

**Draft Ordinance - Animal Code Update**  
CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. [Abstract]

AN ORDINANCE updating Title 8 of the Bellevue City Code on Animal Care and Control, repealing Chapters 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, and 8.09 and Sections 8.04.060, 8.04.070, 8.04.080, 8.04.090, 8.04.100, 8.04.110, 8.04.120, 8.04.130, 8.04.140, 8.04.170, 8.04.180, 8.04.190, 8.04.200, 8.04.210, 8.04.220, 8.04.230, 8.04.240, 8.04.250, 8.04.260, 8.04.270, 8.04.280, 8.04.290, 8.04.300, 8.04.310, 8.04.320, 8.04.330, 8.04.340, 8.04.350, 8.04.360, 8.04.370, 8.04.380, 8.04.390, 8.04.400, 8.04.410, 8.04.420, 8.04.430, 8.04.440, 8.04.450, 8.04.460, 8.04.470, 8.04.480, 8.04.490, 8.04.500, 8.04.530 of the Bellevue City Code relating to Animal Care and Control; adopting a new chapter 8.05 of the Bellevue City Code to adopt by reference King County's Animal Care and Control regulations and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue (City) wishes to provide animal care and control services for its residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City and 26 other cities entered into an Animal Services Interlocal Agreement (2010 Interlocal Agreement) with King County to implement and provide a regional model for animal care and control services in King County; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 3 of the 2010 Interlocal Agreement, the City enacted Ordinance 5957 in 2010 that included license, fee, penalty, enforcement, impound/redemption and sheltering provisions that were substantially the same as Title 11 of the King County Code (KCC) as KCC Title 11 was then codified; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, pursuant to Ordinance 5957, then-existing Bellevue City Code Chapters 8.04, 8.06, and 8.08 as amended, were repealed in their entirety in 2010 and replaced with a new Bellevue City Code (BCC) Title 8 entitled "Animal Care and Control"; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, King County has updated KCC Title 11 several times; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City and King County entered into a new interlocal agreement for animal services (2018 Interlocal Agreement); and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City enacted Ordinance 6546 amending BCC sections 8.04, 180, 8.04.340(6)(a) and 8.04.350 to reflect the changes made within King County Code since 2010 to vest jurisdiction with the King County Hearing Examiner and to align with the Hearing Examiner's procedures; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, King County concluded a multiyear effort to review and update KCC Title 11 (Animal Care and Control) by enacting Ordinance 19638; and

WHEREAS, in its 2023 update to KCC Title 11, King County has reorganized Title 11, adopted updates to license and permit categories and associated fees and penalties, and adopted changes to reflect current state law standards and align with certain defined terms in state law; and

WHEREAS, in its 2023 update, King County repealed sections on pet shops, grooming parlors and commercial kennels language because they are regulated by Seattle King County Public Health under the Board of Health code; and

WHEREAS, in its 2023 update, King County repealed sections on guard dogs because there are no existing permits for them and no guard dog permits have been requested in more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, in its 2023 update, King County repealed sections on rabies and adopted the Board of Health code by reference within the County's update to KCC Title 11; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Interlocal Agreement at Section 3 requires the City to "promptly enact" updates to Bellevue City Code to make provisions on license, fee, penalty, enforcement, appeal, impound/redemption and sheltering substantially the same as provisions in Title 11 of King County Code as amended;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to reorganize BCC Title 8 (Animal Care and Control), repeal BCC Chapters 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, and 8.09, repeal most sections of Chapter 8.04, retitle Chapter 8.04, and adopt a new Chapter 8.05 of the Bellevue City Code (together "BCC Title 8 Update");

WHEREAS, the BCC Title \* Update would meet the requirements of the 2018 Interlocal Agreement, better align the BCC with King County Code Title 11, improve organization of BCC Title 8 to facilitate its enforcement, and improve clarity by removing overlapping regulatory provisions;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE,  
WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Repealed.** Chapters 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, and 8.09 of the Bellevue City Code are hereby repealed in their entirety. Sections 8.04.060, 8.04.070, 8.04.080, 8.04.090, 8.04.100, 8.04.110, 8.04.120, 8.04.130, 8.04.140, 8.04.170, 8.04.180, 8.04.190, 8.04.200, 8.04.210, 8.04.220, 8.04.230, 8.04.240, 8.04.250, 8.04.260, 8.04.270, 8.04.280, 8.04.290, 8.04.300, 8.04.310, 8.04.320, 8.04.330, 8.04.340, 8.04.350, 8.04.360, 8.04.370, 8.04.380, 8.04.390, 8.04.400, 8.04.410, 8.04.420, 8.04.430, 8.04.440, 8.04.450, 8.04.460, 8.04.470, 8.04.480, 8.04.490, 8.04.500, 8.04.530 of the Bellevue City Code are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. **Amended Chapter 8.04.** Chapter 8.04 is retitled “Designation – King County – regional animal service section of the records and licensing services division; Miscellaneous” and amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 3. **New Chapter 8.05.** A new Chapter 8.05 of the Bellevue City Code, entitled “Animal Care and Control” is hereby adopted and added to read as follows:

**Sections:**

- 8.05.010 Adoption by reference.**
- 8.05.020 License fees and penalties.**
- 8.05.030 Enforcement.**

**Section 8.05.010. Adoption by reference.**

Title 11 of the King County Code, entitled “Animal Care and Control” is adopted by reference as if set forth in full herein, with the exception of the provisions of Section 11.04.232 of the King County Code, “Stock restricted area,” which is expressly not adopted. Except as provided in BCC 8.05.020 (License fees and penalties), future amendments to Title 11 of the King County Code shall not automatically be adopted, but shall require City Council approval by way of an ordinance to become effective within the City.

**Section 8.05.020. License fees and penalties.**

The animal license and registration fees applicable to this title shall be the same as the animal license and registration fees in King County Code Section 11.04.035 as now in effect or as hereafter amended. The city clerk or designee shall include these fees in the city fee schedule maintained by the city clerk or designee.

**Section 8.05.030. Enforcement.**

The City Manager or designee and the Regional Animal Services Section of King County are authorized to enforce the provisions of this Title, consistent with the enforcement provisions set forth in Title 11 of the King County Code.

Section 4. **Public Inspection.** The city Clerk is directed to maintain a copy of Title 11 of the King County Code for public review and inspection.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and signed in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Choose an item., City Clerk

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