

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington, amending Section 7.08.030 of the Bremerton Municipal Code entitled “Commercial Pet Facilities, Grooming Parlors and Animal Welfare Facilities.”

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Section 7.08.030 of the Bremerton Municipal Code entitled “Commercial Pet Facilities, Grooming Parlors and Animal Welfare Facilities” by adopting reasonable regulations to reduce costs to the City and its residents, protect the citizens of the City who may purchase cats and dogs from a pet shop, promote community awareness of animal welfare, and foster a more healthy and humane environment in the City; and

WHEREAS, current federal, Washington State, and Kitsap County regulations do not adequately address the sale of animals in pet shops; and

WHEREAS, restricting the retail sale of cats and dogs to only those sourced from animal welfare organizations is likely to increase demand for animals from animal welfare organizations and thereby reduce the number of homeless animals and animal control costs; and

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops, as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of cats and dogs. These shops collaborate with local animal welfare organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will not affect a consumer’s ability to obtain cats and dogs directly from an animal welfare organization or from a breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the cats and dogs are bred, or can confer directly with the breeder concerning those conditions; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON,
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 7.08.030(b) of the Bremerton Municipal Code entitled “Commercial Pet Facilities, Grooming Parlors and Animal Welfare Facilities” is hereby amended to add sections (8), (9), (10) and (11) as follows:

- (b) Operation requirements for commercial pet facilities and animal welfare facilities:
 - (1) Adequate food and water for each species, pursuant to Section 7.04.020(a), and proper habitat and medical attention, if needed, shall be provided during normal business hours and when the facilities are not open for business;
 - (2) Food shall be stored in a fashion that prevents contamination or infestation;

(3) The facilities shall be maintained and operated in a healthful and sanitary manner, free from disease, infestation, and foul odors;

(4) Sick animals shall be isolated from healthy ones in quarters adequately ventilated to prevent contamination of healthy animals;

(5) Sick or injured animals shall receive appropriate medical treatment by or under the auspices of a licensed veterinarian. Records shall be maintained reflecting treatment, care, dates of veterinary visits, and the name of the veterinarian and veterinary clinic providing treatment. Sick or injured animals shall not be sold, bartered, or otherwise transferred from a commercial pet facility or animal welfare facility to a new owner until the illness or injury is substantially healed, unless such transfer is to an animal welfare organization that assumed all responsibility for providing the appropriate medical treatment;

(6) Cats and dogs shall receive age-appropriate vaccines and anthelmintics. Records of such shall be maintained for each animal and made available to the animal control authority and the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District, including the name and address of the attending veterinarian, if applicable;

(7) A copy of all medical records including, but not limited to, the records described in subsections (5) and (6) shall be provided to new owners at the time the ownership of the animal is transferred, or to the animal control authority upon request;

(8) A pet shop may offer for sale only those cats and dogs that the pet shop has obtained from or displays in cooperation with an animal welfare organization;

(9) A pet shop shall not offer for sale a cat or dog that is younger than eight weeks old;

(10) A pet shop shall maintain records stating the name and address of the animal welfare organization that each cat and dog was obtained from for at least two years following the date of acquisition. Such records shall be provided to new owners at the time the ownership of the animal is transferred, and to the animal control authority upon request. Each pet shop shall display on each cage a label stating the name and address of the animal welfare organization of each cat or dog kept in a cage; and

(11) Commercial pet facilities, grooming parlors, and animal welfare facilities shall comply with the veterinary certification requirements of WAC 16-54-170 when importing dogs, cats, and ferrets from outside Washington. Records documenting compliance with WAC 16-54-170 shall be maintained for at least two years following the date of acquisition of the animal and such records shall be provided to new owners at the time the ownership of the animal is transferred, and to the animal control authority upon request.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2017.

ERIC YOUNGER, Council President

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2017.

PATTY LENT, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SHANNON CORIN, City Clerk

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, City Attorney

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