ORDINANCE NO. 74

An Ordinance licensing and regulating fur farms within the City of Kent, providing for application, requisites and duration of license; revocation of license upon notice and hearing; restricting the number of fur bearing animals within certain limits; time for removal of excess animals; defining terms; and providing penalties.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. FUR FARMS UNLAWFUL WITHOUT LICENSE.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to establish, operate or maintain within the City Limits of the City of Kent any fur farm without complying with all of the provisions of this Ordinance in relation thereto and without first obtaining a permit therefor.

Section 2. APPLICATION, REQUISITES, DURATION OF LICENSE, LICENSE FEE, ETC.

Application for a permit to establish, operate or maintain any fur farm within the City Limits of the City of Kent shall be made to the City Clerk who shall have authority, upon payment of the requisite license fee, to issue the license to the person properly applying therefor. The said application shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a sworn statement of the applicant setting forth the number of fox, mink, chinchilla, rabbit or other fur bearing animals then on the premises or intended to be kept on the premises for which license is desired. The application shall state the name and address of the owner or owners of the animals, the address of the premises where the animals are kept or are intended to be kept, the name and address of the owner of said premises, the distance in feet from the buildings, lots, places or premises of other persons owning or keeping similar animals and, if the number of animals to be kept is over 150, the distance from the closest building used for human habitation other
than the home of the applicant or the operator of the fur farm for which permit is desired. No license shall be issued under this Ordinance to any corporation or association unless the conduct and operation of the fur farm contemplated shall be by some responsible individual who shall, as well as the corporation or association, be subject to all penalties for the violation of this or other Ordinances in the conduct of said fur farm. Except for the initial license, the license shall be issued for a period of one year, from June 1 of the calendar year in which issued until May 30 of the following calendar year; and the fee for all licenses except the initial license shall be $5.00 per year; provided, however, that when a license is granted at any time after December 1 of the license year, the license fee shall be $2.50.

Section 3. REVOCATION OF LICENSE, NOTICE, HEARING, ETC.

Upon complaint in writing by three or more residents of the City of Kent that this or any other Ordinance relating to the licensing or keeping of animals has been violated, a hearing shall be had before the City Council at a regular meeting upon at least ten days notice to the person or persons complained against. Said notice may be served personally or may be mailed by registered mail to the address of the licensee as it appears in his application for license. If, upon said hearing, it is found by the Council that any provision of this Ordinance or any other Ordinance relating to the proper keeping of animals has been violated, the license of the person so found to have been guilty of violations shall be revoked and the licensee shall forthwith remove all of the animals for the keeping of which the license was issued from within the City Limits of the City of Kent, and no further license shall be granted to said person for a period of one year from the date of revocation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the
application of penalties, other than revocation of license, as provided by law.

Section 4. RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBER KEPT WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS, ETC.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than 150 fox, mink, chinchilla, rabbit or any other fur bearing animals within 1000 feet of any building used for human habitation other than the home of the owner or caretaker of said animals; and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any number of such fur bearing animals within 1000 feet of the pens, barns, sheds or premises in which the animals of any licensee under this Ordinance are kept. No license shall be issued for any fur farm not conforming to these provisions. If two or more persons apply for licenses to establish, operate or maintain a fur farm on premises less than 1000 feet apart, license shall be granted to the applicant who first presented his application, if all other requirements are met.

Section 5. INITIAL LICENSE, FEE, TIME FOR REMOVAL, ETC.

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Ordinance, all persons now owning, operating, or maintaining any fur farm within the Limits of the City of Kent, shall apply for a license in the manner set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance. Said initial license shall be effective until May 30, 1942, and the fee shall be the sum of $3.00; provided, however, that any person or persons having at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance more than 150 such fur bearing animals within 1000 feet of any building used for human habitation other than the home of the owner or operator of said fur farm, shall have until January 1, 1942 to dispose of or remove the number of animals over 150; provided further that in no event shall this be construed as permission to operate until said date without a license.

Section 6. DEFINITIONS.

1. The term fur farm shall mean any building, pens, lot,
place or premises in which or on which any fox, mink, chinchilla, rabbit or any other fur bearing animals are bred, raised, kept or pelted.

2. The term person shall be construed to include public or private corporations, associations, cooperatives, partnerships, as well as individuals.

Section 7. PENALTIES.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be punished by a fine in any amount not to exceed $100.00, or by imprisonment for any time not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage, approval and publication as by law provided.

PASSED this 6TH day of October, 1941.
APPROVED this 7TH day of October, 1941.
PUBLISHED this 8TH day of October, 1941.

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney
ORDINANCE
NO. 716

License for
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Repealed by
Ordinance 1923

Licensing &
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