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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Whereas**, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office utilizes police dogs in law enforcement roles;

**Whereas**, other law enforcement agencies utilize police dogs in law enforcement roles in the County;

**Whereas**, it is appropriate to enact criminal penalties for willfully interfering with a police dog in circumstances that do not amount to RCW 9A.76.200;

**Whereas** the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are hereby made:

Findings of Fact:

1. On September 26, 2013 a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Waitsburg Times. On September 26, 2013 a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Walla Walla Union Bulletin.

Conclusions of Law:

1. The proposed new Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.32 is necessary to regulate public health, safety and welfare in Walla Walla County.
2. The proposed new Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.32 will provide misdemeanor penalties for interfering with a police dog.
3. The proposed new Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.32 will discourage injuries to police dogs.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on October 7, 2013 for the purpose of receiving testimony for and/or against the proposed changes to the Walla Walla County Code,

**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners that, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law above, new Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.32 is enacted, and the Walla Walla County Code is amended as follows.



**Section 1. New Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.32 is enacted as follows:**

9.32.010 Willful Interference with a Police Dog

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, under circumstances not amounting to "Harming a Police Dog," as defined in RCW 9A.76.200, to willfully or maliciously interfere with, obstruct, torture, beat, kick, strike, or in any way abuse or harass any police dog or otherwise knowingly interfere with or attempt to interfere with a police officer's use of any police dog while discharging or attempting to discharge the duties of the police officer.

B. As used in this section, "police dog" is a dog used by any law enforcement agency which dog has been specially trained for law enforcement and which dog is under the control of a law enforcement officer.

C. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as specified in RCW 9A.20.021.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.

**Section 3. Savings and Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

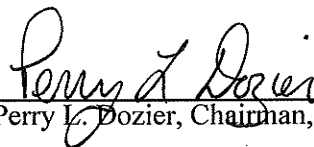
**Section 4. Publication.** This ordinance will be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

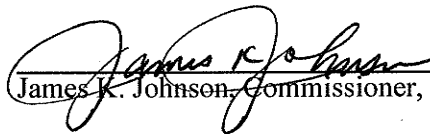
**Attest:**



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board



Perry L. Dozier, Chairman, District 2



James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1

*absent*

Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner, District 3

*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
of Walla Walla County, Washington*

Approved as to form



Jesse D. Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

