

CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON

Ordinance No. 1060

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON, CLARIFYING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE MEDINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL; EXPRESSLY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 11 OF THE KING COUNTY CODE, ENTITLED “ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL,” SUBJECT TO LOCAL MODIFICATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS; AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT BY THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AND REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES OF KING COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUITY OF PRIOR AND PENDING ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CORRECTIONS, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has historically regulated animal control through Chapter 6.04 of the Medina Municipal Code (“MMC”); and

WHEREAS, MMC Section 6.04.010 adopted Chapter 11.04 of the King County Code (“KCC”), entitled “Animal Care and Control Regulations,” by reference as a portion of the MMC, including subsequent modifications to those County code provisions; and

WHEREAS, KCC Chapter 11.04 includes animal control enforcement procedures and the designation and regulation of potentially dangerous and dangerous animals; and

WHEREAS, the City’s prior adoption of KCC Chapter 11.04 has been administered and interpreted together with the related definitions, procedures, and administrative provisions necessary to give effect to and enforce the adopted animal control regulations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clarify and conform MMC Chapter 6.04 by expressly adopting KCC Title 11, in its current structure, subject to local modifications and exclusions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to participate in the regional animal services program through Regional Animal Services of King County (“RASKC”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that expressly adopting KCC Title 11 will promote public health and safety, animal welfare, regional coordination, consistent licensing and enforcement, and efficient delivery of animal services within the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of MMC Section 6.04.005. MMC Section 6.04.005 is amended to read as follows:

A. *Intent.* The intent of this section is to clarify the relationship between the animal care and control provisions adopted by reference in MMC Section 6.04.010 and the City's local animal classifications and prohibitions, including those applicable to exotic animals and farm animals.

B. *King County Code Title 11 Definitions Control for KCC Enforcement.* For purposes of administering and enforcing King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference in MMC Section 6.04.010, including administration and enforcement by Regional Animal Services of King County, the definitions in King County Code Title 11 shall apply unless expressly modified by this chapter.

C. *City Definitions.* For purposes of subsection D of this section and any other provision of the MMC that expressly references this section or the definitions set forth herein, the following City definitions and animal classifications shall apply:

1. Farm animal means any animal that may be considered or defined as a farm, barnyard, livestock, or grazing animal, whether kept in open or fenced fields or grounds, or in structures, and regardless of use or purpose. Farm animals include without limitation cows, horses, mules, hogs, sheep, goats, roosters, and turkeys.

D. *Local Prohibitions.* No farm animal shall be raised, kept, maintained, harbored, used, or bred within the City. A violation of this prohibition shall constitute a Class 1 civil infraction per RCW Chapter 7.80, which is incorporated by reference.

Section 3. Amendment of MMC Section 6.04.010. MMC Section 6.04.010 is amended to read as follows:

6.04.010 King County animal care and control provisions adopted by reference.

A. *Adoption by Reference.* Title 11 of the King County Code, entitled "Animal Care and Control," is adopted by reference as if set forth in full herein, except as expressly modified, excluded, or supplemented by this chapter.

B. *Exception.* King County Code Section 11.04.232, "Stock restricted area," is expressly not adopted.

C. *Local Modifications and Supplements.* The provisions of this chapter are intended to supplement and, where expressly stated, modify the provisions of King County Code Title 11 as adopted by this section. In the event of a direct conflict between a provision of this chapter and a provision of King County Code Title 11, as adopted by this section, the more specific provision of this chapter shall control unless otherwise required by state law or an applicable interlocal agreement.

D. *Construction of County References.* For purposes of administering and enforcing King County Code Title 11 within the City, references to King County, the manager, the animal care and control authority, the animal care and control officer, or other County officials shall be construed to include the City, the City Manager or designee, Regional Animal Services of King County, and/or other authorized officials, as applicable and consistent with this chapter, the King County Code provisions adopted by reference.

E. *Future Amendments.* Future amendments to King County Code Title 11, including animal license and registration fees established in King County Code Section 11.04.035, shall be automatically adopted and shall become effective within the City on the effective date established by King County, unless the City Council expressly provides otherwise by ordinance.

F. *Copy on File.* The City Clerk is directed to maintain a copy of King County Code Title 11, as adopted by reference and as subsequently amended, for public inspection and use as required by law.

Section 4. Amendment of MMC Section 6.04.030. MMC Section 6.04.030 is amended to read as follows:

6.04.030 Redemption procedures and fees.

Animals impounded under this chapter or King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference in MMC Section 6.04.010 may be redeemed in accordance with the redemption, impoundment, kenneling, payment, and disposition procedures set forth in King County Code Title 11, and any other applicable law, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, unless otherwise provided by this chapter, by order of the City Manager or designee, by order of Regional Animal Services of King County, by order of a hearing examiner, or by order of a court.

Section 5. Amendment of MMC Section 6.04.040. MMC Section 6.04.040 is amended to read as follows:

6.04.040 Dog and cat licenses.

A. *License Required.* Dogs and cats required to be licensed within the City shall be licensed in accordance with King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference in MMC Section 6.04.010.

B. *License Administration.* Animal licenses required under this chapter shall be administered through King County or Regional Animal Services of King County, unless otherwise authorized by the City Manager or designee.

C. *Fees.* Animal license, registration, renewal, replacement tag, late, and related licensing fees shall be the fees established by King County Code Section 11.04.035, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, unless otherwise established by ordinance or resolution of the City Council.

D. *City Licensing Support.* The City may support animal licensing compliance through public information, website links, referrals, coordination with King County or Regional Animal Services of King County, and other administrative measures approved by the City Manager or designee. Nothing in this section requires the City to maintain a separate City animal licensing program.

E. *Previously Issued City Licenses.* The City Manager or designee is authorized to coordinate with King County and Regional Animal Services of King County regarding the transition, recognition, or administration of any lifetime dog or cat license issued by the City before the effective date of this Ordinance. Nothing in this subsection requires the City to issue any new City animal license after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Amendment of MMC Section 6.04.050. MMC Section 6.04.050 is amended to read as follows:

6.04.050 Violations; penalties; state law remedies preserved.

A. *Violations and Penalties.* Violations of this chapter and King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference in MMC Section 6.04.010 shall be subject to the civil penalties, criminal penalties, impoundment authority, costs, fees, and other enforcement remedies set forth in King County Code Title 11, this chapter, and applicable law.

B. *Concurrent Remedies.* The remedies provided in this chapter are cumulative and not exclusive. The City may pursue any civil, criminal, administrative, legal, or equitable remedy authorized by this chapter, King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference, or state law.

Section 7. New MMC Section 6.04.060 Added. A new Section 6.04.060 is added to Chapter 6.04 of the MMC to read as follows:

6.04.060 Enforcement.

The City Manager or designee and Regional Animal Services of King County are authorized to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference, consistent with the enforcement, notice, order, appeal, impoundment, redemption, licensing, registration, and penalty provisions set forth in King County Code Title 11, this chapter, and any applicable interlocal agreement.

Section 8. Continuity of Prior and Pending Actions. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to invalidate, reopen, waive, or otherwise affect any animal control notice, order, citation, infraction, declaration, designation, registration, license, penalty, appeal, impoundment, enforcement action, or other animal control matter issued, commenced, pending, or final before the effective date of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as an admission that any prior or pending animal control action was invalid, unauthorized, or unsupported by the Medina Municipal Code or other applicable law.

Section 9. Conforming Fee Schedule and Administrative Updates. The City Manager, City Clerk, and/or designee are authorized to make conforming updates to the City's master fee schedule, public-facing licensing materials, forms, and related administrative materials to reflect that animal licenses required under Chapter 6.04 MMC are administered through King County or Regional Animal Services of King County, and that applicable license, registration, renewal, replacement tag, late, and related licensing fees are established by King County Code Section 11.04.035, unless otherwise established by ordinance or resolution of the City Council.

To the extent the City's master fee schedule currently lists separate City animal license fees that conflict with this Ordinance or King County Code Title 11 as adopted by reference, the fees in the master fee schedule are superseded by those in Title 11 as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 11. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 12. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 13. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2026 BY A VOTE OF ____ FOR, ____ AGAINST, AND ____ ABSTAINING, AND IS SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE ON THE 27th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Jessica Rossman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Inslee Best Doezie & Ryder, P.S.

Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney

Dawn Nations, Acting City Clerk

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