



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 27, 2008

Motion 12871

Proposed No. 2008-0347.2

Sponsors Patterson, Constantine, Phillips
and Ferguson

1 A MOTION requesting the executive to study the
2 feasibility of implementing a ban on continuous dog
3 chaining, tethering and small space confinement and report
4 findings and recommendations to the King County council.
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6 WHEREAS, King County is striving to implement a model humane animal
7 services program, reduce rates of animal euthanasia and prevent animal cruelty, and

8 WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention and the American Veterinary Medical Association, dogs are social pack
10 animals and the practice of continuous confinement of dogs by chain or tether may result
11 in increased vicious and aggressive behavior towards other animals and humans, and

12 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Agriculture continuous
13 chaining and tethering of dogs is inhumane, and

14 WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 11.04 vicious and aggressive
15 dogs are considered a nuisance and a threat to the health and safety of people, animals
16 and property, and

17 WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 11.04 irreparably vicious and
18 aggressive dogs may be euthanized, and

19 WHEREAS, in accordance with Motion 12521, a model humane animal services
20 program recognizes that dogs require socialization, exercise and requires the prevention
21 of animal cruelty;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

23 A. The executive is requested to study the feasibility of implementing a dog
24 chaining, tethering and small space confinement ban. The executive is requested to
25 consider the following elements in the feasibility study:

- 26 1. Input by the King County Animal Control Officers Guild;
- 27 2. Input by the King County sheriff's office;
- 28 3. Input by the King County prosecuting attorney's office;
- 29 4. Input by the National Animal Control Association;
- 30 5. Input by community members, including proponent and opponent
31 perspectives;
- 32 6. Cost of implementation;
- 33 7. Public education and awareness;
- 34 8. Impacts to public health and safety;
- 35 9. Humane standards and expectations in King County;
- 36 10. Possible implementation in King County's unincorporated areas;
- 37 11. Possible implementation in contract cities; and
- 38 12. Experiences of jurisdictions that have implemented chaining and tethering
39 bans.


40 B. A report with findings and recommendations on the feasibility of a chaining,
41 tethering and small space confinement ban should be transmitted to the council for
42 consideration by motion or ordinance by February 28, 2009.

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Motion 12871 was introduced on 6/23/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/27/2008, by the following vote:

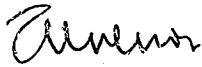
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Phillips
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None