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2. Dogs

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Unaltered ((~~33~~)) \$40

B. The fee for each cat or dog license for an annual license with a twelve (12) month renewal shall be:

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Altered . . . ((~~17~~)) \$22

Unaltered . . . ((~~35~~)) \$40



2. Dogs

Altered . . . ((25)) \$30

Unaltered . . . ((55)) \$62

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G. Lost cat(~~, dog or potbelly pig~~) or dog license tag . . . ((2)) \$5

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2003, Seattle Municipal Code Section 9.26.025 is amended as follows:



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9.26.025 Potbelly pig license fee.

A. The fee for the initial annual potbelly pig license shall be ~~((One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115)))~~ One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120).

B. The fee for each annual period of license renewal for potbelly pigs shall be ~~((Twenty-five Dollars (\$25)))~~ Thirty Dollars (\$30).

C. Late fee for renewal of a potbelly pig license more than thirty (30) days after its expiration . . . \$10

D. Lost potbelly pig license tag . . . \$5.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2003, Seattle Municipal Code 9.26.040 is amended as follows:

9.26.040 Guard or attack dog license.

The annual fee for each guard dog or attack dog license shall be ~~((Fifty-five Dollars (\$55)))~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2003, Seattle Municipal Code Section 9.26.050 is amended as follows:

9.26.050 Other animal control fees and charges.

Other animal control fees shall be:

A. Administrative fee for each detained animal:

First detainment . . . ~~(((\$40))~~ \$45

Second detainment . . . ~~((80))~~ \$85

Third and subsequent detainments . . . ~~((120))~~ \$125

B. For each twenty-four (24) hour period or part thereof for kenneling . . . 10

C. For each animal adopted . . . 5

D. For each exotic animal permit . . . ~~((30))~~ \$50



1 E. For collecting and disposing of an owner's animal, whether the animal is dead or alive . . .

2 ~~((15))~~ \$20

3 F. For euthanizing an owner's animal ~~((15))~~ \$20

4 G. For the handling of animals, other than dogs and cats, charges may be assessed to recover the
5 cost of special equipment.

6 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2003, Seattle Municipal Code Section 9.26.060 is amended as
7 follows:

8 **9.26.060 Spaying and neutering fees.**

9 The fees at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic shall be:

10 A. Surgery fees:

11 Cats

12 Spaying . . . ~~((30))~~ \$35

13 Neutering . . . ~~((25))~~ \$30

14 Dogs

15 Dog neuter under 50 pounds . . . ~~((30))~~ \$40

16 Dog neuter 50 -- 80 pounds . . . ~~((40))~~ \$52

17 Dog neuter over 80 pounds . . . ~~((50))~~ \$70

18 Dog spay under 50 pounds . . . ~~((35))~~ \$45

19 Dog spay 50 -- 80 pounds . . . ~~((45))~~ \$57

20 Dog spay over 80 pounds . . . ~~((55))~~ \$75

21 B. Vaccination fees:

22 Cat FvRCP . . . 5

23 Dog DHLPP . . . 5

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Cat and dog rabies . . . 5

C. Microchip implant fees:

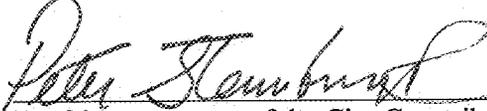
Animals adopted from the shelter . . . ((10)) \$15

Nonshelter animals . . . 25

Animals reclaimed from the shelter . . . 25

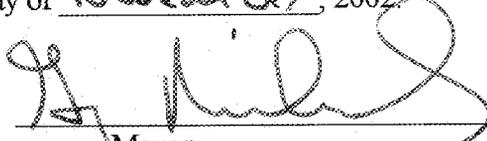
Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 18th day of November, 2002, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 15th day of November, 2002.



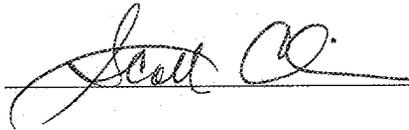
President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 15 day of November, 2002.



Mayor

Filed by me this 21th day of November, 2002.



City Clerk

(Seal)





Jan Drago
Seattle City Councilmember

Date: November 5, 2002

To: Council President Peter Steinbrueck

From: Councilmember Jan Drago 

Re: Increasing Seattle Animal Control license/fees

Transmitted herein is a proposed ordinance to increase most of the license/fees currently charged by Seattle Animal Control (SAC). Cat and dog license fees were last increased in 1996; many other fees were last increased in 1981.

Attached to this memo is a chart showing type of license/fees, current fees, date last revised, 2001 units, 2001 revenue (\$858,628), proposed fee increases, and added revenue for 2003-2004 (\$248,317). The proposed increased fees for licensing and services will total \$1,106,945, or about 50% of the total costs of operating Seattle Animal Control.

SAC's proposed budgets for 2003 and 2004 are in excess of \$2 million for its three units – Enforcement, Spay-Neuter Clinic and Shelter Operations – and administration.

It should be noted that more than 400 volunteers provide extraordinary service annually, some as “foster parents”, bringing dogs and cats into their homes until they can be adopted; some by taking dogs on walks and runs for exercise; others, by taking adoptable animals to various parks for “showing”, thereby increasing numbers of pets adopted; and the many who organize the annual “Furry 5-K Fun Run and Walk.”

This event, held at Seward Park in early June, drew more than 1,000 dogs and their owners, and this year raised more than \$35,000 for the “Help the Animals Fund.” This City fund, to which many other people donate as well, pays for supplies to make the animals more comfortable during their shelter stays, for veterinary bills for some injured or sick animals who would otherwise not be adoptable, and for other items that SAC's rather lean budget cannot provide.

Given our discussion at Budget Committee regarding the numbers of unlicensed pets within the City, I will have staff prepare a Statement of Legislative Intent directing the Executive to research the accuracy of SAC's estimates that only 25% of household pets are currently licensed and to develop a plan to address the issue of unlicensed pets and how to bring them onto SAC's license roll.

The Table below shows the fees imposed by Animal Control and revenues for 2001, when the fee was last raised, as well as an increased for various fees and projected revenue as a result of a fee increase.

License/Fee Type	Current Fee	Last Revised	2001 Units	2001 Revenue	Possible Fee Increase	Added Revenue, 2003-04
Each Annual Renewal:						
Cat (Altered)	10.00	1996	10,000	97,157.00	5.00	50,000
Cat (Unaltered)	20.00	1996	348	6,037.00	5.00	1,740.00
Dog (Altered)	15.00	1996	10,099	146,937.75	5.00	50,495.00
Dog (Unaltered)	33.00	1996	1,480	45,789.75	7.00	10,360.00
Annual license with 12-month renewal:						
Cat (Altered)	17.00	1996	5,291	87,090.00	5.00	26,455.00
Cat (Unaltered)	35.00	1996	66	1,590.50	5.00	330.00
Dog (Altered)	25.00	1996	7,833	189,792.00	5.00	39,165.00
Dog (Unaltered)	55.00	1996	481	24,148.00	7.00	3,367.00
Provisional License 6 months:						
Dog	8.00	1996	1,128	8,896.00	2.00	2,256.00
Cat	5.00	1996	776	3,844.00	2.00	1,552.00
Late Renewal Fee (over 30 days)	10.00	1981	1,890	18,929.00	5.00	9,450.00
Lost cat, dog, potbelly pig license tag	2.00	1981	2,401	4,803.00	3.00	7,203.00
Miniature Pot-Belly Pig License (Initial)	115.00	1996	0	0	5.00	--
Miniature Pot-Belly Pig License (Renewal)	25.00	1993	2	50.00	5.00	10.00
Guard/Attack Dog	55.00	1996	0	0	100.00	--



Other Animal Control Fees/Charges						
Description	Rate	Year	Quantity	Total	Rate	Total
Detainment Admin. Fee (1st)	40.00	1996	850	34,005.00	5.00	4,250.00
Detainment Admin. Fee (2nd)	80.00	1996	139	11,140.00	5.00	695.00
Detainment Admin. Fee (3rd/Subs.)	120.00	1996	61	7,320.00	5.00	305.00
Kenningling (per 24 hr. period)	10.00	1996	489	4,897.00	--	--
Animal Adoption	5.00	1981	2,804	14,022.00	--	--
Exotic Animal Permit	30.00	1996	49	1,470.00	20.00	2,450.00
Collection/Disposal (Owner's Animal)	15.00	1996	186	2,790.00	5.00	930.00
Euthanasia (Owner's Animal)	15.00	1996	241	3,615.00	5.00	1,205.00
Handling of Other Animals	Reimburse any special charges					
Spay/Neuter Fees:						
Cat Spay	30.00	1996	1,100	33,010.00	5.00	5,500.00
Cat Neuter	25.00	1996	957	23,925.00	5.00	4,785.00
Dog Neuter (under 50 lbs.)	30.00	1996	313	9,395.00	10.00	3,130.00
Dog Neuter (50-80 lbs.)	40.00	1996	168	6,725.00	12.00	2,016.00
Dog Neuter (over 80 lbs.)	50.00	1996	31	1,550.00	20.00	620.00
Dog Spay (under 50 lbs.)	35.00	1996	370	12,950.00	10.00	3,700.00
Dog Spay (50-80 lbs.)	45.00	1996	94	4,230.00	12.00	1,128.00
Dog Spay (over 80 lbs.)	55.00	1996	11	605.00	20.00	220.00
Cat FvRCP Vaccination	5.00	1993	478	2,390.00	--	--
Dog DHLPP Vaccination	5.00	1993	100	500.00	--	--
Cat/Dog Rabies Vaccination	5.00	1993	580	2,900.00	--	--
Microchip Implant: Adopted Animals	10.00	1993	3,000	30,000.00	5.00	15,000
Microchip Implant: Other Animals	25.00	1996	645	16,125.00	--	--
				\$858,628.00		248,317.00



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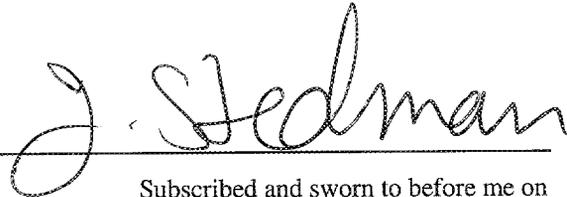
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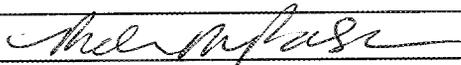
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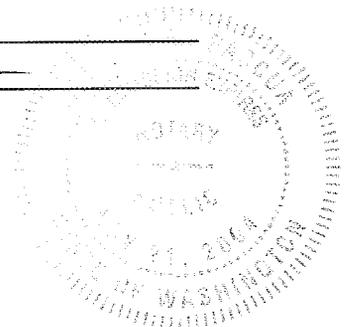
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
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