

ORDINANCE

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CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANIMAL LICENSES PURSUANT TO A TWELVE MONTH CYCLE, AMENDING SECTION 7.04.040 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND APPROVING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 7.04.040 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**7.04.040 Licensing and Registration Requirements.**

A. Failure to license a pet animal. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of any dog or cat in the city of Lacey unless the person has procured a license. Failure to license a pet animal is a civil infraction.

B. Issuance of license tag. Animal Services or agents thereof shall provide an appropriate identification tag for each dog or cat licensed to persons applying, upon payment of the appropriate license fee. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a dog to keep a collar or harness on the animal with the license tag attached if the animal is off the owner's property. For cats only, a microchip may substitute if a collar is considered a hazard.

C. Supplemental identification. Tattooing or microchip implantation are acceptable auxiliary means of identification but do not replace the license.

D. Lack of authorized and current tag. A dog or cat without an authorized and current license tag may be impounded, except as otherwise set forth in this chapter.

E. Annual License Fees. License fees shall be established by resolution of the city council.

F. Date due. All licenses granted under this chapter shall be valid for one year, ~~the licensing year commencing on January 1 and running through December 31. Cat licenses shall be required effective January 1, 1997.~~ Provided, however, that those licenses issued for or during the 1999 calendar year shall remain valid until that date in the calendar year 2000 designated by notice from the Animal Services Director. The Director shall assign a renewal date to each outstanding animal license and prior to the

expiration of the 1999 calendar year, notify the owners of such pets of such renewal date. All licenses renewed for the calendar year 2000 or thereafter shall be valid for a period of twelve months following their assigned renewal date. All new licenses issued subsequent to the passage of this ordinance shall be valid until their assigned renewal date, which renewal date shall be not less than twelve months subsequent to the issuance of such new license.

G. Licenses nontransferable. Licenses shall not be transferable from one pet animal to another.

H. Tag removal unlawful. It is unlawful for any person to remove a tag from any pet animal, or to obliterate any tattoo or microchip registered under this section without the permission of the owner or issuing authority other than in a medical emergency. A violation of this provision shall be a gross misdemeanor.

I. Kennel or cattery permit. A permit for a kennel or cattery, as defined in the zoning ordinance, may be granted for those zones where such use is not prohibited.

J. Exotic Animals. Owners of constrictor type reptiles over eight feet in length, venomous reptiles, and primates are required to annually register such animals with Animal Services by completing a form provided by Animal Services. Failure to register such animals shall be a misdemeanor.

Section 2. The summary of this Ordinance, which is attached hereto, is approved for publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON,  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

CITY COUNCIL

By Nancy Peterson  
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Charlotte N Taylor  
City Clerk

[Signature]  
City Attorney

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SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

ORDINANCE 1115

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The City Council of the City of Lacey, Washington, passed on August 26, 1999, Ordinance No. 1115 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANIMAL LICENSES PURSUANT TO A TWELVE MONTH CYCLE, AMENDING SECTION 7.04.040 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND APPROVING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION."

The main point of the Ordinance is as follows:

The Ordinance amends section 7.04.040 of the Lacey Municipal Code to provide for the issuance of animal licenses on a twelve month cycle. Currently, all licenses are issued on a calendar year basis causing an extremely uneven work load for licensing officials. The new system will spread the licensing of animals more evenly over the full year.

A copy of the full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person requesting the same from the City of Lacey.

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*Charlotte In. Taylor*  
City Clerk