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[Penalties related to dog licensing.]

Ordinance amending Article 1, Section 41.25 of the San Francisco Health Code by increasing penalties imposed for failing to license a dog or obtain a young dog certificate from not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 to exactly \$100; and making environmental findings.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Article 1, Section 41.25 of the San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 41.25. PENALTIES.


(a) ~~Any person violating~~ violation of the provisions of Section 41.21 of this Article shall be ~~deemed guilty of~~ a misdemeanor, and ~~upon conviction thereof shall be~~ punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

(b) ~~Any person violating~~ violation of the provisions of Section 41.15, ~~41.18(e)~~ or 41.19 of this Article shall be ~~deemed guilty of~~ an infraction and ~~upon conviction thereof shall be~~ punishable by a fine of ~~not less than \$25 nor more than \$50~~ 100.

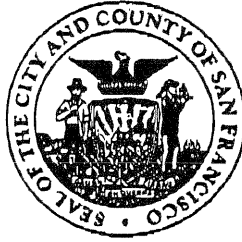
Section 2. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 051605 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of Planning
Environmental Review Officer

FROM: Gloria L. Young, Clerk of the Board *by GY*

DATE: September 28, 2005

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
City Operations and Neighborhood Services

The Board of Supervisors City Operations and Neighborhood Services has received the following which is being referred to the Planning Department for determination as to whether the proposed fee increase will impact the environment.

Please provide your findings within 10 days from the date of referral.

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Penalties related to dog licensing

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Victor Young, Clerk, City Operations and Neighborhood Services.**

RESPONSE FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Date: October 19, 2005

- No Comment
- Recommendation Attached

*Exempt from CEQA
Non-physical Exemption
CEQA Guidelines § 15060(k)(2)*

[Signature]
Planning Department
Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer

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October 18, 2005

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Committee Clerk
City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Re: Dog / Dog Owner Regulation

Dear Supervisors McGoldrick, Dufty, and Ma:

I submit these comments for the record of the meeting where proposed ordinances 051605 (Penalties related to dog licensing), 051606 (Penalties related to vicious and dangerous dogs), and 051607 (Mandating the spaying and neutering of pit bulls and prohibiting non-permitted breeding of pit bulls). I believe these proposed ordinances will be considered on November 7, 2005 and cannot attend the meeting in person.

Thank you for considering new legislation on these matters. I strongly support the above-listed proposed ordinances, and urge the Committee to consider additional accountability measures for irresponsible dog owners concerning four issues:

1) Off-leash Dogs in Parks.

I live in Noe Valley, where it seems that every park in the neighborhood is a *complete* off-leash area. I would like to run in a park, in order to avoid cars, but instead have to avoid off-leash dogs, some of which are in packs.

I have been chased several times by off-leash dogs. Sometimes dogs on leashes lunge at me aggressively.

I urge you to consider greater limits on off-leash areas in the neighborhood parks. There should be parks--especially population-dense parks like Mission Dolores--that people can enjoy without loose dogs.

2) Enforcement of "curb" responsibilities.

In Noe Valley, there is new dog excrement on every street, every day. Additionally, there is dog excrement on the trails in the off-leash parks. Bernal Heights Park, in particular, has problems with dog owners who do not curb. Because of these problems, I urge you to heighten enforcement of curb responsibilities.

3) Enforcement of leash laws.

The leash laws are routinely ignored in this city, especially in Noe Valley.

Dog owners are not always sensitive to the effect that an unleashed animal has on others. Some walk breeds that have historically been owned for their destructive power, such as rotweilers, off leash. There needs to be more enforcement of leash laws, because too many owners apparently do not care to obey them.

4) Create clear avenues for animal-related complaints.

It is not clear how one complains about non-emergency animal control problems, such as off-leash dogs. The Commission of Animal Control and Welfare website, while an excellent resource for animal *welfare* issues, lacks prominent, clear information about animal *control* problems, such as how to file complaints concerning off-leash dogs.

I urge you to enhance methods for individuals to file complaints concerning animals. Complaints are an essential early warning system in addressing the problem of irresponsible owners.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Hoofnagle
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