amended; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council adopted King County Ordinance 12921 on November 24, 1997 increasing the altered pet license fee from \$10.00 annually to \$15.00 annually and previously amended the adoption fee; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to amend Section 8.04.040 of the Bellevue City Code to reflect such license fee and adoption changes; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 1. Section 1 (part) of Ordinance No. 1842, as most recently amended by Section 3 of Ordinance No. 4865, and Section 8.04.040 of the Bellevue City Code are amended to read as follows:

8.04.040 Application for license - Fees -Late fees -Waiver.

A. Issuance - Fees. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the animal control authority or by the City upon application and payment of license fees in the amount specified in this section. Applications for a dog or cat license shall be on forms provided by the animal control authority or by the City. 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.

Pet licenses for unaltered dogs and cats will be valid for a term of one year from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the 12th month. Pet licenses for altered

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dogs and cats will be valid for one year, expiring on the last day of the 12th month. There is no proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses will retain the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on, or after their respective renewal month.

Juvenile licenses must be obtained for pets from eight weeks to six months of age. Fees shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

1. Pet license for unaltered dog or cat: \$55.00
2. Pet license for altered dog or cat with proof that animal has been neutered or spayed: \$15.00
3. Juvenile pet license: \$5.00
4. Senior citizen/lifetime license:
 - 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
5. Individual private animal placement permit: \$25.00.
6. Organizational private animal placement permit: \$10.00
7. Adoptions -per animal: \$60.00. This is a one-price fee which includes the fee for adopting an animal, the licenses fee and the spaying/neutering of the animal.
8. Spay/neuter deposit -per animal: \$35.00
9. Exotic pet license:
 - a. New: \$500
 - b. Renewals: \$250

B. Late fees. The following late fees are applicable in cases of late registration and licensing of dogs and cats provided in this chapter:

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1. Late new license application fee: \$25.00.
 2. Late license renewal application fee:
 - a. Received after 30 days of license expiration but before 60 days or failure to comply with subsection B3 of this section: \$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;
 3. No late fee shall be charged on new license applications if:
 - a. The owner submits proof of purchase or acquisition of the animal within the preceding 30 days; or
 - b. The owner has moved into the county within the preceding 30 days; or
 - c. The animal is currently or has been within the preceding 30 days, under the age which requires a license; or
 - d. The owner purchases the license(s) voluntarily, prior to in person or field contact by animal control personnel; or
 - e. The owner submits other proof deemed acceptable in the section's administrative rules and regulations.
- C. Waiver of fees. The director of the animal control authority is authorized to waive licensing fees, late licensing fees, adoption fees, and redemption and sheltering fees, in whole or in part, when to do so would further the goals of this Title 8 and be in the public interest.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after passage.

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of January, 1998, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20th day of January, 1998.

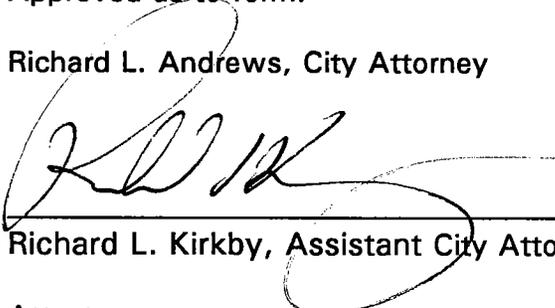
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