

ORDINANCE No. 118769

③ Law Department

COUNCIL BILL No. 111918

The City of

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Honorable President:

Your Committee on _____

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Introduced: <u>OCT 13</u>	By: <u>DRAGO</u>
Referred: <u>OCT 13 1997</u>	To: <u>Business, Economic & Community Development</u>
Referred: <u>OCT 20 1997</u>	To: <u>CONSERVATION, PARKS, PUBLIC GREENWAYS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</u>
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The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

to President:

Committee on _____

was referred the within Council Bill No. _____

that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that the same:

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-97 Full Council Action: Passed 9-0

Committee Chair

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The operation of subsection 9.26.020D of Seattle Municipal Code is suspended so that late renewals of dog and cat licenses for which application is made from December 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, are not subject to the Ten Dollar (\$10.00) late fee established in that subsection.

Section 2. Subsection 9.25.100D of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

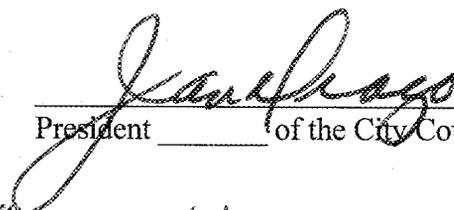
9.25.100 Penalty clause.

D. Conduct made unlawful by any other section of this chapter is a violation and any person found to have committed a violation may be punished by a civil fine or forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), but a finding that a violation was committed shall not give rise to any disability or legal disadvantage based on the conviction of a criminal offense. Failure to have obtained, prior to December 1, 1997, a dog, cat, or potbelly pig license as required by sections 9.25.048, 9.25.051, or 9.25.052 shall not subject the owner to the civil fine or forfeiture established in this subsection if, not later than December 31, 1997: (1) a current license is obtained for the animal, or (2) if the owner has disposed of the animal, the owner notifies the Director of the disposition. Disposition of violations under this chapter shall be governed by the procedures for disposition of traffic infractions under Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 11.31.

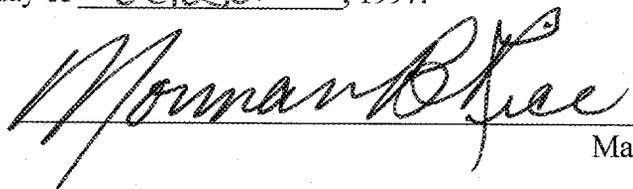
1 Section 3. The several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable and
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3 ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person, property, or circumstance, shall not
4 affect the validity of the remainder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

6 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its
7 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after
8 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

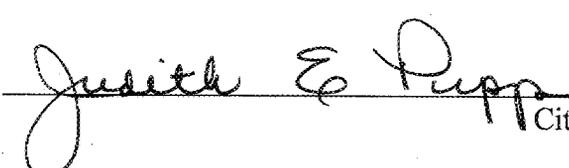
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10 session in authentication of its passage this 27th day of October, 1997.

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President _____ of the City Council

13 Approved by me this 29th day of October, 1997.

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Mayor

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17 Filed by me this 29 day of October, 1997.

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City of Seattle

Norman B. Rice, Mayor

Executive Services Department

Dwight D. Dively, Director

September 30, 1997

The Honorable Jan Drago
President, Seattle City Council
600 Fourth Avenue, 11th floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Via: Office of Management and Planning

Attention: Judy Bunnell, Acting Director

Subject: An ordinance suspending the late renewal fee for animal licenses during a period of amnesty during December 1997.

Dear Councilmember Drago,

The attached ordinance creates an amnesty period during December for pet owners who have failed to license their pets, or failed to renew their pet license. The immediate goal of this proposed amnesty program would be to increase the number of identified pets in Seattle by providing an opportunity, without the fear of penalty or citation, for individuals to bring their expired licenses up-to-date or purchase new tags for animals not currently licensed.

Currently, the City assesses a \$10.00 late fee to persons who fail to renew their pet license within 30 days from the date of expiration. Persons who own pets in the City of Seattle and fail to purchase a pet license or renew their pet license may also be at risk of receiving a \$50.00 citation by an Animal Control Officer if their pet is found to be currently unlicensed.

Historically, Animal Control experiences a non renewal rate of at least 25% annually. Some of these pets have either died, disappeared, been given away, or have moved out of Seattle entirely, however, the 25% non-renewal rate seems too high. Seattle Animal Control believes that many pet owners have just forgotten to renew their pet license. With the proposed ordinance, Animal Control is targeting these owners. Animal Control's database reflects that for the period of January 1995 through June 1997, approximately 15,000 expired dog licenses and 16,000 expired cat licenses were not renewed. If Animal Control could license 20% of the pets represented by the 31,000 non-renewed licenses, the City would realize immediate revenues of at least \$75,000 dollars. The cost of a one time mailing to 31,000 prospective licensees is approximately \$11,000 dollars.

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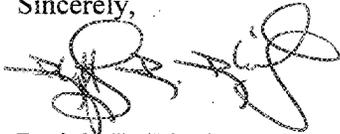
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The long term impact of such an amnesty would be to increase the number of current licenses in the City's database (thus increasing future revenues from subsequent renewals), increase the number of identified pets in Seattle, and increase the likelihood of lost animals being reunited with their owners. In addition, a bulk mailing to these pet owners would allow Animal Control to update its database. Since penalties and citations are often a deterrent for individuals who have not licensed their pets or have failed to renew, an amnesty period would help encourage compliance of pet licensing laws.

After the amnesty period is over, Animal Control will begin an ongoing second notice program for annual license renewals in order to reduce the number of people who forget or fail to renew their pet licenses.

Thank you for your assistance in presenting this ordinance proposal. If you have any questions please contact Mel McDonald, Director Revenue and Consumer Affairs Division at 233-0071 or Don Jordan, Manager of Seattle Animal Control at 386-4286.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Dively", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dwight D. Dively, ESD Director

cc: Mel McDonald, Director Revenue and Consumer Affairs
Don Jordan, Manager, Seattle Animal Control
Monica Power, OMP



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October 2, 1997

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The Honorable Mark Sidran
City Attorney
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Sidran:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Executive Services Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE relating to animal licensing; suspending the late renewal fee for animal licenses during a period of amnesty; eliminating, for a period of amnesty and under certain conditions, the penalty for failure to obtain dog, cat, or potbelly pig licenses; and amending Seattle Municipal Code sections 9.25.100 and 9.26.020 in connection therewith.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, return the legislation to OMP. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Glenn Whitham at 684-8036.

Sincerely,

Norman B. Rice
Mayor

by

Judy Bunnell
for JUDY BUNNELL
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JAN DRAGO, President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 29th day of October, 1997.

NORMAN B. RICE, Mayor.

Filed by me this 29th day of October, 1997.

(Seal) JUDITH E. PIPPIN, City Clerk.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk.

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____, which amount has been paid in full.

R. Patterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Notary Public for the State of Washington, residing in Seattle