ORDINANCE NO. 2248

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to rodent control, adopting by reference certain sections of the King County Code and providing for penalties for violations.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent contracts with King County for the provisions of various health and health related services within the city of Kent, and

WHEREAS, certain activities come within the area of responsibility of the Seattle King County Health Department, rodent control being one such activity, and

WHEREAS, Seattle King County Health Department prefers, whenever possible, to enforce health regulations and standards within the purview of local ordinances, rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent currently has no specific ordinances, rules and regulations relating to rodent control, and it has been determined that such an ordinance should be enacted, and

WHEREAS, Seattle King County Health Department has indicated that the King County Code provisions relative to rodent control if adopted by the City of Kent would provide the enforcement authority deemed necessary, and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.12.140 gives the City the authority to adopt by reference county codes, ordinances or portions thereof, NOW, THEREFORE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF KING COUNTY CODE PROVISIONS BY REFERENCE. King County Ordinances 2910, Sections 2 and 7 and Ordinance 1946, Section 2, together with any future additions or amendments thereto, now codified as Sections 8.38.010 through 8.38.030 of the King County Code, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if fully setforth herein, be and the same hereby are adopted.
Section 2. PENALTY PROVISION. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than $300 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law and upon the filing of three copies together with Sections 8.38.010 and 8.38.030 through 8.38.030 of the King County Code with the City Clerk of the City of Kent, Washington.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 15th day of September, 1980.
APPROVED the 16th day of September, 1980.
PUBLISHED the 19th day of September, 1980.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2248, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK (SEAL)
Chapter 8.38
RODENT CONTROL

Sections:
8.38.010 Right of entry for inspection.
8.38.020 Adequate protection required.
8.38.030 Enforcement.

8.38.010 Right of entry for inspection. All premises shall at all times be kept free from rodents. The director of the Seattle-King County Health Department or his appointed representative shall be permitted access to such premises, in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 23.04, for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of rodents. (Ord. 2910 § 7, 1976).

8.38.020 Adequate protection required. It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises to fail to reconstruct or repair such premises, including residences, for the purpose of preventing rats, mice or other rodents from gaining entrance thereto. It is unlawful for the owner of any food or food products, goods, wares or merchandise in such premises to fail to adequately protect the same to prevent rodents from gaining access to or coming in contact therewith.

If rodents are found to be present, the owner or occupant of the premises shall apply such reasonable measures for the eradication as approved by the director. (Ord. 1946 § 2, 1974).

8.38.030 Enforcement. The director of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the resolutions and ordinances codified in it, and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder pursuant to the enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 23. (Ord. 2910 § 2 (part), 1976).