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ORDINANCE NO. 146

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND LICENSING THE KEEPING OF DOGS, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDING, QUARANTINING AND DESTRUCTION OF DOGS, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 105 .

SECTION I DEFINITIONS

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Class One Kennel - Any lot, premises, structure or building where six or more dogs of at least six (6) months of age are kept .

At Large - Any dog away from its owner's premises and/or out of his control.

Harboring - The occupant of any premises on which an animal remains or to which it customarily returns daily for food and care for a period of ten (10) days is presumed to be harboring the animal within the meaning of this Ordinance.

Public Nuisance - Means any dog which:

1. Molests passerby or passing vehicles;
2. Attacks other animals;
3. Enters any public playground, schoolground or any public building, except this shall not apply to a dog in a public park or a public beach which is on a leash or a dog serving as a Seeing Eye dog;

4. Damages on public property or private property other than the owner;
5. Is at large;
6. Barks, whines or howles in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner;
7. Scatters refuse;
8. Is an unconfined female dog in heat.

## SECTION II LICENSING

Licensing - It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog within the following limits unless such dog is licensed herein:

### DESCRIPTION

All of Walla Walla County, excepting therefrom incorporated cities and towns located therein.

Written application for such license shall be made to Walla Walla County, or its designated agent, and shall state the name, phone number and address of the owner; date of issuance; date and the name, sex, color, age and breed of dog. The license fee shall be paid at the time of application, and a numbered receipt shall be given to the applicant and a numbered metallic tag shall be issued to the owner.

Fees - The license fee on dogs for each year, or part thereof, EXCEPT dogs specially trained to assist blind person, shall be as follows:

1. Five Dollars & .50 (\$5.50) for each male dog.
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3. Eight Dollars (\$8.00) for each unspayed female dog.

Class One Kennel Fee - Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

Licensing Period - All dog licenses and kennel licenses shall be issued for one year beginning with the first day of January each year. Applications for licenses may be made for thirty one (31) days after the start of the licensing year.

Misuse of Tags - No person shall use for any dog a license receipt or tag issued to another dog.

Kennels - Any dog kept in a licensed kennel need not be individually licensed provided that at all times, when not securely confined in the kennel, the dog is kept under control by an authorized person.

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Tags and Collars - Every owner is required to see that the tag is securely fastened to the dog's collar, choke chain or harness, by the owner, unless it is engaged in hunting or another activity where a collar might endanger the dog's safety.

### SECTION III IMPOUNDING

Impoundment Cause - Unlicensed dogs over six months of age, nuisance dogs, dogs affected with or suspected of being affected with rabies, whether such rabid dogs are restrained or at large, licensed or unlicensed, shall be taken by Law Enforcement Officer or Animal Control Authority Officers and confined in a humane manner as hereafter provided.

Notice of Impounding - Upon the impounding of any dog, the impounding authority shall immediately notify the owner, if the owner is known; if the owner is unknown, all reasonable efforts to locate and notify the owner shall be made.

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Disposition of Unclaimed Dogs - If an impounded dog shall not be claimed and redeemed within 72 hours after the giving of the last notice as provided for in this ordinance, then it may be sold. The Animal Control Authority may hold any dog beyond the required holding period at his discretion if he deems such dog or animal worthy or valuable for its intrinsic worth.

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SECTION V GENERAL PROVISIONS

Severability - Invalidity of any article, section, subsection, clause or portion thereof, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

Repeal - Ordinance No. 105 is repealed effective the 16th day of April, 1979.

PASSED BY THE BOARD of Walla Walla County Commissioners  
this 16th day of April, 1979.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
County of Walla Walla

} ss.

Thomas C. Baker, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he is the Publisher of The Times, a weekly newspaper which has been established, published in the English language, and circulated continuously as a weekly newspaper in the City of Waitsburg, and in said County and State, and of general circulation in said County for more than six (6) months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereto attached.

That said newspaper is the official newspaper of the City of Waitsburg and of the County of Walla Walla.

That The Times was on the 14th day of June, 1955, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said Walla Walla County and that the annexed is a true copy of a

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as it appeared in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper itself and not in a supplement thereof for a period one consecutive weeks, Commencing on the 5 day of April, 19 79 and ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ and that said newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of this period.

That the full amount of \$ 72.52 has been paid in full, at the rate of \$1.96 per column inch.

Anita B. Baker Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5th day of April, 19 79

Betty L. Chase

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,  
Residing at Waitsburg, Washington 99361



**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 11:00 A.M., Monday, April 16, 1979 in the office of the Board at the County Courthouse in Walla Walla on the following proposed Ordinance:

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Dated at Walla Walla, Washington March 27, 1979

C. Lynn Smith  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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