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# Rodent Abatement Declaration

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## DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_

Have read and hereby certify that I will comply with Sections 21.41.302 (e) through 21.41.302 (e) (2) of the Kirkland Municipal Code at the following project location:

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (owner or agent): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 21.41 - Kirkland Property Maintenance Code Section 21.41.302 (e) - Rodent Control

[21.41.101 \(c\)](#) Chapter intent.

[21.41.302 \(e\)](#) Duty to keep buildings and premises free of rodents --Right of entry for inspection.

[21.41.302 \(e\) \(1\)](#) Duty to eradicate rodent infestation.

[21.41.302 \(e\) \(2\)](#) Rat baiting.

[21.41.106](#) Code Enforcement.

#### 21.41.101 (c) Chapter intent.

This code shall be construed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises. Existing structures and premises that do not comply with these provisions shall be altered or repaired to provide a minimum level of health and safety as required herein. (Ord. 4282 § 1 (Att. A) (part), 2011)

#### 21.41.302 (e) Duty to keep buildings and premises free of rodents --Right of entry for inspection.

The owner or occupant of real property shall keep all buildings and premises free from rats, mice and other rodents, to the extent reasonably possible, as determined by the building official. A property owner or occupant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that rats, mice or other rodents do not come into contact with food, food products, goods or merchandise. Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory constraints on entry, the building official or his appointed representative shall be permitted access to property or buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of rats, mice and other rodents. (Ord. 4282 § 1 (Att. A) (part), 2011)

### **21.41.302 (e) (1) Duty to eradicate rodent infestation.**

If rat, mice or other rodent infestation occurs, a property owner or occupant shall take all necessary measures to eradicate the infestation and prevent future infestation. In addition, the owner or occupant of the property shall perform all eradication measures as reasonably required by the building official. The provisions of this section shall not apply to wetlands, unimproved parks, greenbelts or other unimproved property if the property owner or occupant has not committed any acts or omissions that increase the likelihood of rat, mice or other rodent infestation. (Ord. 4282 § 1 (Att. A) (part), 2011)

### **21.41.302 (e) (2) Rat baiting.**

All applicants for a demolition or a land surface modification permit and those persons undertaking a land clearing project shall initiate a rat baiting program on the project site at least fifteen days prior to the start of demolition, clearing or land surface modification activity. The baiting program must continue at least until the project begins, however, no demolition, clearing or land surface modification work shall commence until all significant rat activity has been abated even if it has been fifteen or more days since the initiation of the rat baiting program, unless approved by the building official. The rat baiting program shall be approved by a qualified pest control agent and be consistent with the Seattle-King County Health Department guidelines and recommendations for rat baiting. The use of any pesticides shall fully comply with WAC 162-28-1380. The building official shall not issue or deliver any demolition or land surface modification permit, nor shall any land clearing begin, until the applicant has filed with the city a copy of the rat baiting program and a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that the requirements of this section have been complied with. The rat baiting program may be terminated at any time, due to the lack of rat activity, upon a written recommendation of the pest control agent or upon approval of the building official, however, the program must be reinstated upon discovery of additional rat activity by the pest control agent or the building official and all work may be required to be stopped until the additional rat activity has been abated as determined in writing by the pest control or upon approval of the building official. At the discretion of the building official, a project unlikely to disturb a nesting place of rats may be exempted from the requirements of this section. (Ord. 4282 § 1 (Att. A) (part), 2011)

### **21.41.106 Code Enforcement.**

Enforcement of any violation of this code shall be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in Chapter [1.12](#). (Ord. 4282 § 1 (Att. A) (part), 2011)