

**CITY OF UNION GAP, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2559**

AN ORDINANCE amending Union Gap Municipal Code Title 6, Animals by adding a section 6.04.055 to Chapter 6.04 Dogs and amending provisions of Chapter 6.04 and by amending provisions of Chapter 6.08 Livestock.

WHEREAS, Union Gap Municipal Code (UGMC) Chapter 6.04 addresses the regulation of dogs within the City of Union Gap and UGMC Chapter 6.08 addresses the regulation of livestock within the City;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to provide additional clarification to both Chapters 6.04 and 6.08; particularly with respect to setting limitations on the numbers of animals that may be kept at properties within the City;

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of the City Council to increase penalties for repeat violators of Chapter 6.04 and to require that all dogs previously impounded, regardless of breed, be licensed;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION GAP DOES ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. New Section 6.04.055, Maximum number of dogs and/or cats permitted within the City.

6.040.055 Maximum number of dogs and/or cats permitted within the City.

Unless a property and its premises has been properly licensed as a kennel pursuant to the City's Zoning Code and business licensing provisions, the maximum number of dogs, or cats, or a combination of both, is four (4) per property within the City. "Property" as used in this section shall mean each individual legal lot within the City.

Section 2. Section 6.04.060 "Violation-Penalty" amended.

Section 6.04.060 is amended to read as follows:

6.04.060 Violation-Penalty.

Unless another penalty is prescribed, violations of this chapter shall be a civil infraction with a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), together with court costs and any relevant impoundment and licensing

fees. Additionally, the police department or other enforcement personnel may impound the animal at the owner's cost, subject to the licensing and impoundment provisions of this chapter.

For a second offense or violation of the same nature involving the same animal owner and the same animal, the violator shall be guilty of a criminal misdemeanor with a maximum of up to ninety (90) days in jail and/or up to a one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) fine.

Section 3. Section 6.04.110 "Licensing" amended.

Section 6.04.110 "Licensing" is amended to read:

6.04.110 Licensing.

(a) License Required. All ~~pit bull dogs over the age of six months, and all~~ dogs previously impounded for any reason, within the city limits must be licensed by the city except:

- (1) Dogs whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the city;
- (2) Dogs brought into the city for the purpose of participating in shows, exhibits, or competitions;
- (3) Dogs who are specially trained to assist visually impaired, hearing impaired, or otherwise physically disabled persons if the dog is in training or is actually serving as a guide or service dog as defined in Chapter 70.84 RCW, are required to be licensed; however, they are exempt from licensing fees;
- (4) Dogs kept and intended for sale by licensed pet stores.

Section 4. Section 6.08.020 "Restrictions" amended.

Section 6.08.020 Restrictions is amended to read:

6.08.020 Restrictions.

No person shall permit any livestock to be or remain at large within the city limits. No person shall keep horses, cattle, sheep, goats or swine on any lot within the city unless such lot is at least one-half acre in area.

For lots that are less than one-half acre in area there shall be a maximum number of four poultry and a maximum of four rabbits allowed in such lots. Roosters are prohibited in such lots.

ORDAINED this 12th day of May 2008.

Jim Lemon
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

Robert F. Noe
City Attorney