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## CITY OF SHERWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2001-1111

## AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNREASONABLE ANIMAL NOISE, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 6.04, TRANSFERRING CONTROL OF ANMIAL NOISE DISTURBANCES TO THE SHERWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the population and residential density are continuing to increase within the City of Sherwood; and

WHEREAS, citizen calls regarding barking dogs cannot adequately be resolved by enforcement of the Washington County ordinance which is what the City currently refers to.

## NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF SHERWOOD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Noise Disturbance Prohibited. A noise disturbance is any sound produced by animals, which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the limits of the City.

<u>Section 2</u>. Penalty. Offenses of this ordinance shall be classified as a Class C violation punishable by up to a \$250 fine.

Section 3. If there are two or more complaints from two or more separate residences within a 12-month period and if the owner is convicted for the same offense more than three times, the offending animal must leave the Sherwood City limits permanently.

Section 4. Effective Date: In the interest of public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be effective upon its approval and adoption by the City Council and the Mayor.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2001.