

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING)
VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE SPOKANE)
COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE)
CODIFIED AS SPOKANE COUNTY CODE)
CHAPTER 5.04 EFFECTIVE IN THE)
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SPOKANE)
COUNTY AND IN CITIES/TOWNS THAT)
CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL)
SERVICES WITH SPOKANE COUNTY)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, (“Board”) pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(7), that a public hearing will be held on:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009, AT 5:30 P.M.
(or as soon as possible thereafter)
COMMISSIONERS’ ASSEMBLY ROOM
SPOKANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDNG
1026 W. BROADWAY AVE.
SPOKANE, WA 99260

THE PURPOSE of the public hearing is to consider public testimony and take action on proposed amendments to the County’s Animal Control ordinance which is codified as Spokane County Chapter 5.04. The proposed amendments would be effective only in the unincorporated areas of Spokane County and the incorporated areas under contract with Spokane County which have adopted Spokane County’s Animal Control Ordinance.

Spokane County’s Animal Control ordinance regulates dog and cat ownership, boarding, control, treatment, impound redemption, adoption, euthanasia and some sales; declarations of potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs and conditions of continued ownership; review/appeal procedures; infraction and criminal sanctions; and fees as well as expenditures.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- .020 Definitions
 - Include “multiple bites” in definitions of Dangerous Dog and Severe Injury.
 - Add “Service Animal” definition.
- .030 Dog and Cat License
 - Clarify Kennel License requirements and Service Animals licensure.
 - Authorize issuance of renewable license tags and content change.
- .060 Impounding Dogs
 - Ownership identification element clarified
 - Holding period clarified
- .065 Adoption of Animal
 - Use of sterility fee clarified.
- .066 Impounding of Cats

- Ownership identification element clarified
 - Recordation requirement clarified.
- .071 Violations as Infractions – Exceptions
- General numbering changes.
- .130 Penalties
- General numbering change.
- .170 Spaying and Neutering Services
- Provisions added authorizing “projects/programs/services” of benefit to the community.

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Any person may appear at the date, time and place set forth hereinabove, and present testimony in support of or opposition to the proposed Ordinance. The adoption of the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(15).

A copy of the entire Ordinance amendments can be viewed during normal business hours at the offices of the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County located on the first floor of the Spokane County Courthouse at 1116 West Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260; and, an electronic copy will be available on the Spokane County website by accessing the following link <http://www.spokanecounty.org/loaddoc.aspx?docid=4114>.

Additional information with regard to the proposed Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Nancy Hill, Spokane County Animal Control Director, at (509) 477-2532.

All meetings and hearings will be conducted in facilities which are accessible to disabled individuals. For more particular information with respect to the accessibility of the Public Works Building, Commissioners’ Assembly Room, please contact Daniela Erickson, Clerk of the Board, at (509) 477-2265.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington this _____ day of _____, 2009.

TODD MIELKE, Chair

ATTEST:

MARK RICHARD, Vice-Chair

Daniela Erickson
Clerk of the Board

BONNIE MAGER, Commissioner