

**ORDINANCE 610**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 06.05.060,  
06.10.010(1), 6.10.020 AND 06.15.010 OF THE COULEE DAM  
MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6 ANIMALS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON as follows:**

**Title 6  
ANIMALS**

**Chapters:**

**6.05 Domestic Animals**

**6.10 Dangerous Dogs**

**6.15 Limitations on Number of Pets – Animals Running at Large**

**Section 1. Section 06.05.060 of the Coulee Dam Municipal Code providing as follows:**

06.05.060 Public Nuisances

It is hereby declared a public nuisance and it is unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog within the town which barks or howls or any dog or cat which whines or otherwise behaves in such a manner as to disturb the peace and quiet and safety of persons in the neighborhood. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that any such barking, whining or howling does in fact disturb the peace, comfort and/or repose of others when such activities take place between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (Ord. 359 § 6, 1988)

**is hereby amended to read as follows:**

06.05.060 Public Nuisances

It is hereby declared a public nuisance and it is unlawful for,

(a) any person to own or keep any dog within the town which barks or howls or any dog or cat which whines or otherwise behaves in such a manner as to disturb the peace and quiet and safety of persons in the neighborhood. It shall be a reputable presumption that any such barking, whining or howling does in fact disturb the peace, comfort and/or repose of others.

(b) any person allowing there animal shelter, kennel, or private property to become overgrown with animal fecal matter, said properties shall immediately clean up any such fecal matter deposited upon such property and shall properly dispose of same within 72 hours.

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**Section 2.** Section 06.10.010(1) of the Coulee Dam Municipal Code providing as follows:

**6.10.010 Dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.**

(1) "Potentially dangerous dog" means any dog that when unprovoked: (a) inflicts bites on a human or a domestic animal either on public or private property, or (b) chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, or to cause injury or otherwise to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals.

**is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**06.10.010 Dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.**

(1) "Potentially dangerous-dog" means any dog that when unprovoked:  
(a) Inflicts bites on a human or a domestic animal either on public or private property, or  
(b) chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, or to cause injury or otherwise to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals, or  
(c) any Pit Bull Dog, means any dog over the age of six months known by the owner to be a pit bull terrier, "Pit bull terrier" means any American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American bulldog or American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog or any mixed breed of dog which contains as an element of its breeding the breed of American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, or American Staffordshire terrier so as to be identifiable as partially of the breed American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, or American Staffordshire terrier.

**Section 3.** Section 6.10.020 of the Coulee Dam Municipal Code providing as follows:

**6.10.020 Dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs – Certificate of registration.**

- (1) It is hereby declared unlawful for any owner to have a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog within the town limits of Coulee Dam, Washington, without having a certificate of registration on said dog issued to its owner under subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) The animal control officer shall issue a certificate of registration on a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog to its owner upon presentation to the animal control officer by the owner of sufficient evidence of:
  - (a) A proper enclosure to confine the dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog and the posting of the premises with a clearly visible warning sign that there is a dangerous dog on the premises, and the conspicuous displaying on the premises of a sign with a

warning symbol that informs children of the presence of a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog; and

(b) A surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under Chapter 48.28 RCW in a form acceptable to the animal control officer in the sum of at least \$50,000 payable to any person injured by a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog; or

(c) A policy of liability insurance, such as homeowner's insurance, issued by an insurer qualified under RCW Title 48 in the amount of at least \$50,000, covering any damage or injury which may be caused by his dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog, which policy shall contain a provision naming the town of Coulee Dam as an additional insured.

is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.10.020 Dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs – Certificate of registration.

(1) It is hereby declared unlawful for any owner to have a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog within the town limits of Coulee Dam, Washington, without having a certificate of registration on said dog issued to its owner under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The animal control officer shall issue a certificate of registration on a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog to its owner upon presentation to the animal control officer by the owner of sufficient evidence of:

(a) A proper enclosure to confine the dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog and the posting of the premises with a clearly visible warning sign that there is a dangerous dog on the premises, and the conspicuous displaying on the premises of a sign with a warning symbol that informs children of the presence of a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog; and

(b) A surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under Chapter 48.28 RCW in a form acceptable to the animal control officer in the sum of at least \$250,000 payable to any person injured by a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog; or

(c) A policy of liability insurance, such as homeowner's insurance, issued by an insurer qualified under RCW Title 48 in the amount of at least \$250,000, covering any damage or injury which may be caused by his dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog, which policy shall contain a provision naming the town of Coulee Dam as an additional insured.

Section 4. Section 6.15.010 of the Coulee Dam Municipal Code providing as follows:

6.15.010 Established – Definition

It shall be unlawful for any person in the town of Coulee Dam to possess, harbor, shelter or keep more than four pets, excepting veterinary hospitals and pet shops, properly licensed by the town. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "pet" shall be defined as any dog or cat.

is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.15.010 Established – Definition.

It shall be unlawful for any person in the town of Coulee Dam to possess, harbor, shelter or keep more than four pets total, two dogs, no more than two cats, excepting veterinary hospitals and pet shops, properly licensed by the town. It shall also be unlawful for any person in the town of Coulee Dam to possess, harbor, shelter or keep more than one dangerous dog. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "pet" shall be defined as any dog or cat.

**Section 5. Effective:**

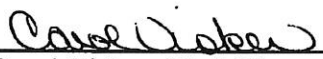
This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage by the town council, approval by the mayor, and after publication by summary in the official newspaper of the town, as provided by law.

Passed by the Town Council of the Town of Coulee Dam, Washington, and approved by the Mayor 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.


**APPROVED:**

  
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Gayland "Quincy" Snow, Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Carol Visker, Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Michael D. Howe, Town Attorney