

Ordinance Related to Nuisance Dogs That Creates a Separate Fee Schedule Within the City's On-Site Citation Program

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that barking dogs continue to rise to the level of being a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the barking and aggressive behavior of some dogs poses additional threats to the peace of the public and the surrounding neighbors and neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to increase the fine schedule that apply to owners that allow their dogs to become, or continue to be, a public nuisance;

THEREFORE, the City Council enacts the following fine schedule that applies only to person(s) found to be keeping, harboring, or otherwise allowing a dog to be a public nuisance:

1st Offense: \$250-\$500 fine (at the discretion of the Weston Municipal Court)

2nd Offense: \$501-\$750 fine and/or imprisonment not to exceed seven (7) days (the fine and imprisonment time shall be at the discretion of the Weston Municipal Court)

3rd Offense: \$751-\$1,000 fine and/or imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days (the fine and imprisonment time shall be at the discretion of the Weston Municipal Court)

4th Offense: mandatory \$1,000 fine and mandatory 15-30 day imprisonment and removal of dog from Owner's property to a location deemed appropriate by the Weston Municipal Court (the length of imprisonment shall be at the discretion of the Weston Municipal Court)

The fines and imprisonment time shall apply to all offenses that occur within a 12-month period of the first offense. The guilty party shall be responsible for all costs in removal of dog from Owner's property and the housing and care of the dog henceforth.

This fine schedule shall be used in conjunction with the On-Site Citation rules found in Ordinance 2022-07, which, at some point in the future, may be condensed into an updated version of the Weston City Code, at which point, this fee schedule shall be included in whatever Section of the Weston City Code houses the On-Site Citation program.

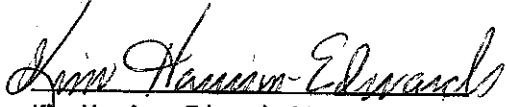
If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any portion of this ordinance to be unconstitutional or otherwise defective, then the remaining portions shall remain in full force


First Reading

5/1/2023

Second Reading

6/5/2023


Kim Harrison-Edwards, Mayor


Judy Piercy, City Clerk