

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dick Muri and Roger Bush  
2 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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8 **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-82**

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11 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council; Establishing an Aviculture**  
12 **Advisory Commission; and Adopting a New Chapter 2.47,**  
13 **“Aviculture Advisory Commission,” to the Pierce County**  
14 **Code.**

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17 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council (“Council”) has been evaluating the need  
18 for regulation of aviculture-related businesses; and

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20 **Whereas**, policy advice and technical expertise will be of value in assisting the  
21 Council’s decision-making process in this specialized area; and

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23 **Whereas**, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to  
24 establish a policy and technical advisory commission; **Now Therefore**,

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26 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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28 Section 1. A new Chapter 2.47 to the Pierce County Code is adopted as set forth  
29 in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herewith.



1        Section 2. The several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate  
2 and severable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,  
3 section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any  
4 person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or  
5 the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

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7            **PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.**

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9 ATTEST:

**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Pierce County, Washington

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14 **Denise D. Johnson**  
15 Clerk of the Council

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**Shawn Bunney**  
Council Chair

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**John W. Ladenburg**  
Pierce County Executive  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_, this  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
22 2006.

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25 Date of Publication of  
26 Notice of Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

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28 Effective Date of Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_



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2 “New Chapter”  
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4 *Chapter 2.47*

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6 *AVICULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION*  
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9 **Sections:**

- 10 **2.47.010 Purpose.**
- 11 **2.47.020 Created.**
- 12 **2.47.030 Composition.**
- 13 **2.47.040 Membership - Terms of Office.**
- 14 **2.47.050 Vacancies.**
- 15 **2.47.060 Removal from Office.**
- 16 **2.47.070 Officers.**
- 17 **2.47.080 Rules and Records.**
- 18 **2.47.090 Quorum.**
- 19 **2.47.100 Voting Privileges.**
- 20 **2.47.110 Functions.**
- 21 **2.47.120 Coordination.**

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23 **2.47.010 Purpose.**

24 The Aviculture Advisory Commission shall serve in a policy and technical advisory capacity  
25 to the County Council and Executive on public health issues related to aviculture.  
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27 **2.47.020 Created.**

28 The citizen members of the Aviculture Advisory Commission shall be appointed by the  
29 County Executive, and confirmed by a majority of the County Council by Resolution.  
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31 **2.47.030 Composition.**

32 The Aviculture Advisory Commission shall consist of nine members:

- 33 A. Representative from Washington State University Avian Health Lab (Department of  
34 Veterinarian Medicine, experienced in disease and health concerns).
- 35 B. Representative from a commercial Pierce County poultry farm (must live and work in  
36 unincorporated Pierce County).
- 37 C. Representative of Racing Bird Club (Pigeon & Free Flyers).
- 38 D. Representative Show Bird Hobbyist (must live in unincorporated Pierce County).
- 39 E. Representative Commercial Breeder (Licensed business, wide variety of birds,  
40 experienced in raising birds, must live in unincorporated Pierce County).
- 41 F. Representative from recognized national Aviculture organization (must live in  
42 unincorporated Pierce County).
- 43 G. Representative from Pierce County 4-H (experienced in avian issues, must live in  
44 unincorporated Pierce County).
- 45 H. Representative from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.
- 46 I. A Pierce County Veterinarian who has clientele of bird owners, hands-on experience  
47 with wide variety of birds, flock & nursery management, and close working relationship  
48 with Pierce County breeders.



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2 **2.47.040 Membership - Terms of Office.**

3 After the Aviculture Advisory Commission is created, the first terms of the members shall be  
4 staggered as follows:

- 5 A. Three members shall be appointed for two years;
- 6 B. Three members shall be appointed for three years; and
- 7 C. Three members shall be appointed for four years.

8 Thereafter, the successors to the first appointment shall be appointed to 4-year terms. No  
9 member of the Aviculture Advisory Commission shall serve more than two consecutive full  
10 terms of office.

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12 **2.47.050 Vacancies.**

13 Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term(s),  
14 or, if the vacancy occurs less than three months from the termination of a regular term, the  
15 successor shall be appointed for a full term. Appointments to vacancies shall be made pursuant  
16 to Section 2.47.020.

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18 **2.47.060 Removal from Office.**

19 The Executive may remove any appointed member of the Aviculture Advisory Commission  
20 for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or three unexcused absences in one year.

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22 **2.47.070 Officers.**

23 The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair.

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25 **2.47.080 Rules and Records.**

26 The Aviculture Advisory Commission shall adopt rules of procedure before it transacts any  
27 business and shall keep a written summary of its transactions of business.

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29 **2.47.090 Quorum.**

30 A quorum for conducting official business of the Commission shall be five voting members.

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32 **2.47.100 Voting Privileges.**

33 Each member of the Aviculture Advisory Commission appointed under PCC 2.47.030 shall  
34 be entitled to one vote on any matter duly before the Commission.

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36 **2.47.110 Functions.**

37 The Aviculture Advisory Commission shall make advisory recommendations to the County  
38 Council and Executive on:

- 39 A. Any proposed County legislation regarding Aviculture.
- 40 B. Technical standards for the protection of the public health, and the health of birds  
41 subject to regulation by the County.
- 42 C. Any other issues related to Aviculture that the Commission deems beneficial.

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44 **2.47.120 Coordination.**

45 The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department shall coordinate all matters relating to the  
46 Commission's performance of its duties, including administration of the meetings, providing  
47 required notice requesting appointments and reappointments, keeping records of meetings and



1 decisions, documenting the Commission's rules of procedure, forwarding recommendations of  
2 the Commission, and providing information needed to conduct its review and analysis.  
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