

August 19, 2021

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REVISED ORDER OF DISMISSAL

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file nos. **V21011969 and V21011970**

JERRY VASQUEZ

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A21001880 & A21001864

Appellant: **Jerry Vasquez**

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On Tuesday, we issued an order dismissing this appeal but reducing the penalty. One of the reasons we did not reduce the penalty more is that we treated this appeal as an extension of a previous appeal (V20010556) we heard and ruled on last year. Animal Services emailed today (we appreciate that) advising us that while Mr. Vasquez has a history of previously aggressive dogs, we were conflating two cases. Mr. Vasquez has no connection with V20010556.

Given that our decision to reduce the penalty from \$2400 to \$1800 rested in part that the current appeals where an extension of a similar fact pattern in V20010556, we must re-examine that reduction.

There is no magic formula, but taking the evidence we relied on, but then excluding V21011635, we conclude that halving the penalty—from \$2400 to **\$1200**—is a more equitable result.

DATED August 19, 2021.



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 *September 20, 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 **REVISED 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 August 19, 2021.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

Eykel, Chelsea

Regional Animal Services of King County

Vasquez, Jerry

Hardcopy

Wilson, Stephen

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