

July 8, 2019

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**SUMMARY ORDER**

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V19009516**

**LISA HARPSTER**  
Animal Services Enforcement Appeals

Activity no.: A19002647

Appellant: **Lisa Harpster**  
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**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

1. Animal Services asserts that on June 4 at approximately 5:10 pm, Lisa Harpster's dog, Diesel, was running at large, constituting a nuisance under KCC 11.04.230.B. Beaux Arts Village has generally adopted KCC chapter 11.04 as the controlling standard. BAVMC 6.05.030. So KCC 11.04.230.B does apply within the Village.

However, Ms. Harpster correctly points out that the Village has explicitly amended *when* running at large applies in the Village:

References in the King County animal control regulations to “running at large, nuisance hours” are amended to read as follows: “A dog running at large within the town between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day.”

BAVMC 6.05.060. Thus, even if Diesel otherwise met the other criteria for “running at large,” he could not, as a matter of law, have been “running at large” at five in the afternoon.

DECISION:

1. We GRANT Ms. Harpster’s appeal.

ORDERED July 8, 2019.



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David Spohr  
Hearing Examiner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

King County Code 20.22.040 directs the Examiner to make the County’s final decision for this type of case. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless appealed to superior court by *August 7, 2019*. Either party may appeal this decision by applying for a writ of review in superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Jessica Oscoy, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **SUMMARY ORDER** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

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DATED July 8, 2019.



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Jessica Oscoy  
Legislative Secretary

**Harpster, Lisa**  
Hardcopy

**Mange, Keith**  
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