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The U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Griswold v. Connecticut* 381 U.S. 479 (1965) that if an action is not a criminal act in itself, local governments cannot criminalize it by passing a law. I know because Kitsap county tried to make barking dog a crime. I was cited. I was convicted. I appealed and Court of appeals Div. II agreed with me. It cannot criminalize normal behavior. That was in the 1980s.

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