

ORDINANCE NO. 545

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, AMENDING UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 8; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City's Animal Control Department has requested minor changes to the animal licensing provisions of the Municipal Code to streamline their licensing and enforcement process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the amendments will improve the operations and procedures of the Animal Control Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend Title 8.10 of the University Place Municipal Code to reflect more feasible practices for the City's Animal Control Department in the area of animal licensing and enforcement; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8.10.020 Purchase of License Amended. Chapter 8.10.020, "Purchase of License," to the University Place Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.10.020 Purchase of license.

A. All dog or cat licenses shall be obtained by paying the required license fee as prescribed by resolution or to such other agency as the City authorizes to issue licenses and collect license fees. The license shall remain in force for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. There is no prorating of any license fee. Renewal licenses will retain the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on or after their respective renewal month. The applicant shall be furnished with such license and a metal tag. The tag shall be attached to a collar or harness which will be worn by the dog or cat at all times. The shape of the tag shall not be the same two consecutive years.

~~B. Temporary dog or cat licenses, valid for 90 days, shall be available at no cost for previously unlicensed dogs and cats above the age of eight weeks. Temporary licenses shall be available from the City of University Place.~~

Section 2. Section 8.10.030 Fees Amended. Chapter 8.10.030, "Fees," to the University Place Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.10.030 Fees.

A. The license fees for the ownership, keeping, or having control of dogs and/or cats in the city of University Place shall be prescribed by resolution.

B. In order to receive the fee advantage for altered dogs and cats, an individual must provide either proof of alteration from a licensed veterinarian or a written statement from a licensed veterinarian that the spay/neuter procedure would be harmful to the animal.

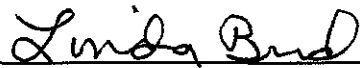
C. The city will honor requests pursuant to RCW 49.60.380 upon a showing that the animal is a guide or service animal under state law.

- D. In addition to any other remedy available under state law or the UPMC, the department may collect delinquent license fee charges that are delinquent for more than 60 days by assigning them to a collection agency.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 9, 2009.



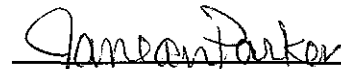
Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Janean Parker, City Attorney

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