

December 9, 2019

**OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104
Telephone (206) 477-0860
hearingexaminer@kingcounty.gov
www.kingcounty.gov/independent/hearing-examiner

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V19009875**

RYAN MICHAEL RUTLEDGE
Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A19005956

Appellant: **Ryan Rutledge**

[REDACTED]
Renton, WA 98058

Telephone: [REDACTED]


King County: Regional Animal Services of King County
represented by **Chelsea Eykel**
Regional Animal Services of King County
21615 64th Avenue S
Kent, WA 98032
Telephone: (206) 263-5968
Email: raskcappeals@kingcounty.gov

Animal Services has advised us that, due to their critical witness in this case being non-responsive, it is dismissing its enforcement order without prejudice. A dismissal without prejudice is not a ruling on the merits, nor does it preclude later action. It does mean that there is currently no enforcement order to appeal, and nothing for us to hold a hearing on. We thus dismiss Mr. Rutledge's appeal as moot.

If for some reason we have misunderstood the situation, by **January 8, 2020**, either party is free to file, with the examiner, a motion for reconsideration explaining why the examiner should not

be dismissing this appeal. Filing a timely motion for reconsideration postpones the deadline (described below the signature line) for lodging an appeal.

DATED December 9, 2019.



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 *January 8, 2020*. Either party may appeal this decision by applying for a writ of review in superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

DS/jo

December 9, 2019

**OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104
Telephone (206) 477-0860
hearingexaminer@kingcounty.gov
www.kingcounty.gov/independent/hearing-examiner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V19009875**

RYAN MICHAEL RUTLEDGE
Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

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

- EMAILED to all County staff listed as parties/interested persons and parties with e-mail addresses on record.
- placed with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties/interested persons to addresses on record.

DATED December 9, 2019.



Jessica Oscoy
Legislative Secretary

Eykel, Chelsea

Regional Animal Services of King County

Redmond Police

Hardcopy

Rutledge, Ryan

Hardcopy