

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Public Safety; amending section 6.20.280 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code relating to control of dogs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

Section 1. The following section, 6.20.280, of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.20.280 Barking dogs ~~prohibited~~ disturbing the peace prohibited.

(1) It is unlawful for any person in control of premises to keep, harbor or maintain thereon any dog or dogs which individually or together disturb the peace and repose of any person(s) within the city of Yakima, by repeatedly or continuously habitually barking, growling, yelping, howling, or whining so loudly and for such a duration of time as to unreasonably disturb the peace, quiet, comfort and repose of others within the city of Yakima. Any such dog or dogs shall be declared a nuisance and may be seized and impounded if such disturbance reoccurs after the person in control of the premises has received two prior warnings within a period of six months from any law enforcement or animal control officer of the city twenty minutes or more. A violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable by a \$250 fine.

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to subsection (1) of this section that the howling, yelping, barking or other noise complained of was by a guard dog or watch dog which was responding to intruders, trespassers or other persons entering onto or near the premises of the dog owner.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this 20th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

Kathy Coffey, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date: _____

Effective Date: _____