

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11-063

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE 7.12.130

WHEREAS, the current code does not adequately address unreasonably bothersome noises generated by animals such as roosters, turkeys and other birds kept as domesticated fowl in the City of Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, the code currently contains similar provisions prohibiting unreasonable noises generated by dogs within the city limits under 7.08.110(G) (“barking dog” statute); and

WHEREAS, the intention of this code revision is to regulate and prevent unreasonably annoying noises of domesticated fowl in the same manner as the current “barking dog” statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: BMC 7.12.130 is hereby amended as follows:

7.12.130 – Infractions – Penalty

A violation of any of the following provisions shall constitute an infraction and shall subject the violator to a fine not to exceed \$250:

- A.** Any violation of the provisions of Section 7.12.060, the general regulations governing keeping animals in the City.
- B.** It is unlawful for any person to cause, permit, or allow any domestic animal or livestock of any kind to be at large.
- C.** It is unlawful for any person to take or drive any animal from any enclosed lot or tract of ground or from any stable or other building, or from outside the limits of the City with the intent that such animal be impounded.
- D.** It is unlawful to harbor or keep a rooster, peafowl, or turkey, which by frequent, habitual, or loud noise unreasonably annoys or disturbs another resident in the immediate neighborhood.

PASSED by Council this 21st day of November, 2011.



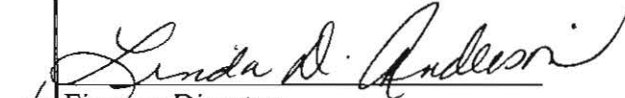
Council President

APPROVED by me this 30th day of November, 2011.




Mayor

Attest:



Finance Director

Approved as to form:



Office of the City Attorney 36647

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