

## **Title 6**

### **ANIMALS**

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## Chapter 6.04

ANIMAL CONTROL<sup>1</sup>

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**6.04.010 Adoption by reference.**

The following King County Code sections on file in the office of the city clerk, as hereafter amended, are adopted by reference and made a part of this chapter as if set out fully herein, and shall apply within the city:

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 11.04.530 Exemptions from chapter.  
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(Ord. 1210 § 1, 1994).

**6.04.020 Violation – Penalty.**

Any person found violating this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00 for each violation

1. Prior legislation: Ords. 536, 635, 1102 and 1167.

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and/or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days. (Ord. 1210 § 1, 1994).

#### **6.04.030 Enforcement.**

The city and King County each have the independent authority to take any action authorized by the enforcement provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1210 § 1, 1994).

### **Chapter 6.08**

#### **HOBBY KENNELS**

(Repealed by Ord. 1210)

## Chapter 6.12

**ANIMALS AT LARGE AND KEEPING<sup>1</sup>**

## Sections:

- 6.12.010 Definitions.
- 6.12.020 Trespass and nuisance.
- 6.12.030 Hearing on classification.
- 6.12.040 Aid to animal warden.
- 6.12.050 Citation – Impoundment – When.
- 6.12.060 Citation – Impoundment – Discretion of animal warden.
- 6.12.070 Impoundment – Unlawful recovery.
- 6.12.080 Destruction of animal.
- 6.12.090 Apprehension – Impoundment.
- 6.12.100 Impoundment – Registration – Notice to owner.
- 6.12.110 Unclaimed – Disposal.
- 6.12.120 Redemption – Impoundment costs.
- 6.12.130 Service fee.
- 6.12.140 *Repealed.*
- 6.12.150 *Repealed.*
- 6.12.170 Fowl or small animals – Keeping.
- 6.12.180 Horses – Keeping.
- 6.12.200 Livestock – Keeping.
- 6.12.210 Manure.
- 6.12.220 Public emergency.

**6.12.010 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the content clearly indicates otherwise, the following words shall mean:

- A. “Owner” means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation who has the title of, control of, possession of or the responsibility for any of the animals or fowl described in this chapter.
- B. “Animal” means any mammal, reptile or fowl.
- C. “At large” means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the immediate control of the owner or the owner’s agent, as with horses and cattle.
- D. “City officials” means animal warden.

E. “The city” means the city of Pacific or, if the context so indicates, within the incorporated limits of the city of Pacific.

F. “Livestock” means all horses, cows, cattle, sheep, goats, swine and jackasses.

G. “Animal warden” means the city’s police officers or other designated officers, employees or agents, or governmental entities contracting with the city to provide animal control services. (Ord. 1210 § 3, 1994; Ord. 747 § 2, 1979; Ord. 449 (1), 1969).

**6.12.020 Trespass and nuisance.**

It is unlawful to suffer or permit any animal to trespass on private or public property so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value. Such trespass is a nuisance, and any such animal may be impounded by the animal warden. Whenever it is affirmed in writing by three or more persons having separate residences, or regularly employed in the neighborhood that any animal is a habitual nuisance by reason of trespassing, squawking, squealing or other noise, or damage to property, being vicious or by its actions potentially vicious or in any other manner causing undue annoyance, the animal warden, if he finds such nuisance to exist in fact, shall serve notice upon the owner or custodian that such nuisance must be abated within 48 hours, after which the animal warden shall decide whether such nuisance has been abated and if not, any such animal shall be impounded. Refusal to release to the animal warden any such animal constitutes a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 449 (2)(A), 1969).

**6.12.030 Hearing on classification.**

Any owner or custodian aggrieved at the classification of his animal as vicious, destructive, depredatory, or a public nuisance, may request a hearing before the municipal judge to determine the justification of such classification. If the classification is affirmed the owner or custodian appealing shall pay the costs of the hearing and fees to the witnesses called by the animal warden and/or chief of police in support of the classification. (Ord. 449 (2)(B), 1969).

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1. For statutory provisions authorizing cities and towns to prevent and regulate the running at large of domestic animals within the city limits, see RCW 35.24.290.

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### 6.12.040 Aid to animal warden.

Any police officer of the city is authorized to aid the animal warden in the enforcement of this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prevent any police officer from seizing any animal violating this chapter and delivering the same to the animal warden or the animal pound. (Ord. 449 (3)(A), 1969).

### 6.12.050 Citation – Impoundment – When.

The city, by its properly constituted officers, may issue a citation to the owner of an animal or impound such animal, or both, when such animal is or has been found:

A. To be unlawfully at large, harbored, or under circumstances causing a violation of this chapter;

B. Damaging the property of person or persons, other than the owner, except in the defense of the owner's property or members of the owner's household. (Ord. 449 (3)(B), 1969).

### 6.12.060 Citation – Impoundment – Discretion of animal warden.

The animal warden or other officer shall use sound discretion to determine whether an animal shall be impounded or its owner issued a citation, or both, under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 449 (3)(C), 1969).

### 6.12.070 Impoundment – Unlawful recovery.

It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to open or attempt to open any city-owned, animal-confining device, or to take or let out any animals therein, or to take or attempt to take from any officer any animal seized by him in compliance with, or in any way hinder such officer in the performance of his duty, under this chapter. (Ord. 449 (3)(D), 1969).

### 6.12.080 Destruction of animal.

In the event of emergency, endangering of any person or person's health or safety, where seizure and impoundment is deemed inadvisable or impracticable for humane considerations, the animal warden or police officer may humanely destroy such animal. (Ord. 449 (3)(E), 1969).

### 6.12.090 Apprehension – Impoundment.

It shall be the duty of the animal warden or any police officer to apprehend any animal found running at large in violation of this chapter, and impound such animal in the city pound or other suitable place. (Ord. 449 (4)(A), 1969).

### 6.12.100 Impoundment – Registration – Notice to owner.

Upon receiving any animal the animal warden shall register the animal, entering: location where animal was picked up, breed, color, sex of such animal and whether the animal was licensed. If licensed, the animal warden shall enter the name and address of the owner and the license number. If licensed the animal warden or police officer will notify the animal's owner if known at the earliest possible time either by phone or by regular mail. (Ord. 1210 § 4, 1994; Ord. 449 (4)(B), 1969).

### 6.12.110 Unclaimed – Disposal.

Any impounded animal that is not reclaimed within the time limits set by Chapter 6.04 PMC may be disposed of by destruction or sale. (Ord. 1210 § 5, 1994; Ord. 449 (4)(C), 1969).

### 6.12.120 Redemption – Impoundment costs.

Unless this chapter requires otherwise, any impounded animal may be redeemed by payment of impoundment costs, which include the cost of transporting the animal for impoundment, the cost of the board and care of the animal and any expenses incurred by the animal warden or police officer in the impoundment. (Ord. 449 (4)(D), 1969).

### 6.12.130 Service fee.

A service fee as established by Chapter 6.04 PMC shall be charged for destroying any animal at the request of the owner or otherwise, and for finding homes for unwanted animals at the request of the owner. (Ord. 1210 § 6, 1994; Ord. 1157 § 2, 1991; Ord. 449 (4)(E), 1969).

### 6.12.140 Disposition of moneys collected.

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 449 (4)(F), 1969).

**6.12.150 Cruel and inhumane treatment of animals.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210. (Ord. 449 (5)(A), 1969).*

**6.12.170 Fowl or small animals – Keeping.**

Fowl or small animals are permitted in an R-1 zone provided only one accessory building is used and that it shall not exceed 300 square feet in floor area. The roaming area shall not exceed 500 square feet in area. The housing shall not be closer than 65 feet or the roaming area not less than 35 feet away from any adjacent place of habitation other than the owner's. Fowl or small animals are permitted in an A-1 zone with the same setback requirements as the R-1 zone with building and roaming area according to the A-1 zone requirements. (Ord. 449 (6)(C), 1969).

**6.12.180 Horses – Keeping.**

Horses are permitted in an R-1 zone provided the stables be 100 feet and the roaming area not less than 35 feet from the adjacent place of habitation other than the owner's. The building and location shall be approved by the city council. The number of horses, not including sucklings, shall be limited to one animal per one-half acre; Shetland ponies excepted. Horses shall be permitted in an A-1 zone with the same setback and roaming area restrictions and number of horses to the roaming area. (Ord. 449 (6)(D), 1969).

**6.12.200 Livestock – Keeping.**

A. Herding. The herding of livestock on any street, road or alley within the city limits is prohibited.

B. Keeping. Livestock are permitted within the city limits; provided, that any of said animals confined or kept within the city limits shall be in a secure pen or restricted by a secure leash and not allowed to run at large as defined in PMC 6.12.010; and provided further, that no such animal shall be confined as provided in this section on ground that is marshy or subject to water overflow, nor within 200 feet of any stream or other source of water supply, nor within 100 feet of the animal owner's residence; and provided, further, that no person

shall be allowed to keep more than any one head of said livestock per one-half acre owned or used by the owner of said livestock. (Ord. 747 § 3, 1979; Ord. 449 (8), 1969).

**6.12.210 Manure.**

No organic material furnishing food or breeding place for flies will be allowed to accumulate on the premises. Unslaked lime, hypochlorite of lime, borax, or mineral oil shall be used in sufficient quantities to prevent offensive odors and the breeding of flies. Manure on farms need not be removed unless so ordered by the health officer. Manure on other premises must be removed at intervals sufficiently to maintain a sanitary condition satisfactory to the health officer. (Ord. 449 (9), 1969).

**6.12.220 Public emergency.**

If a general emergency due to natural or man-made disaster, or outbreak of disease should arise, the mayor may claim that such an emergency does exist. If the emergency provides reasonable concern for human life or safety, the mayor may order all species of animals confined to the owner's premises and/or muzzled. The mayor may also order any species of animal, subsequently found running at large, slain. (Ord. 449 (10), 1969).

**Chapter 6.16**

**RABIES CONTROL<sup>1</sup>**

Sections:

- 6.16.010 Definitions.
- 6.16.020 –
- 6.16.090 *Repealed.*
- 6.16.100 Disposition of infected dogs.
- 6.16.110 Confinement of vicious dogs and cats or female dogs and cats in heat.
- 6.16.120 Rabies vaccination required.
- 6.16.130 Duties of veterinarian.
- 6.16.140 Vaccination cost.
- 6.16.150 Exception of vaccination requirement.
- 6.16.160 Impoundment of rabies suspects.
- 6.16.170 Handling of dogs bitten by rabid animals.
- 6.16.180 Agreement to operate pound.
- 6.16.190 Absence of rabies tag – Impoundment.
- 6.16.200 Impoundment – Notice – Reclamation.
- 6.16.210 Provisions for enforcement.
- 6.16.220 Pound fees.
- 6.16.230 Muzzling.
- 6.16.240 Public parks and school grounds.
- 6.16.250 *Repealed.*
- 6.16.260 Violation – Penalty.

**6.16.010 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise indicates:

- A. “Dog” means both male and female, sexed or neutered.
- B. “Owner” means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat.
- C. “At large” means off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of the owner’s immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.
- D. “Vaccination against rabies” mean the inoculation of a dog or cat with a rabies vac-

cine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Such vaccination must be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Washington.

E. “Animal warden” means the city’s police officers or other designated officers, employees or agents, or governmental entities contracting with the city to provide animal control services. (Ord. 1210 § 9, 1994; Ord. 441 § 1, 1969).

**6.16.020 License fee.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 495 § 1, 1971; Ord. 441 § 2, 1969).

**6.16.030 License required.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 495 § 2, 1971).

**6.16.040 Tag and collar.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 441 § 3, 1969).

**6.16.070 Redemption of impounded animals.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 441 § 6, 1969).

**6.16.080 Impoundment fees.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 441 § 7, 1969).

**6.16.090 Confinement of certain dogs.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 441 § 8, 1969).

**6.16.100 Disposition of infected dogs.**

Any unlicensed dog required by law to be licensed, or any dog which appears to be suffering from rabies or affected with hydrophobia, mange or other infectious or dangerous disease shall not be released but may be forthwith destroyed. (Ord. 441 § 9, 1969).

**6.16.110 Confinement of vicious dogs and cats or female dogs and cats in heat.**

No dog or cat of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities and no female dog or cat in heat,

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1. For statutory authority empowering third-class cities to prevent and regulate the running at large of domestic animals within the city limits, see RCW 35.24.290.



whether licensed or not, shall be allowed to run at large upon the premises of one other than the owner. If any such dog or cat is found running at large in violation of this provision it shall be taken up and impounded and shall not be released except upon approval of the animal warden after payment of any required fees; provided, however, if any dangerous, fierce or vicious dog or cat so found at large cannot be safely taken up and impounded, such dog or cat may be slain by any policeman or animal warden. (Ord. 1210 § 10, 1994; Ord. 441 § 10, 1969).

#### **6.16.120 Rabies vaccination required.**

Every dog four months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached three months of age. Unvaccinated dogs acquired or moved into the city must be vaccinated within 30 days after purchase or arrival, unless under four months of age, as specified above.

Every dog shall be revaccinated at not more than 24-month intervals thereafter. (Ord. 441 § 11, 1969).

#### **6.16.130 Duties of veterinarian.**

It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, at time of vaccinating any dog, to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination (in triplicate) which includes the following information:

- A. Owner's name and address;
- B. Description of dog (breed, sex, markings, age, name);
- C. Date of vaccination;
- D. Rabies vaccination tag number;
- E. Type of rabies vaccine administered;
- F. Manufacturer's serial number of vaccine.

Distribution of copies of certificate shall be as follows: the original forwarded to the rabies control authority; first copy to owner; and the second copy retained by the issuing veterinarian. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies for the interval between vaccinations specified in PMC 6.16.120. A metal or durable plastic tag, serially numbered, issued by the rabies control authority, shall be securely attached to the collar or harness of the

dog. Wherever the dog is outdoors, whether on or off the owner's premises, the collar or harness with the vaccination tag must be worn. (Ord. 441 § 12, 1969).

#### **6.16.140 Vaccination cost.**

The cost of rabies vaccination shall be borne by the owner of the dog. (Ord. 441 § 13, 1969).

#### **6.16.150 Exception of vaccination requirement.**

The provisions of this chapter with respect to vaccination shall not apply to any dog owned by a person temporarily remaining within the city of Pacific for less than 30 days, or any dog brought into the city for field trial or show purposes, nor for hunting dogs in the state for less than 30 days. Such dogs shall be kept under strict supervision of the owner. However, it is unlawful to bring any dog into the city which does not comply with the animal health laws and import regulations of the state of Washington which are applicable to dogs. (Ord. 441 § 14, 1969).

#### **6.16.160 Impoundment of rabies suspects.**

A. Any dog or other animal suspected of being afflicted with rabies, or any dog not vaccinated in accordance with PMC 6.16.120, which has bitten any person and caused an abrasion of the skin of such person, shall be seized and impounded under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for a period of not less than 15 days. If, upon examination by a veterinarian, the dog has no signs of rabies at the end of the impoundment, it may be released to the owner or, in the case of a stray, it shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws.

B. Any dog, vaccinated in accordance with PMC 6.16.120, or other animal which has bitten any person shall be confined by the owner or other responsible person as required by the rabies control authority for a period of 15 days, at which time the dog or other animal shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian. If no signs of rabies are observed by the veterinarian, the dog may be released from confinement. (Ord. 441 § 15, 1969).

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### 6.16.170 Handling of dogs bitten by rabid animals.

In the case of dogs known to have been bitten by a rabid animal, the following rules shall apply:

#### A. Unvaccinated Dogs.

1. In the case of dogs which are not vaccinated in accordance with PMC 6.16.120 and which have been bitten by a known rabid animal, said bitten (exposed) dog should be immediately destroyed.

2. If the owner is unwilling to destroy the bitten (exposed) dog, strict isolation of the dog in a kennel under veterinary supervision for a minimum of six months shall be enforced.

B. If the bitten (exposed) dog is vaccinated in accordance with the provision of PMC 6.16.120 of this chapter the dog shall be handled as follows:

1. Immediately revaccinated and confined for a period of 30 days following revaccination; or

2. If the dog is not immediately revaccinated, the dog shall be confined in strict isolation in a kennel for six months under the supervision of a veterinarian; or

3. The dog shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply with item (1) or (2) of subsection B. (Ord. 441 § 16, 1969).

### 6.16.180 Agreement to operate pound.

The rabies control authority may authorize a pound or pounds, or it may enter into a cooperative agreement with a licensed veterinarian for the establishment and operation of a pound. (Ord. 441 § 17(1), 1969).

### 6.16.190 Absence of rabies tag – Impoundment.

Any dog found off the owner's premises and not wearing a valid rabies vaccination tag shall be impounded. All impounded dogs shall be given proper care and maintenance. Each impounded dog shall be kept and maintained at the pound for a minimum of three days unless claimed earlier by the owner. (Ord. 441 § 17(2), 1969).

### 6.16.200 Impoundment – Notice – Reclamation.

A. Notice of impoundment identifying the impounded animal shall be posted at the pound as public notification of impoundment. Any unvaccinated dog or cat may be reclaimed by its owners during the period of impoundment by payment of prescribed pound fees and complying with rabies vaccination requirement of this chapter within 72 hours of release. Any dog or cat impounded because of lack of a rabies vaccination tag may be reclaimed by its owner by furnishing proof of rabies vaccination and payment of all impound fees prior to release.

B. At the expiration of impoundment a dog or cat may be claimed by payment of an established pound fee as established by Chapter 6.04 PMC and by compliance with the rabies vaccination requirement of this chapter within 72 hours of release. If the dog or cat is unclaimed at the end of the period established in Chapter 6.04 PMC, the authority may dispose of the dog or cat in accordance with applicable laws or regulations contained in this title for disposition of dogs or cats. (Ord. 1210 § 11, 1994; Ord. 441 § 17(3), 1969).

### 6.16.210 Provisions for enforcement.

To enforce the provisions of this chapter, authority for the control of rabies should be delegated to the mayor. (Ord. 441 § 18, 1969).

### 6.16.220 Pound fees.

Impoundment fees shall be borne by the owner. (Ord. 441 § 19, 1969).

### 6.16.230 Muzzling.

Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia, the mayor, if he deems it necessary, shall issue a proclamation ordering every person owning or keeping a dog or cat to confine it securely on his premises unless such dog or cat shall have a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent its biting any person. Any unmuzzled dog or cat running at large during the time of proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies. All dogs and cats so noticeably infected with rabies and

displaying vicious propensities shall be destroyed by the city police or animal warden without notice to the owner. Dogs and cats impounded during the first two days of such proclamation shall, if claimed within three days, be released to the owner, unless infected with rabies, upon payment of impound charges. If unclaimed after that period, such dogs or cats may be summarily destroyed. (Ord. 1210 § 12, 1994; Ord. 441 § 20, 1969).

**6.16.240 Public parks and school grounds.**

No dog of any kind shall be allowed upon any school ground at any time from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. of any school day, and at any time in the city park unless on a leash. (Ord. 441 § 21, 1969).

**6.16.250 Kennel license.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1210.* (Ord. 441 § 22, 1969).

**6.16.260 Violation – Penalty.**

Any owner found violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to and punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus impounding fees for the first offense, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. (Ord. 1167 § 7, 1992; Ord. 441 § 23, 1969).

**Chapter 6.18**

**LEASH LAW**

Sections:

- 6.18.010 Purpose.
- 6.18.020 Definitions.
- 6.18.030 Dogs at large prohibited within city limits.
- 6.18.050 Violations – Civil penalty.

**6.18.010 Purpose.**

It is the intent of the city to adopt a dog leash law, consistent with King County Code, Chapter 11.08 and Ordinance No. 3578, 1978, to enable the city to restrict dogs at large and, if necessary or appropriate, to contract with King County for enforcement of such restrictions. (Ord. 944 § 1, 1984).

**6.18.020 Definitions.**

In construing the provisions of this chapter, except where otherwise plainly declared or clearly apparent from the context, words used in this chapter shall be given their common and ordinary meaning; in addition, the following definitions shall apply:

A. “Animal control authority” shall include police officers and other designated officers, employees or agents of the city, or parties contracting with the city to perform animal control services.

B. “At large” means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner by leash; provided, that an animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner’s premises.

C. “Lawful training” means to be engaged in training on the premises of the owner or on the land of another person by permission, or on public land that is set aside for training or is open for hunting or trapping; provided, that the dog is accompanied afield by the owner or trainer. A “no-shooting” area shall not be interpreted to mean a “no-training” area.

D. “Leash” includes a cord, thong or chain not more than 15 feet in length by which an animal is physically controlled by the person accompanying it.

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E. Restraint. An animal is considered to be under restraint if it is maintained and remains within the property limits of its owner or keeper. (Ord. 965 § 1, 1985; Ord. 944 § 2, 1984).

### 6.18.030 Dogs at large prohibited within city limits.

It is unlawful for owners residing within the city limits to allow their dogs to be at large or without restraint, except that this section shall not apply where the dogs are engaged in lawful hunting activity, lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized body or a local chapter thereof, or lawful training in preparation for such hunting or competition. (Ord. 944 § 3, 1984).

### 6.18.050 Violations – Civil penalty.

In addition to, or as an alternate to, any other penalty, any person whose animal is maintained in violation of this chapter shall incur a civil penalty plus billable costs of the animal control authority. Penalties for violations in any one-year period shall be:

1st violation – \$15.00

2nd violation – \$30.00

3rd violation – \$45.00

4th violation – \$90.00

5th violation – \$180.00

(Ord. 946 § 1, 1984; Ord. 944 § 5, 1984).

## Chapter 6.20

### HORSES<sup>1</sup>

Sections:

6.20.010 Definitions.

6.20.020 Using horses on city streets and alleys.

6.20.030 Horses using city streets and alleys.

6.20.040 Damages to shoulders, ditches and driveways.

6.20.050 Sharpshod horses.

6.20.060 Violation – Liability.

#### 6.20.010 Definitions.

“Horse,” for the purpose of this chapter, means any animal of an equine nature including horses, mules, jackasses and ponies. (Ord. 490 § 1, 1971).

#### 6.20.020 Using horses on city streets and alleys.

All horses which are to be used upon city streets or alleys or other public property must walk in single file only and shall walk upon the paved portion of the roadway. No horses shall travel off the roadway or on the shoulder of the roadway at any time. (Ord. 490 § 2, 1971).

#### 6.20.030 Horses using city streets and alleys.

Horses shall be allowed to use city streets and alleys providing they travel at a walk in single file on the right-hand side of the street in the direction they are traveling, observing the same rules of the road as do automobiles; and further, providing that no person shall engage his horse in jogging, trotting, pacing, cantering, loping, galloping or at any other gait except at a walk. (Ord. 490 § 3, 1971).

#### 6.20.040 Damages to shoulders, ditches and driveways.

Any horse owner or horse user or other person who allows his horse or horses to walk off

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the paved portion of the roadway shall be liable for the damages to the shoulder, ditches and driveways owned by the city or to any adjoining properties of private owners. (Ord. 490 § 4, 1971).

**6.20.050 Sharpshod horses.**

No sharpshod horses shall be allowed to travel upon the streets of the city at any time. The term “sharpshod” means to wear iron shoes with cleats, corks or plates welded at front, sides or rear of the horseshoes. (Ord. 490 § 5, 1971).

**6.20.060 Violation – Liability.**

The owner and/or the user of any horse violating the terms of this chapter shall be personally liable for the acts of any horse owned by him whether he is actually riding and/or using the horse himself or allowing others to do so, as the case may be. (Ord. 490 § 6, 1971).

**Chapter 6.24**

**EXOTIC ANIMALS**

Sections:

6.24.010 Regulations adopted.

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The King County rules and regulations, Sections 11.28.010 through 11.28.160, regulating the possession and maintenance of exotic animals, are adopted by reference. (Ord. 593 § 1, 1976).

