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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3413

AN ORDINANCE regulating animals, amending Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.130; adding new sections to Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.50, and repealing Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.500, and 20.20.510.

WHEREAS, it is desirable to regulate the keeping of animals in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the improper keeping of animals in or near residential areas can have adverse impacts on those areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act, and with the City's Environmental Procedures Ordinance; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.130 is amended to read as follows:

20.20.130 Animals

- A. General: The keeping of animals is subject to the requirements of this Section and Bellevue City Code, Title 8, Animal Regulations. These provisions will be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.40.430 to 20.40.470.
- B. Minimum Requirements: The following chart entitled, "Animal Regulations" sets forth the minimum requirements for the keeping of animals.

Animal Regulations

Type of Animal/Use	Maximum Number (A)	Minimum Lot Size	Minimum Setback (E)	Special Regulations
1. Household Pets	Dogs, Cats, Rabbits: 3 (B) Fowl: 6(D)	No minimum	May not be restrained, or enclosed out-	

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Other: no
maximum

doors so that the animal is able to come within 15' of a property line. This limitation does not prohibit the keeping of a household pet within the following areas, provided it must be allowed to roam freely therein:

1) A lot which is fenced along all lot lines so as to enclose the entire lot, or

2) An enclosed portion of a lot which is bounded by fences along either the entire front lot line or entire rear lot line, and along a portion of both side lot lines, which utilizes the house or principal structure as one side of the enclosure and which may include all or a portion of either or both side yards.

o No structure to house the household pet may be within 15' of a property line.

2. Small Domestic Animals or	10:20,000 sq. ft. and an additional 1,500 sq. ft. for each animal over	20,000 sq. ft.	May not be restrained, or enclosed outdoors so that the animal is able to come
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	10.	
Hobby Kennel	6: 10,000 sq. ft. and an additional 1500 sq. ft. for each animal over 6	10,000 sq. ft.

within 25' of a property line.

This limitation does not prohibit the keeping of a small domestic animal within the following areas, provided it must be allowed to roam freely therein:

- 1) A lot which is fenced along all lot lines so as to enclose the entire lot, or
- 2) An enclosed portion of a lot which is bounded by fences along either the entire front lot line or entire rear lot line, and along a portion of both side lot lines, which utilizes the house or principal structure as one side of the enclosure and which may include all or a portion of either or both side yards.

o No structure to house the animal may be within 25' of a property line.

3. Large Domestic Animals	1:each 10,000 sq. ft.	20,000 sq. ft.
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o May not be restrained, or enclosed outdoors so that the animal is able to come within 25' of a property line. This limitation does not

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prohibit the keeping of a large domestic animal within the following areas, provided it must roam freely therein:

1) A lot which is fenced along all lot lines so as to enclose the entire lot, or

2) An enclosed portion of a lot which is bounded by fences along either the entire front lot line or entire rear lot line, and along a portion of both side lot lines, which utilizes the house or principal structure as one side of the enclosure and which may include all or a portion of either or both side yards.

o No structure to house the animal may be within 25' of a property line.

4. Bees

Maximum of four hives, each with one colony:

7,200 sq. ft.

Hives must be at least 25' from a property line, ^o Must register with the Washington State Depart-

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Lots contain-
ing 15,000
sq. ft. or
less.

Maximum of
15 hives,
each with one
colony: Lots
containing
more than
15,000 sq. ft.
but less than
35,000 sq. ft.

Maximum of 25
hives, each
with one colony:
Lots containing
35,000 sq. ft.
or more.

except when
situated 8'
or more above
adjacent
ground level,
or
when situated
less than 6'
above adjacent
ground level
and behind a
solid fence
or hedge at
least 6' high
parallel to
any property
line within
25' of the
hive and ex-
tending at
least 25'
beyond the
hive in both
directions.

ment of Agri-
culture.
o Must re-
queen annually
or anytime
following
swarming or
aggressive
behavior with
a breeder
raised queen
of suitable
docile strain.
o Hives must
be maintained
to avoid over-
population
and minimize
swarming.
o Must be
maintained in
a movable
frame hive at
all times.

5. Kennel
(C)

Determined 35,000
in Conditional sq. ft.
Use Process

o May not be
restrained,
or enclosed
outdoors so
that the
animal is
able to come
within 50'
of a property
line. This
limitation
does not
prohibit the
keeping of an
animal within
the following
areas, provided
it must be
allowed to roam
freely therein:
1) A lot which
is fenced along

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all lot lines so as to enclose the entire lot, or

2) An enclosed portion of a lot which is bounded by fences along either the entire front lot line or entire rear lot line, and along a portion of both side lot lines, which utilizes the house or principal structure as one side of the enclosure and which may include all or a portion of either or both side yards.

o No structure to house the animal may be within 50' of a property line.

6. Commercial Stable or Riding Academy (C) Determined in Conditional Use Process 35,000 sq. ft.

o May not be restrained, or enclosed outdoors so that the animal is able to come within 50' of a property line. This limitation does not prohibit the keeping of an animal within the following

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areas, provided
it must be
allowed to roam
freely therein:

1) A lot which
is fenced along
all lot lines so
as to enclose the
entire lot, or

2) An enclosed
portion of a lot
which is bounded
by fences along
either the entire
front lot line
or entire rear
lot line, and
along a portion
of both side lot
lines, which
utilizes the
house or
principal
structure as
one side of
the enclosure
and which may
include all or
a portion of
either or both
side yards.
o No structure
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a property
line.

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- (A) Number of adult animals. One unweaned litter of offspring, and foals are not included in the number of animals allowed.
 - (B) More than 3 rabbits are regulated as small domestic animals.
 - (C) Requires a conditional use permit.
 - (D) More than six fowl are regulated as small domestic animals.
 - (E) The purpose of these setback requirements is to prohibit the confinement of an animal within specific distances from neighboring property, as by leashing the animal to a stake or placing the animal in an enclosure, but to allow animals to be kept in yards fenced on

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their perimeter so long as the animal is free to roam within the fenced area.

C. Prohibited Animals: The keeping of mink, foxes or hogs is prohibited.

Section 2. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.500 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.510 is hereby repealed.

Section 4. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.50.016 is amended by the addition of new definitions which read as follows:

DOMESTIC ANIMALS, LARGE. Generally grazing or foraging animals including horses, cattle, llama, sheep, goats, ponies and other animals of similar size and character.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS, SMALL. Includes ducks, geese, swans, chickens, other fowl and animals of similar size and character, however, fewer than six fowl are treated as household pets.

Section 5. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.50.024 is amended by the addition of a new definition which reads as follows:

HOUSEHOLD PETS: Includes dogs, cats, rabbits, gerbels, guinea pigs, hamsters, cage birds, fish, nonvenomous reptiles and amphibians and other animals of similar size and character normally associated with a dwelling unit and generally housed within the dwelling unit. Specifically included as household pets is the keeping of six or fewer fowl.

Section 6. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.50.030 is amended to read as follows:

KENNEL: A place where four or more adult dogs or four or more adult cats or any combination thereof are kept, whether by owners of the dogs and cats or by persons providing facilities and care whether or not for compensation, but not including a small animal hospital or clinic or pet shop. An adult dog or cat is one of either sex, altered or unaltered, that has reached the age of four months.

KENNEL, HOBBY: A non-commercial kennel at or adjoining a private residence where four or more adult dogs or four or more adult cats are bred and/or kept for hunting, training, exhibition for organized shows, field, working and/or obedience trials, or for enjoyment of the species. An adult dog or cat is one of either sex, altered or

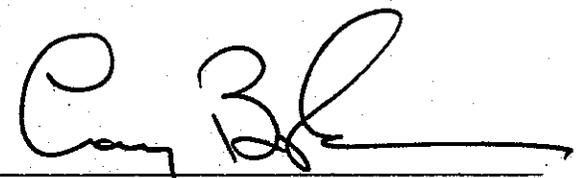
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unaltered, that has reached the age of four months.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

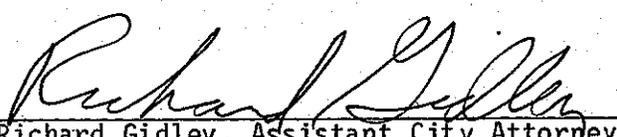
PASSED by the City Council this 27th day of September 1984, and signed in authentication of its passage this 27th day of September 1984.

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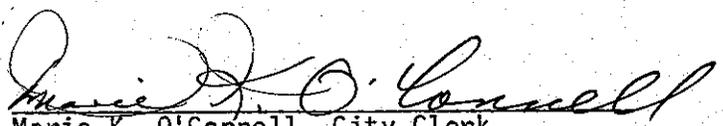

Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney


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Attest:


Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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