

Ordinance No. 121650

Council Bill No. 15061

The City of Seattle
Council Bill/Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Fee Ordinance; amending Chapter 9.26 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust and authorize certain fees.

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WHEREAS, the proposed fee increases will allow the Municipal Spay & Neuter Clinic to fully recover expenditures while continuing to provide low-cost services to Seattle citizens; and

WHEREAS, while the majority of spaying and neutering services are provided for dogs and cats, occasionally there is cause to provide services for other types of animals and the Director of Executive Administration requires the ability to establish an appropriate fee for such services;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2005, Subsection 9.26.060A of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

9.26.060 Spaying and neutering fees.

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

A. Surgery fees:

Cats

Spaying.....~~\$(35)~~ 45

Neutering.....~~((30))~~ 40

Dogs

Dog neuter under 50 pounds~~\$(40)~~ 75

Dog neuter 50 – 80 pounds~~((52))~~ 90

Dog neuter over 80 pounds~~((70))~~ 110

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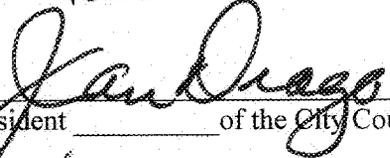
Dog spay over 80 pounds~~((75))~~ 115



Animals other than cats and dogs may be spayed or neutered at the discretion of the Director of Executive Administration, or his/her designee, who shall charge a fee for the service that is based upon estimated costs, not to exceed \$100 per hour of surgery.

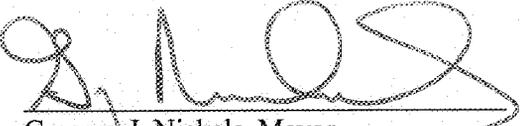
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 22nd day of November 2004, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of November 2004.



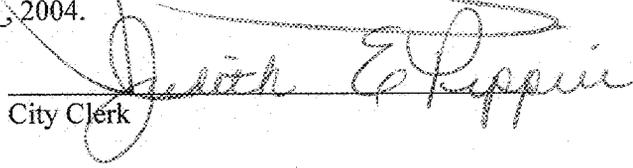
President of the City Council

Approved by me this 30th day of November, 2004.



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 30th day of Nov., 2004.



City Clerk

(Seal)





City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

September 27, 2004

Honorable Jan Drago
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Drago:

The attached proposed Council Bill amends SMC 9.26.060 to raise service fees at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic, and grants authority to the Director of Executive Administration (DEA) or his designee to set a fee for spay and neuter services when a citizen seeks services for an animal other than a dog or cat. Clinic fees were last raised effective January 1, 2003.

The increased revenue from the proposed fee increases will allow the Clinic to fully recover its expected costs in 2005 and 2006. At the same time, fee levels remain comparable to the Humane Society of Seattle/King County, and are still significantly lower than the private market rates. (No other public agency provides pet spay/neuter services to the public.) Maintaining low prices ensures adequate service provision for low-income, elderly, and homeless pet owners, as well as encourages adoptions by keeping total adoption costs affordable. The Clinic currently posts specific fees for spay and neuter services for dogs and cats. The proposed legislation would allow Shelter management to set a fee for spay and neuter services for other types of animals, as appropriate.

The fee increases proposed by this ordinance will allow the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic to fully recover its annual expenses, while still providing Seattle citizens with a low-cost alternative for spay and neuter services. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Don Jordan at 386-4286.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Nickels', written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

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2005 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

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Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Executive Administration	Gregg Johanson/3-9833	Tyler Running Deer/4.8075

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Fee Ordinance; amending Chapter 9.26 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust and authorize certain fees.

- **Summary of the Legislation:**

The proposed ordinance will raise the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic's spay and neuter surgery fees by \$10 – 40, based upon the species, the animal's weight, and the procedure. Additionally, the proposed ordinance will allow the Director of Executive Administration, or his/her designee, to set fees on a case-by-case basis for an animal other than a cat or dog.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic fees were last raised, effective January 1, 2003 (Ordinance 121004). The proposed fee increases will allow the Clinic to fully recover its expenditures while continuing to provide the public with low-cost pet spay and neuter services. With the proposed fee increases, surgery fees will remain similar to those of the non-profit Humane Society for Seattle/King County, and will continue to be substantially lower than private market rates. (No other public agency provides pet spay and neuter services to the public.) Maintaining low-cost services ensures a service source for low-income, elderly, and homeless pet owners, and encourages adoptions by keeping total adoption costs affordable. Additionally, the Clinic posts specific fees for spay and neuter surgeries on dogs and cats, which make up the majority of patients. Occasionally, other animals are brought to the Clinic. The proposed ordinance would allow Shelter management to set an appropriate fee for spay and neuter surgeries on animals other than dogs and cats.



- Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications. (Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)

This legislation has financial implications. (Please complete all relevant sections that follow.)

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement: (For budget legislation that raises fees, please provide detail on each fee that is being raised, when it was last raised, how the proposed fee compares with similar fees in the region, etc.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2005 Revenue	2006 Revenue
General Subfund 00100	Executive Administration	Fee Increases	\$56,000	\$56,000
TOTAL			\$56,000	\$56,000

- What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? (Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs if the legislation is not implemented)

The Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic would not fully recover the cost of providing spay or neuter services and would need to use other General Fund resources to make up the difference.

- What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.) None.
- Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? (If yes, what public hearings have been held to date) No.
- Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation): None.



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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

No.

Affidavit of Publication

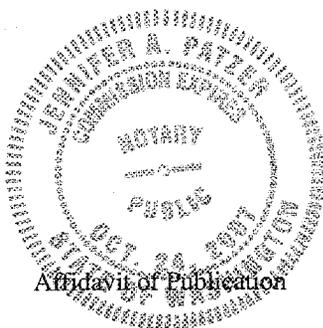
The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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was published on

12/9/2004



Joanna Salgado

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Jennifer A. Patzer

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

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GREGORY J. NICKELS,

Mayor.

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(Seal) JUDITH PIPPIN,

City Clerk.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN.