



Good Neighbor Responsibility for Your Pets: FYI

The following are a list of “enforceable” regulations excerpted from the Kitsap County Animal Control laws. It is in the interest of all animal owners to read and be sensitive to your animals causing problems for your neighbors. Your neighbors have the right to invoke the law so it in the best interest of all us pet owners to comply.

7.14.030 **Infractions.** County Information is linked to our website: <http://www.ridgecresthomeowners.org>

The following are declared to be Class 1 civil infractions:

(1) Animal at Large. For the owner of a pet or livestock to suffer or permit such animal to leave the premises of the owner, unless the animal is under physical restraint adequate to the size and nature of the animal or is sufficiently near its owner to be under its owner's direct control and is obedient to its owner's commands. Exceptions to this restriction are pets engaged in formal training, hunt or competition, or service dogs engaged in an activity for which they are trained or in service;

(3) Animal Noise. For any person(s) to own any animal which by its barking, howling, baying, squealing, crowing, crying, bleating, screeching, or making any other noise by its volume or frequency unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace of any person(s) for more than fifteen minutes in any one-hour period of any day, and is documented by three or more separate episodes of such noise in a sequential seven-day period. The burden is upon the owner of such animal(s) to maintain quiet. Exceptions to this subsection are farm animals in permitted zones, commercial pet facilities, animal welfare facilities, veterinary hospitals, or grooming parlors otherwise in compliance with the Kitsap County Code including, but not limited to Section 7.08.040, or those who can substantiate that such animal noise was caused by an injury or illness of the animal(s) or by willful trespass, torment, or abuse of the animal(s) on its property by others.

(4) Damaging Property. For the owner of a pet or livestock to suffer or permit the animal to leave the premises of the owner and thereafter cause damage to any thing of value or any other pet or livestock;

(5) Disturbing Pedestrians. For the owner of a pet or livestock, when off the property of the owner or in a wheeled vehicle, to suffer or permit the animal to disturb people lawfully on public ways;

(6) Chasing Vehicles. For the owner of a pet or livestock to suffer or permit the animal to chase or run at or after vehicles lawfully on public ways;

(9) Excess Number of Cats and/or Dogs. To own five or more adult cats and/or dogs at the same place or residence without a valid commercial pet facility, animal welfare facility, hobbyist or enthusiast license;

NOTE: RHA covenants provide for only 2 pets.

(21) Animal Waste. For the owner of a pet to fail to remove deposits of fecal material originating from the owner's animal from public or private property unless the owner of such property has given permission for such material to be deposited. This shall not authorize such deposits as are otherwise governed by public health regulations or other provisions of this code.

Enforcement may be undertaken only upon written receipt of a complaint made to either the animal control authority or law enforcement by a person(s) residing at or who is employed in an area affected by such public disturbance. Any such animal(s) shall be deemed a nuisance and may be seized and impounded, pursuant to Section 7.10.010(a), if the disturbance reoccurs after the owner or custodian of such animal(s) has received two written warnings from either the animal control authority or law enforcement within a calendar year.

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