

February 4, 2026

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V25017916-A25005475**

MEGAN MCFADDEN

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A25-005475

Appellant: **Megan McFadden**

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Redmond, WA 98052

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King County: Regional Animal Services of King County
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On December 5, 2025, Regional Animal Services of King County (Animal Services) issued a Notice of Violation V25-017916. As that document stated, any appeal had to be received by Animal Services by December 30, 2025, or it would “constitute a waiver of your right to an administrative hearing and shall render this Notice and order a final determination...” The deadline is based on KCC 20.22.080.B, which requires appeals to be received within 24 days of the date the agency determination is issued.

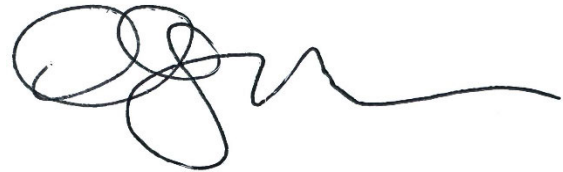
Animal Services received Megan McFadden’s appeal, via email, on January 2, 2026. Animal Services filed a motion to dismiss the appeal as untimely.

Per KCC 20.22.080.H, where an appeal is untimely, the Examiner “does not have jurisdiction to consider the appeal and the decision of the department ... becomes final and unreviewable.” This is not a discretionary decision: the Examiner cannot review the appeal if it is not timely filed with the agency.

The appeal is accordingly **DISMISSED** with prejudice, for lack of jurisdiction and the February 23, 2026, hearing is cancelled.

If we have misunderstood the situation, either party may email us a motion for reconsideration explaining why the appeal should not be dismissed. The motion must be received by **February 25, 2026** or prior to any appeal deadline for judicial review, if applicable. If no motion is received, this Order of Dismissal shall be final and conclusive.

DATED February 4, 2026.



Devon Shannon
King County 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 in accordance with Ch. 7.16 RCW. It is the responsibility of the party seeking to appeal the examiner’s decision to determine and meet the legal requirements for filing an appeal.

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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.
- placed with the United States Postal Service, through Quadiant-Impress, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties/interested persons to addresses on record.

DATED February 4, 2026.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

Castro, Catherine
Hardcopy

Eykel, Chelsea
Regional Animal Services of King County

McFadden, Megan
Hardcopy