

April 19, 2021

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**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V21011752 & V21011753**

**MICHAEL NELSON & LESLIE O'CONNOR**

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A21000933

Appellant: Michael Nelson (V21011752) and Leslie O'Connor (V21011753)  
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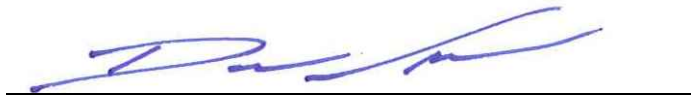
In today's matter, Appellants asserted that we do not have jurisdiction over this matter. As we explained in our notice of today's prehearing conference, Appellants appeared to be correct.

Today, Animal Services sought to dismiss its violations without prejudice, noting that they anticipate another entity may reissue the violations under the state's regulatory code.

The appeal is accordingly **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, the examiner's jurisdiction over the matter terminated, and the pre-hearing conference scheduled for today cancelled.

If for some reason we have misunderstood the situation, by **May 19, 2021**, 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 April 19, 2021.



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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 *May 19, 2021*. 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, Lauren Olson, 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.

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DATED April 19, 2021.



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Legislative Secretary

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