

**CITY OF ORTING
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORTING,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR ANIMAL
SERVICES**

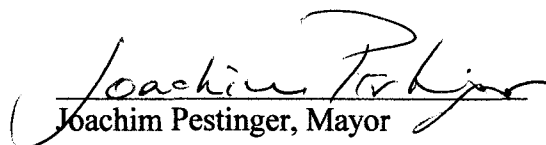
WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a City policy authorizing procedures and fees for Animal Services within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the City of Orting Animal Services Policy attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 28th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

CITY OF ORTING



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:



Chris D. Bacha,
Kenyon Disend PLLC
City Attorney

Passed by the City Council: 5/28/14
Resolution No.: 2014-7

EXHIBIT A



Animal Services Policy

For Animals within the City Limits of Orting

Revised 5/23/14

1. Hours of Operation and Contact Information for City of Orting Animal Services

Monday through Friday, 9am – 4pm, except for holidays

The City will respond to animal service calls between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday, except observed holidays. To request a response during that time period call 360.893.2219 ext. 133. The Executive Assistant shall screen and log calls requesting a response from Animal Services and will dispatch on-call personnel. Reports of at-large dogs will be addressed when personnel is available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Public Works	Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	Public Works	Public Works

After Hours, Weekends, Holidays

Animal Services will respond to after hours and weekend reports of found dogs **ONLY** when dogs are in the physical control of a citizen. Call 253.377.0262 for after hours or weekend pick up.

Stray Cats

The City does **NOT** respond to stray cat calls; however, the City will pay impoundment fees if a cat is humanely transported by a citizen to the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County.

Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dogs

All Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs shall be immediately reported to the 911 Center for response by the Orting Police Department.

2. Responsibility for Dog Pickup and Transport to the City Kennel

The staff person who transports a dog to the kennel is responsible for notifying the Executive Assistant, 360.893.2219, ext. 133, that a dog has been placed in the kennel and must immediately provide a copy of a completed **Dog Intake Form**, located at the kennel. The staff person should provide food and water for the animal. If the dog is not wearing an identification tag the staff person will scan for an identification chip.

3. Locating Owner of Dog

If the dog has an identification chip or tag the Executive Assistant will attempt to contact the owner. If the Executive Assistant is unable to contact the owner, a description of the found dog will be advertised on the reader board for **three days** from time of pickup, with the goal of reuniting with owners.

4. Returning Dog to Owner

Unlicensed dogs must be licensed prior to release. Owners may retrieve their dog between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, by calling 360.893.2219, ext. 133. Animals cannot be retrieved on weekends or holidays.

5. Charges for Animal Control Services

Annual Animal License Fee *(new and renewal)*

- \$10 spayed/neutered
- \$20 unaltered

If license renewal is not obtained prior to March 15 of each calendar year

- \$10 late fee

Fee for pick-up of dogs *(pertains to all dogs)*

- First offense \$ 35 + license fee (if unlicensed)
- Second offense \$ 75 + license fee (if unlicensed)
- Third offense \$ 105 + license fee (if unlicensed)

Kennel fees

- Overnight kennel fee - \$10 per night/maximum of \$30 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu nights).
- Weekend kennel fee - \$70 (\$10 per night, plus \$20 per day for additional staff time on Sat and Sun).

Transportation fee for unclaimed dogs

- \$100

After three days, unclaimed dogs shall be taken to the Humane Society of Tacoma-Pierce County and a transportation fee will be charged.

6. Claiming Dogs Which Have Been Transported To the Humane Society

After three days unclaimed dogs are taken to the Humane Society of Tacoma-Pierce County. If the owner attempts to claim the animal, Humane Society Staff will notify City of Orting Animal Control Staff. The owner will be required to license the animal (if residing in the Orting city limits) and reimburse the City of Orting for the following costs:

- Pick up fees
- Kennel fees
- Transportation fees

7. Responsibility for Maintenance of Dogs in the Kennel

The kennel is outfitted with an automatic food and water supply. Public Works staff shall ensure that ample food and water are provided. The kennel is to be cleaned on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. In the event that an animal is kept in the kennel over a weekend or holiday, on call personnel shall ensure that the dog has ample food and water. In all cases, reasonable attention shall be taken in regulating the living conditions for the dog during extremes in temperature.

8. Placement of Dogs When There is No Available Room in the Kennel

If the kennel is full, the City will make every attempt to place dogs in foster homes, while trying to reunite the dog with the owner. If no foster homes are available, the animals will be immediately transferred to the Humane Society of Tacoma-Pierce County. The Executive Assistant shall be immediately notified when a dog is transferred to that facility.