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2 Requested by: County Council  
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## 5 **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10s**

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8 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Relating to Pet Shops;**  
9 **Regulating the Sale of Dogs and Cats; Amending Pierce**  
10 **County Code Section 5.24.030, "License Requirement";**  
11 **Adopting New Sections 5.24.075, "Pet Shop Sale**  
12 **Limitations" and 5.24.078, "Dog Sale Violations"; Making**  
13 **Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.**  
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15 **Whereas**, Chapter 5.24 of the Pierce County Code (PCC) relates to kennels,  
16 catteries, grooming parlors, short-term boarding facilities and pet shops; and  
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18 **Whereas**, PCC 5.24.030, "License Requirement", was last amended by  
19 Ordinance No. 2017-12s; and  
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21 **Whereas**, it is advisable to regulate the sale of dogs to protect public health,  
22 safety and welfare of Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

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24 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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26 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby finds the following:  
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### 28 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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30 The purpose and intent of Ordinance No. 2022-10s is to promote the health, safety,  
31 and welfare of citizens and animals in Pierce County. These regulations would: (1)  
32 mandate that dogs be sourced from USDA licensed breeders in order to alleviate the  
33 behavioral and health problems associated with poor breeding practices and to  
34 reduce the burden on local animal shelters when dogs are abandoned or  
35 surrendered as a result of those type of problems, (2) reduce the number of times a  
36 dog is transferred through different owners or entities prior to reaching the ultimate  
37 consumer, (3) increase transparency through disclosure requirements so potential  
38 owners will know the source of the dog, and (4) promote consumer protection by  
39 requiring disclosure of important terms of sale so that potential dog owners can  
40 make informed decisions prior to purchase.  
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- 42 1. The Humane Society of Tacoma & Pierce County (Pierce County's  
43 supported animal shelter, hereinafter "County shelter") consistently has a  
44 high number of dogs taken into the shelter that need homes. Gross intake of  
45 dogs at the County shelter was 188 dogs for February of 2021. Of these  
46 188 dogs, 149 (79 percent) were strays. One year later, the number of dogs  
47 ending up at the County shelter increased by 69 percent to 272, 81 percent



1 of which were strays. <https://www.shelteranimalscount.org/data-dashboards/>  
2 (Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County).

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- 4 2. The high for all dogs ending up at the County shelter was 296 strays in July  
5 of 2017, with 78 dogs relinquished by their owner and 31 surrendered by  
6 owners for euthanasia. The recent low for dog intake at the County shelter  
7 was May of 2020, with 38 relinquished by owners and 127 strays. Since  
8 2020, numbers of strays climbed back to a high of 245 in October of 2021.  
9 <https://www.shelteranimalscount.org/data-dashboards/> (Humane Society for  
10 Tacoma & Pierce County).
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- 12 3. Pierce County is a regional outlier when comparing local dog intake at  
13 Humane Society dog shelters. The County shelter has a 1.4 percent 3-year  
14 average for dogs coming into the shelter (transferring in) from other areas.  
15 The transfer-in average for Humane Society dog shelters in Clark, King,  
16 Kitsap, Snohomish and Thurston Counties is 54 percent, or 38 times the  
17 number of non-local dogs compared to the County shelter. Nearly 99  
18 percent of dogs at the County shelter are local.  
19 <https://www.shelteranimalscount.org/data-dashboards/> (Humane Society for  
20 Tacoma & Pierce County).
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- 22 4. Excess dogs needing homes increases costs for Pierce County. The  
23 Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County, which provides shelter  
24 services for the County, provide the following at the shelter: (1) Seventy-  
25 five employees when fully staffed; (2) twelve kennel aides and  
26 housekeepers (looking after, feeding, cleanup up after animals); (3) six  
27 receiving clerks (taking in animals); (4) four full-time veterinarians plus one  
28 part-time; (5) three licensed veterinarian technicians; (6) eleven veterinary  
29 assistants; (7) nine adoption representatives focused on finding animals  
30 new homes; (8) two dog behavior specialists; (9) four foster specialists  
31 recruiting foster parents; and (10) four pet support counselors who work to  
32 keep pets and families together through support programs.
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- 34 5. As of 2017, for animals sheltered at Pierce County's expense, the average  
35 stay in the County shelter was 6.6 days. Per animal costs were \$195.35.  
36 The costs to Pierce County in 2017 for all dogs sheltered was \$339,713.65.  
37 The total cost per dog, per day was \$21.06.
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- 39 6. The County shelter received revenue of \$478,935 in 2017 from adoptions,  
40 which helped offset shelter costs to Pierce County. Veterinary costs at the  
41 County shelter increased 94.8 percent between 2018 and 2022. Veterinary  
42 Department salaries increased by \$724,951 over the same period, and  
43 medicine and medical supply costs increased 73.7 percent or \$173,761.  
44 Email dated Tue 4/12/2022 4:51 PM to Jeff Cox, Pierce County Council  
45 staff, from Stuart Earley, Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.
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- 1 7. In one survey, dogs relinquished to shelters were found to be significantly  
2 more likely to be intact. Dogs relinquished to shelters were significantly  
3 more likely to have problem behaviors than those that that were being kept.  
4 Sixty-five percent of relinquishing owners said that a behavioral problem  
5 was a contributing factor, and about half said it was a relatively strong  
6 influence. Aggression was the most common behavioral problem given as a  
7 strong reason for relinquishment. Disclosing the source of dogs offered for  
8 sale will give customers tools to facilitate selection of dogs with fewer  
9 behavioral problems resulting in relinquishment. Why do people surrender  
10 dogs to animal shelters, May 15, 2013;  
11 [https://www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2013/05/why-do-people-](https://www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2013/05/why-do-people-surrender-dogs-to-animal.html)  
12 [surrender-dogs-to-animal.html](https://www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2013/05/why-do-people-surrender-dogs-to-animal.html).  
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- 14 8. Pet stores are commonly deficient in certain practices that are important to  
15 successful placement of dogs in homes and that are commonly performed  
16 by animal shelters and small local breeders. These practices include  
17 screening of purchasers, spay/neuter requirements, guidance regarding dog  
18 compatibility with purchasers and/or adoptees, and refusal to take back  
19 puppies where they don't fit with the new family. These are all practices that  
20 are commonly neglected by pet stores but which operate to reduce the  
21 likelihood of relinquished dogs becoming an public expense. The Impact of  
22 Puppy Selling Stores On Our Animal Shelter System, Comment from Ashly  
23 Dale, Director of Operations, [www.bailingoutbenji.com](http://www.bailingoutbenji.com).  
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- 25 9. Thirty-two percent of dogs are acquired without potential resources and  
26 support from a shelter or rescue group or even a breeder, but they comprise  
27 61.8 percent of all dog surrenders [https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-](https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats)  
28 [03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats](https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats).  
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- 30 10. Dogs with behavioral problems are more likely to be surrendered to shelters  
31 which leads to costs for affected local governments. Pet store dogs are  
32 more likely to have behavioral problems than are breeder-obtained dogs.  
33 Dogs from pet stores are not as well socialized as breeder-obtained dogs  
34 and score significantly lower than breeder-obtained dogs on 12 of 14 tests  
35 exploring aggression toward human family members, strangers, and other  
36 dogs. Pet store dogs also experience more fear and separation anxiety  
37 than breeder-obtained dogs. In a 2018-20 study, behavior was the second  
38 most cited reason for surrendering a dog to a shelter. Disclosure  
39 requirements combined with records retention requirements will facilitate the  
40 informed selection of dogs allowing customers to filter out dogs sourced  
41 from deficient breeders leading to fewer dogs relinquished to shelters.  
42 [https://network.bestfriends.org/research-data/research/owner-surrender-](https://network.bestfriends.org/research-data/research/owner-surrender-acquisition-source-analysis)  
43 [acquisition-source-analysis](https://network.bestfriends.org/research-data/research/owner-surrender-acquisition-source-analysis).  
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- 45 11. Dogs from commercial breeding facilities are more likely to have behavioral  
46 concerns as adults. Studies dating to 1965 show that dogs coming from  
47 non-commercial breeders or raised in a home are less fearful, more playful,  
48 and more tolerant of handling. Disclosure requirements combined with



1 records retention requirements will facilitate the informed selection of dogs  
2 allowing customers to filter out dogs sourced from deficient breeders leading  
3 to fewer dogs relinquished to shelters. <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/1965-35041-000>.

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6 12. Dogs are stressed by separation and relocation from their primary kennel.  
7 After being in one primary enclosure, with their littermates, dogs were  
8 separated and moved from their primary kennel to a new, unknown kennel.  
9 The move resulted in stress hormones increasing 50 percent. When the  
10 littermates were separated and moved from their primary kennel to a new,  
11 unknown kennel but with a human they knew as their caretaker, stress  
12 hormones only elevated slightly. Puppies in pet stores are moved from  
13 breeder, to broker, to transporter, to pet store, all by the time they are 8  
14 weeks old. Adopting Washington State minimum breeder standards (RCW  
15 16.52.310) will lower the number of dogs sold in Washington State with  
16 behavioral problems stemming from poor or unhealthy breeding practices.  
17 Requiring retailer selection of dogs directly from breeders will ultimately  
18 permit disclosure of important consumer information facilitating the purchase  
19 of dogs with fewer problems that commonly lead to relinquishment to  
20 shelters. Mental health of dogs formerly used as 'breeding stock' in  
21 commercial breeding establishments, Franklin D. McMillan, Deborah L.  
22 Duffy, James A. Serpell, Applied Animal Behaviour Science, Volume 135,  
23 Issues 1–2, p. 86-94 (2011). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.applanim.2011.09.006>.  
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- 25 13. Dogs born in commercial breeding establishments or sold as puppies  
26 through pet stores developed long-term fears and phobias, compulsive  
27 behaviors such as circling and pacing, possible learning deficits, and were  
28 often unable to cope fully with normal existence. Adopting Washington  
29 State minimum breeder standards (RCW 16.52.310) will lower the number  
30 of dogs sold in Washington State with behavioral problems stemming from  
31 poor or unhealthy breeding practices. Requiring retailer selection of dogs  
32 directly from breeders will ultimately permit disclosure of important  
33 consumer information facilitating the purchase of dogs with fewer problems  
34 that commonly lead to relinquishment to shelters. Behavioral and  
35 psychological outcomes for dogs sold as puppies through pet stores and/or  
36 born in commercial breeding establishments: Current knowledge and  
37 putative causes, Journal of Veterinary Behavior, Franklin D. McMillan,  
38 Volume 19 (2017), pgs. 14-26, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jveb.2017.01.001>.  
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- 40 14. An examination of parent dogs of pet store puppies confined to an  
41 enclosure only 6 inches larger than the dog's body, bred every heat cycle,  
42 and receiving little to no human interaction showed in utero stress of a  
43 mother dog can result in puppies having increased fear, difficulty adapting to  
44 new environments, learning deficits, and a shortened attention span.  
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48 retailer selection of dogs directly from breeders will ultimately permit



1 disclosure of important consumer information facilitating the purchase of  
2 dogs with fewer problems that commonly lead to relinquishment to shelters.  
3 Differences in behavioral characteristics between dogs obtained as puppies  
4 from pet stores and those obtained from noncommercial breeders, McMillan  
5 FD, Serpell JA, Duffy DL, Masaoud E, Dohoo IR, J Am Vet Med Assoc.  
6 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.2460/javma.242.10.1359>.

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8 15. Ordinances regulating the sale of puppies obtained from large out-of-state  
9 breeders have proven effective at increasing shelter adoptions, thus  
10 lightening the burden placed on our publicly-funded shelters and decreasing  
11 the number of animals euthanized. [https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-](https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats)  
12 [03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats](https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2011-03-01/cities-banning-retail-sale-dogs-cats).  
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14 16. Animal welfare group *Bailing Out Benji* has raised objections about the dog  
15 breeding, dog care, and puppy sheltering practices of Iowa puppy breeder  
16 JAK's Puppies which provides puppies to Washington state pet stores  
17 claiming, among other things, that puppies are kept in sub-optimal  
18 conditions. The same group expresses concerns about high finance  
19 charges offered for the purchase of puppies. *Concerns raised over*  
20 *practices of pet dealer Puppyland Renton*, Renton Reporter, April 9, 2021,  
21 [www.rentonreporter.com](http://www.rentonreporter.com).  
22  
23 17. Interest rate financing for puppies of up to 128 percent interest have been  
24 profiled by local media. *At one pet store, a new friend will cost you – up to*  
25 *128% interest*, KIRO 7 NEWS, Feb. 28, 2022, [www.kiro7.com](http://www.kiro7.com).  
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27 18. Google Reviews 4/1/22 for Pierce County store selling puppies obtained  
28 from out of state breeder describe numerous health problems with puppies.  
29 [https://www.google.com/maps/place/Puppyland+Puyallup/@47.1377352,-](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Puppyland+Puyallup/@47.1377352,-122.2940523,17z/data=!4m14!1m6!3m5!1s0x5490fd57c7a872d1:0xfb50f97695133778!2sPuppyland+Puyallup!8m2!3d47.137605!4d-122.2918405!3m6!1s0x5490fd57c7a872d1:0xfb50f97695133778!8m2!3d47.137605!4d-122.2918405!9m1!1b1)  
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35 [137605!4d-122.2918405!9m1!1b1](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Puppyland+Puyallup/@47.1377352,-122.2940523,17z/data=!4m14!1m6!3m5!1s0x5490fd57c7a872d1:0xfb50f97695133778!2sPuppyland+Puyallup!8m2!3d47.137605!4d-122.2918405!3m6!1s0x5490fd57c7a872d1:0xfb50f97695133778!8m2!3d47.137605!4d-122.2918405!9m1!1b1)

35 Because of the foregoing, Pierce County will advance the health, safety and  
36 welfare of its residents and its dog population by regulating the sale of dogs  
37 in pet shops for the purpose of limiting the numbers of dogs likely to develop  
38 those behavioral problems shown to increase the numbers surrendered to  
39 animal shelters.

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41 19. Requiring USDA breeder license number and inspection records will  
42 facilitate county enforcement of this Ordinance.  
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1            Section 2. Section 5.24.030 of the Pierce County Code, "License Requirement,"  
2 is hereby amended as follows:

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4            **"5.24.030 License Requirement.**

5            A. **License Requirements – Generally.** It shall be unlawful for any person  
6 to own, maintain, or have six or more dogs and/or cats, or operate a  
7 commercial kennel or cattery, boarding kennel/cattery, foster  
8 shelter/kennel/cattery, hobby kennel, grooming parlor, private  
9 kennel/cattery, short-term boarding facility, or pet shop, within the  
10 unincorporated areas of Pierce County without an applicable license as  
11 provided for by this Chapter.

12            Any person(s) who engages in more than one of the services or  
13 maintains more than one of the types of facilities cited in this Section shall  
14 pay all appropriate license fees as provided in Chapter 5.04 PCC.

15            Licensed veterinarians who, in addition to veterinary medical services  
16 on the premises, provide the ancillary services of boarding, grooming, and  
17 foster care for their patients, are exempt from the licensing requirements  
18 of this Chapter.

19            A noncommercial kennel with five or fewer dogs or cats must be  
20 licensed under PCC 6.04.020 and not under this Chapter.

21            B. **Transfer of License.** If there is any change in ownership of any  
22 commercial kennel or cattery, boarding kennel/cattery, foster  
23 shelter/kennel/cattery, hobby kennel/cattery, grooming parlor, private  
24 kennel/cattery, short-term boarding facility, or pet shop, the new owner  
25 may have the current permit transferred to his or her name upon the  
26 payment of \$75.00 transfer fee and upon the approval of the Pierce  
27 County Auditor, or the Auditor's designated agent.

28            C. **Grounds for Denial.** A permit or license may be denied for the following  
29 causes:

- 30            1. Conviction by the applicant of crimes related to animals.  
31            2. Withholding or falsifying any information on the application.  
32            3. Failure to meet the requirements for approval from the Fire Prevention  
33 Bureau, Planning and Public Works, or the Tacoma-Pierce County  
34 Health Department within 90 days from the date of application.

35            D. **Renewal.** Upon compliance with this Chapter along with PCC 5.24.040  
36 and the tender of any fees required by Chapter 5.04 PCC, the Pierce  
37 County Auditor shall issue a renewal license, and the applicant for such  
38 license shall post such license in a conspicuous place upon the premises.  
39 A penalty fee of 100 percent of the license fee shall be assessed if the  
40 license application is not submitted by March 31. Payment of this penalty  
41 shall not preclude the imposition of penalties prescribed in  
42 PCC 5.24.150 and 5.24.160.

43            E. **License – Required Information.** Every license shall state on its face the  
44 name of the owner and operator of the animal facility, the address, the  
45 maximum number of animals which can be kept in the facility at any one  
46 time, and the expiration date of the license. The number of animals which  
47 can be kept in the facility at any one time shall be determined by Pierce  
48 County who inspected the premises, and may be modified by the County



1 from time to time if the facility conditions change. The location of any  
2 kennel shall not be changed without prior permission of the Auditor and  
3 such permission will be granted only after appropriate inspections have  
4 been conducted.

- 5 **F. Records – Duty to Maintain.** ~~Every~~ With the exception of breeder  
6 records otherwise provided for in PCC 5.24.075, every licensed person  
7 shall maintain records for three years (current year and past two years) on  
8 dogs and/or cats. Said records shall contain a list of the names and  
9 addresses of persons from whom animals are received and to whom  
10 animals are sold, traded, given away, or groomed. All animal transactions  
11 shall be listed on the records and these records shall be made available  
12 for inspection by the Auditor and/or agent of Pierce County at all  
13 reasonable times for a specific reason."  
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15 Section 3. New Sections 5.24.075 of the Pierce County Code, "Pet Shop Sale  
16 Limitations -- Records," and 5.24.078, "Dog Sale Violations," are hereby adopted as  
17 follows, and the Section numbers and titles shall also be inserted chronologically in the  
18 Table of Contents for Chapter 5.24 PCC:  
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20 **"5.24.075 Pet Shop Sale Limitations – Records.**

- 21 A. Except as provided in this Section, a pet shop may not sell or offer for sale  
22 any dog.  
23 B. A pet shop may sell or offer for sale a dog only if the pet shop meets the  
24 following requirements:  
25 1. Any dog sold or offered for sale must be sold or offered for sale only at  
26 the address identified as the location address on the pet shop's  
27 business license, as defined in RCW 19.02.020;  
28 2. Any dog sold or offered for sale must be obtained either: (a) directly  
29 from a USDA licensed breeder pursuant to the federal animal welfare  
30 act, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 2131 et seq. or (b) from a USDA licensed broker  
31 pursuant to the federal animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C Sec. 2131 et seq.  
32 after the broker provides all breeder documentation required of a  
33 breeder by this Section as well as any applicable federal and state  
34 license numbers for the breeder and the broker;  
35 3. Any dog sold or offered for sale must possess documentation obtained  
36 from its breeder, either directly or through a USDA licensed broker,  
37 demonstrating the dog was not separated from its mother prior to age  
38 8 weeks and further demonstrating the breeder's compliance with  
39 RCW 16.52.310 on the date the dog was obtained from the breeder;  
40 4. A pet shop must, prior to obtaining a dog from a breeder or a broker,  
41 obtain all inspection reports for the breeder created by the USDA  
42 within the previous three years. A pet shop must maintain and, upon  
43 request, produce the records for a period of five years following the  
44 sale of a dog obtained from the breeder or broker;  
45 5. Any advertisement offering to sell a dog must include on all  
46 advertisements, including website postings, a range of prices at which  
47 a dog, breed of dog or dogs having other distinguishing traits are  
48 offered for sale as well as age of the dog and supporting



1 documentation providing the applicable federal or state license  
2 numbers for the breeder of the dog;

3 6. Post in a location visible from the entrance of a pet shop on a kiosk or  
4 other form of bulletin board the purchase price and age of the dog and  
5 the following information on the dog's breeder: Full name; kennel  
6 name, if applicable; city; state; and any applicable state or federal  
7 license numbers; and

8 7. Disclose to a prospective consumer in writing, prior to the sale of a  
9 dog, the following information about the dog:

10 a. The purchase price of the dog;

11 b. The interest rate or range associated with any financing or credit  
12 card offered to the prospective purchaser; and

13 c. Any applicable federal or state license numbers and an unredacted  
14 list of all violations of any federal or state law the dog breeder  
15 received in the previous two years on a federal or state inspection  
16 report.

17 C. A pet shop may provide space and appropriate care for animals, including  
18 dogs, owned by an animal shelter, nonprofit humane society, or nonprofit  
19 animal rescue organization and maintained at the pet shop for the purpose  
20 of adopting those animals to the public. Each pet shop shall display on  
21 each cage or pen containing a dog or cat a label stating the certificate of  
22 source, including the name and address of the animal shelter or nonprofit  
23 humane society or animal rescue organization which is the source, for  
24 each dog or cat kept in the cage or pen.

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26 **5.24.078 Dog Sale Violations.**

27 A pet shop that violates PCC 5.24.075 is subject to a Class 1 civil infraction.  
28 Any pet shop with three or more violations of any individually numbered subsection  
29 of B.1.-4. over a one year period or six or more violations of any numbered  
30 subsection B.5.-7. over a one year period is prohibited from selling or offering to  
31 sell any dog. "

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33 Section 4. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or  
34 circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the  
35 provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.





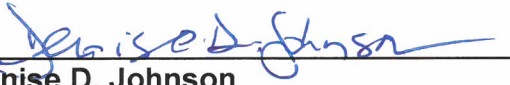
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Section 5. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2023.

PASSED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2022.

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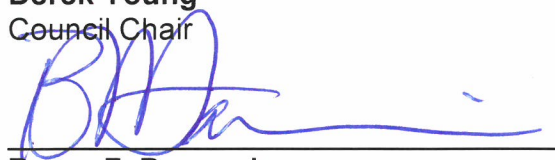
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Pierce County, Washington



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