IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of Amending the County Dog Control Ordinance No. 692 to Explicitly Allow Restitution for Persons Suffering Injury, Harm, or Damage, and Declaring an Emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 708

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON ("the Board") sat for the transaction of county business in formal session on December 20, 2001, commissioners Thomas E.E. Bunn, Robert Johnstone, and Leslie Lewis being present.

THE BOARD MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

A. The Yamhill County Dog Control Ordinance section dealing with penalties does not explicitly state that victims of violations of county dog control ordinances may seek and be granted restitution by a Circuit Court judge following findings of guilt.

B. It is in the interest of the people of Yamhill County to have the ability to seek restitution for harm or damage caused by dog control ordinance violators for expenses due to medical or veterinary bills, repair costs to property, replacement costs of killed or wounded animals, and similar compensation, as is just and ordered by a judge. The following changes to the dog control ordinance should be adopted. NOW, THEREFORE,

THE YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective immediately, Section 7.3 of the Yamhill County Dog Control Ordinance No. 692 is amended to include a new subsection, 7.3(f), to read as follows:

SECTION 7.3

(f) Imposition of a penalty under this section may be in addition to restitution, as ordered by a judge, to compensate victims for harm or damage caused by dog control ordinance violators for medical or veterinary bills, repair cost to property, replacement cost of killed or wounded animals, or other such compensation as a judge may deem equitable and just.

Section 2. This amendment being necessary for the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Yamhill County, an emergency is declared to exist, and this amendment is effective upon passage.
DONE at McMinnville, Oregon on December 20, 2001.

ATTEST

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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