

December 3, 2021

RE: City Ordinance Chapter 7 "care and control of animals"

**Submitted by Elizabeth A Johnson & Ronald L Johnson**

City Clerk:

Please add this written comment to your public comments packet section for the meeting on December 9, 2021 at 7PM.

My name is Elizabeth A Johnson and I live on 2901 Squaw Creek Road, Dillingham.

For at least 2 years, my husband, Ronald Johnson has been complaining to the police and the dog catcher regarding our neighbor's dogs: a German shepherd, 2 small fluffy dogs, and a smaller white/black dog. Until about last spring, Ron had to shovel dog poop off of our driveway from the next door dogs pooping around even after numerous complaints to the dog catcher and letting our neighbor know about it and nothing done. On Dec 2, 2021 at about 4:30pm Ron saw the German shepherd pooping by my steamhouse on our property, no leash, no control.

I now have a small dog, Roxy, who has been barked at and chased by the German shepherd right on my property. Our dogs are always under supervision and under our control and DO NOT run around when they are outside, either to be out with us or when we let them out to do their duty.

I would like to comment too that the dog catcher lives and rents from the neighbors and always gives treats to the dogs, which we stopped him from giving treats to our other dog, Cooper and have stopped Cooper from going over there also. I have a written complaint that I submitted to the city and a copy given to Police Chief Pasquarelli, whom I have spoken to about this issue when he called me about a month ago, and he verbally told me that we are to deal with the police when we run into the dogs on our property and not the dog catcher because he rents from the neighbors and I guess it's a conflict with being fair or whatever.

There is a City Ordinance, chapter 7, that I want our neighbors to follow. I know that this is a problem all around Dillingham but I do not want to see my dog get hurt or I do not want Cooper (the bigger dog of ours) to hurt the neighbors dogs. Ron had to stop Cooper last early fall from hurting the German shepherd, from getting to my little dog, roxy, right at the corner of my house on my driveway. The German shepherd chased and was barking when Cooper stopped the dog and literally drug him about 3 yards on the ground at the corner of my house. The dog was out with our supervision and not under the control of the owners again.

I know all dogs can not be controlled all the time around Dillingham, but this is a known issue/problem with neighbor dogs running around our yard, harassing/barking and chasing my dogs on my property and the dog catcher giving treats to dogs and therefore dogs go to his trailer and get treats from him.

Keep dogs under your control and leash per the ordinance!

**ATTACHMENT: COMPLAINT SUBMITTED TO CITY OF DLG dated November 10, 2021 with copy of Ordinance 7.40**

