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- (e) a dog, whether or not confined, causes the serious injury or death of any person.

(4) (a) Notwithstanding LC 7.130(1) through (3) above, the Director shall have discretionary authority to refrain from prosecuting a violation, even if the dog has engaged in the behaviors specified in LC 7.130(1) through (3) above, if the Director determines that the behavior was a result of the victim abusing or tormenting the dog or other extenuating circumstances.

(b) No violation shall be found under LC 7.130(1) through (3) if:

(i) the behavior in question was directed against a trespasser on the property of a business which owns a licensed watchdog, providing the owner has complied with LC 7.080 above, or

(ii) the behavior in question was directed against a trespasser that has illegally entered any residence. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 16-75, Effective 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82, 13-86, 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

### **7.135 Dangerous Behavior Restrictions.**

In addition to the other requirements of this Animal Control Code, the owner of a dog that has committed dangerous behavior as described in LC 7.130 may be ordered by the court to comply with the following additional restrictions in addition to any other restrictions the court deems reasonable under the circumstances:

(1) If the dog has engaged in Class C violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(1), the dog shall be restricted by a physical device or structure that prevents the dog from reaching any public right-of-way or adjoining property whenever the dog is outside the owner's home and not on a leash off the owner's property.

(2) If the dog has engaged in Class B violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(2), or, if the dog has engaged in Class A violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(3)(a) the owner shall confine the dog within a secure enclosure whenever the dog is not on a leash off the owner's property or inside the home of the owner and shall also post warning signs, purchased from Lane County, on the property where the dog is kept.

(3) If the dog has engaged in Class A violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(3)(b), the owner shall meet the requirements of LC 7.135(2) and (3) above and shall, additionally, not permit the dog to be off the owner's property unless the dog is muzzled and restrained by an adequate leash and under the control of a capable person over the age of 18.

(4) Any dog that has been found to have engaged in Class A violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(3)(c) through (e) may be euthanized. Any dog that has been found to have engaged in Class A violation dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130(3)(e) shall be euthanized. In addition, the hearings officer has the authority to suspend, for a period of time, the dog owner's right to be the owner of any dog in Lane County, including dogs currently owned by that person.

(5) To ensure correct identification, all dogs that have engaged in dangerous behavior described in LC 7.130 shall be marked with a permanent identifying mark. The dog will also be required to wear an identifying collar and ID tag.

(6) In addition to the normal licensing fees established in LC 7.075 above, there shall be an additional licensing and supervision fee for dogs that have been determined to have engaged in dangerous behavior pursuant to LC 7.130 in amounts provided by order of the Board of Commissioners. This additional fee shall first be

payable at the time that determination is made, and renewals are due upon the anniversary of the determination.

(7) A person who fails to comply with the provisions of LC 7.135 commits a Class A violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 13-86, Effective 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

*Effective 6.7.72; 16-75, 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82; 21-83, 11.29.83; 4-85, 6.26.85; 13-86, 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.070 Dog Licenses.**

(1) Every owner of a dog which has a set of permanent canine teeth or has attained the age of six months, whichever event occurs first, shall immediately obtain a license for the dog. If the dog owner moves into Lane County, the owner must obtain a license within 30 days of moving into the County.

(2) Licenses shall be valid for one, two or three years from the date of issuance or until sale or gift of the dog, whichever occurs first.

(3) No license shall be issued until a certification of vaccination for rabies, valid for the term of the license, is presented to the Animal Regulation Authority or duly authorized issuer.

(4) Dog owners shall renew the dog license before it becomes delinquent. A late fee of \$10 will be charged if the license is renewed after it has become delinquent.

(5) A license tag issued to the dog shall be attached securely to a collar or harness on the dog for which it is issued. If a license is lost, the owner shall obtain a duplicate license tag upon satisfactory proof of loss and payment of the required fee.

(6) A person who violates LC 7.070 commits a Class B violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 12-72, Effective 6.2.92; 4-74, 7.1.74; 15-75, 11.12.75; 16-75, 12.26.75; 14-81, 8.19.81; 2-82, 4.9.82; 5-86, 6.6.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 8-91, 6.26.91; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.075 License and Other Fees.**

(1) Dog license fees shall be charged in amounts provided by order of the Board of Commissioners. The fees are due and payable upon the issuance of the license. A person who purchases a kennel license does not have to license the individual dogs as long as they live at the kennel. Also, a person who purchases a license for a commercial breeding kennel need not also obtain a commercial kennel or noncommercial kennel license, and a person who purchases a commercial kennel license need not obtain a noncommercial kennel license if they choose to operate such a kennel.

(2) No license fee shall be required for any dog owner who needs and uses the dog as a seeing eye dog, hearing ear dog, or similar aide. A license shall be issued for such dog upon proper proof of rabies vaccination and upon filing of an affidavit by the person showing such dog to come within this exemption. Such affidavit shall be filed with the Animal Regulation Authority.

(3) After application upon a form to be provided by the Animal Regulation Authority, a permit may be issued to a licensed owner to use that dog as a watchdog. A fee for that permit shall be in addition to the individual license fee.

(4) If a dog owner has been fined or his or her dog has been classified or registered in another state, county or city because the dog engaged in the behaviors which would have constituted a violation pursuant to LC 7.025 or 7.130, the owner shall notify the Animal Regulation Authority of such classification, registration or fine at the time the owner licenses the dog. If the Director determines that the dog has committed such behavior, the Director may impound the dog, and may seek an order of the court that reasonable restrictions be placed on the dog, or that the dog be destroyed, upon a finding by the court that the restrictions or destruction would have been ordered had the behavior occurred in Lane County. A violation of LC 7.075(4) shall be a Class A violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 12-72, Effective 6.7.72; 15-75, 11.12.75; 16-75, 12.26.75; 14-81, 8.19.81; 2-82, 4.9.82; 5-86, 6.6.86; 12-83, 6.17.83; 13-86, 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 8-91, 6.26.91; 5-94, 7.29.94; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.080 Uses of Watchdog.**

Any business using a watchdog must conspicuously post the premises to warn the public of the watchdog. The dog must not be allowed access to the public that is on the property during business hours. If the dog is used outside of a building, the property must be fenced in a way to prohibit the dog access to any public right-of-way. A violation of LC 7.080 is a Class C violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 13-86, Effective 11.7.86; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.085 Kennel License.**

(1) No person shall operate a kennel, whether commercial or noncommercial, without the appropriate kennel license. Kennel licenses shall be valid from one year from the date of issuance.

(2) A violation of this section shall be a Class A violation.

(3) No kennel license shall be issued under this section to anyone in nonconformity with applicable zoning statutes and ordinances.

(4) The following provisions shall govern revocation of licenses.

(a) Three or more violations of this chapter within a period of 12 calendar months shall result in a revocation of licenses granted under this section.

(b) Such revocation may occur after a hearing before the hearings officer and after the licensee has been mailed a notice of a time to appear at least five days in advance of the hearing. Such notice shall include a general statement of the reasons for commencing the revocation proceedings. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 12-72, Effective 6.7.72; 15-75, 11.12.75; 16-75, 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82; 21-83, 11.29.83; 4-85, 6.26.85; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.090 Reporting of Biting Dogs.**

(1) The owner of a dog which bites a human shall immediately notify the Animal Regulation Authority of such bite, the time and circumstances of such bite, and the name and address of the person bitten, if known.

(2) Any person who is bitten by a dog shall forthwith notify the Animal Regulation Authority of such bite giving a description of the dog, the time and circumstances of the bite and the name and address of the owner, if known.

(3) When a doctor, veterinarian, hospital employee, or other person has information that a person has been bitten by a dog, such person shall notify forthwith the Animal Regulation Authority.

(4) A violation of LC 7.090 is a Class A violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 16-75, Effective 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.095 Biting Rabid Dogs - Quarantine.**

(1) When either the Animal Regulation Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Public Safety of Lane County has grounds to suspect that a dog is infected with the disease of rabies, there shall be delivered to the owner of the dog a written notice thereof. The owner shall thereupon be required to quarantine his or her dog for 10 days. The biting of any person by the dog shall constitute grounds for suspecting their dog to be so infected. The delivery of the notice to a member of the owner's family 15 years or older at the premises where the dog is kept or at the owner's usual place of abode, shall be delivery of notice to the owner.

(2) Any dog required to be quarantined shall be confined as follows.

(a) On the owner's premises in such a manner as to prevent it from being in contact with any other animal or person; or

(b) At the owner's expense at a veterinary hospital, the Animal Regulation Authority's kennel or a kennel approved by either the Department of Health and Human Services or the Animal Regulation Authority.

(3) Any animal that has been bitten by a dog proved to be rabid shall be destroyed.

(4) If a dog exhibits symptoms of rabies while it is under quarantine, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services may order in writing that it be destroyed and its head be submitted as directed to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 16-75, Effective 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82; 13-86, 11.7.86; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.100 Sick or Injured Animals.**

(1) Any sick or injured animal found by a peace officer or animal control officer off the premises of its owner shall be delivered to its owner if it is feasible to do so. Any such animal for which the owner is either unknown or cannot be reached after reasonable attempts to do so may be impounded. The Director shall determine whether the animal is so severely injured or incurably crippled that the humane thing to do would be to destroy the animal. If the Director reasonably believes the animal should be destroyed, the animal may be destroyed immediately. If the Director reasonably believes that the animal should not be destroyed and that treatment is necessary, the animal may be delivered by the Animal Regulation Authority to a veterinarian for medical treatment. If the veterinarian determines that treatment should be given, such treatment may be given, provided, however, the animal may be destroyed if not claimed by its owner within 72 hours after being delivered to the veterinarian.

(2) Arrangements for fees, selection of veterinarians, liability of veterinarians, etc., shall be determined by separate contracts between the Animal Regulation Authority and individual veterinarians.

(3) The owner of the animal shall be liable to the veterinarian and to the Animal Regulation Authority for all expenses which are incurred for the care of said animal. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 12-72, Effective 6.7.72; 16-75, 12.26.75; 2-82, 4.9.82; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.105 Animal Abandonment.**

(1) A person commits the offense of animal abandonment if the person leaves a domesticated animal at a location without providing for the animal's continued care. It is no defense to the offense in LC 7.105(1) that the defendant abandoned the animal at or near an animal shelter, veterinary clinic or other place of shelter if the defendant did not make reasonable arrangements for the care of the animal.

(2) A person who commits the offense of animal abandonment commits a Class A violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 2-82, Effective 4.9.82; 13-86, 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.110 Dogs at Large Prohibited.**

(1) No dog owner shall permit a dog to be at large.

(2) A dog owner, whose dog runs at large, commits a Class D violation.

(3) A dog owner is deemed to be negligent per se for the actions of a dog at large when the dog causes injury to a person or property. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 2-82, Effective 4.9.82; 13-86, 11.7.86; 3-89, 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

#### **7.115 Continuous Annoyance.**

An animal owner who permits any animal to cause annoyance, alarm, or noise disturbance for more than 15 minutes at any time of the day or night, be it repeated barking, whining, screeching, howling, braying or other like sounds which can be heard

beyond the boundary of the owner's property commits a Class C violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 13-86, Effective 11.7.86; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

**7.120 Animal Abuse.**

(1) Class B Violation. A person who, except as otherwise authorized by law, causes physical injury to an animal commits a Class B violation.

(2) Class A Violation. A person who, except as otherwise authorized by law,

(a) Causes serious physical injury to an animal; or

(b) Cruelly causes the death of an animal, commits a Class A violation.

(3) Any practice of good animal husbandry is not a violation of LC

7.120. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 3-89, Effective 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

**7.125 Animal Neglect.**

(1) As used in this section, "minimum care" means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

(a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight.

(b) Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.

(c) In case of pet or domestic animals, access to a barn, dog house or other enclosed structure sufficient to protect the animal from wind, rain, snow or sun and which has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness.

(d) Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease.

(e) Pets or domestic animals shall not be confined to an area without adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal or which does not allow access to a dry place for the animal to rest. The air temperature in a confinement area must be suitable for the animal involved. Confinement areas must be suitable for the animal involved. Confinement areas must be kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants which could affect the animal's health.

(2) Animal Neglect (Class B violation). A person who fails to provide minimum care for an animal in such person's custody or control commits a Class B violation.

(3) Animal Neglect (Class A violation). A person who fails to provide minimum care for an animal in such person's custody or control and such failure results in serious physical injury or death to the animal, commits a Class A violation. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 3-89, Effective 5.12.89; 1-00, 4.12.00)*

**7.130 Dangerous Behavior.**

The purpose of this section is to establish a procedure whereby dogs that pose a reasonably significant threat of causing serious injury to humans, domestic animals or property are identified and subjected to reasonable restrictions.

(1) Class C violation dangerous behavior is established if a dog at large is found to menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threaten or endanger the safety of any domestic animal or livestock.

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