ORDINANCE No. 1162

An Ordinance providing for the licensing of dogs within the corporate limits of the City of Kent, prohibiting unlicensed dogs, and dogs of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities, and female dogs in heat from running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Kent; declaring certain activities a public nuisance; authorizing the impounding and destruction of dogs; providing a penalty, and amending Sections 2., 4., and 5. of Ordinance No. 931 of the City of Kent.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT as follows:

Section 1. That Section 2. of Ordinance No. 931, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the licensing of dogs within the corporate limits of the City of Kent, prohibiting unlicensed dogs, and dogs of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities, and female dogs in heat from running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Kent; authorizing the impounding and destruction of dogs; providing a penalty; and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith.", passed on September 4, 1956, and approved on December 3, 1956, be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Effective January 1, 1963 and thereafter, all dogs over four months of age kept, harbored or maintained by their owners in the City of Kent shall be licensed and registered each year for the calendar year. No pro-rate of the license fee shall be allowed, except that credit shall be given each owner at the time application hereunder for a pro-rated amount of any dog license fee paid under previous ordinances of the City. Dog licenses shall be issued by the city clerk upon payment of a license tax of $2.00 for each male or spayed female, and $3.00 for each unspayed female. The owner shall state at the time application is made for such license and upon printed forms provided for such purpose his name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by him. The provisions of this section shall not be intended to apply to dogs whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the city, nor to dogs brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any dog show, nor to 'seeing-eye' dogs properly trained to assist blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place, nor to dogs retained in licensed kennels within the City."

Section 2. That Section 4. of said Ordinance No. 931, entitled, passed and approved as aforesaid, be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4.(a). No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such
1. The keeping or harboring of any dog which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or the making of other noises, shall annoy or disturb a neighborhood or any considerable number of persons, provided that a violation of this subdivision shall not be established except upon the testimony of not less than three witnesses as to the facts constituting the nuisance.

2. Trespass. It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog to trespass on private or public properties so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value, and such trespassing or destruction is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any such dog so trespassing or destroying property may be impounded by the pound master. Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by three or more persons, having separate residences or regularly employed in the neighborhood, that any dog is a continual nuisance by reason of trespassing, damaging or destroying property or thing of value, being vicious or by its actions potentially vicious, or in any other manner causing undue annoyance, the pound master, if he finds such nuisance to exist in fact, shall serve notice upon the owner or custodian of such dog that such nuisance must be abated within 48 hours, after which the pound master shall decide whether such nuisance has been abated, and if not, any such dog shall be impounded. Refusal to release to the pound master any such dog shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

3. Permitting dog to enter public premises. It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog, whether licensed or not, to run at large in any park or to enter any public beach, pond, fountain or stream therein, at any time; or to tie or tether any dog on any street or public place or any unenclosed lot or premises in such manner as to permit such dog to enter any sidewalk, street, alley or other public place, or upon any adjoining lot or premises. It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog, whether licensed or not, to run at large on any school grounds of King County School District No. 415, located in the City of Kent, during regular school hours, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. from Monday through Friday of each week, inclusive, and from September 1st through June 10th of each year. Any dog so suffered or permitted to run at large in any park, etc., or so tethered as to permit it to enter any sidewalk, street, etc., or permit it to run at large on said school grounds, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be impounded as herein prescribed.

Section 3. That Section 5. of said Ordinance No. 931, entitled, amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. IMPOUNDING. It shall be the duty of every police officer of dog warden to apprehend any dog found unlicensed,
running at large, or being a nuisance, contrary to the provisions
of this ordinance, and to impound such dog in the city pound
or other suitable place. The dog warden, upon receiving any
dog shall make a complete registry, entering the breed, color
and sex of such dog, and whether licensed. If licensed he
shall enter the name and address of the owner and the number
of the license tag. Licensed dogs shall be separated from
unlicensed dogs."

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect
five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication
as provided by law.

Mayor

Attest:  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
City Attorney

Passed the 19 day of Nov., 1962
Approved the 20 day of Nov., 1962
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