Ordinance No. 122847

Council Bill No. 116362

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Fee Ordinance; increasing certain fees at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic; and amending Section 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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Councilmember

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City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

September 29, 2008

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2009 Proposed Budget. This legislation proposes an increase in fees for services provided by the Municipal Spay/Neuter Clinic, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 9.26.060. Under this proposal, spay and neuter fees will increase by $10-$20, depending upon the gender and size of the animal. Vaccination and micro-chipping fees will increase by $5.

The City of Seattle's spay and neuter fees were last raised January 1, 2005 by Ordinance 121650. The fee levels proposed by this legislation remain significantly lower than those charged in the private market. Low rates encourage citizens to spay and neuter their companion animals, which lowers the number of unwanted and uncared for pets on our city streets and reduces the number of animals needing care in the Seattle Animal Shelter. To ensure wide-spread access to spay and neuter services, the Director of Executive Administration is authorized to help low-income citizens pay related costs utilizing donations from the City's Pet Population Control Fund.

The fee increases proposed in this Bill support the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic, while ensuring that our citizens have low-cost access to spay and neuter services. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Don Jordan at 684-8694.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

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WHEREAS, spay and neuter surgery fees were last raised effective January 1, 2005 by Ordinance 121650; and

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Executive Administration will continue to use private donations to the Pet Population Control Fund, as needed, to assist low-income citizens with costs associated with spay and neutering services; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2009 Section 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which was last amended by Ordinance 121650, is amended as follows:

9.26.060 ((~~Spaying and neutering~~)) <u>Spay and Neuter Clinic</u> fees.

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

A. Surgery fees:

Cats

Spaying....$((~~45~~)) <u>60</u>

Neutering....((~~40~~)) <u>$55</u>

Dogs

Dog neuter under 50 pounds....$((~~75~~)) <u>90</u>

Dog neuter 50 – 80 pounds....((~~90~~)) <u>$105</u>

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Dog neuter over 80 pounds....((~~110~~)) $125

Dog spay under 50 pounds....((~~80~~)) $100

Dog spay 50 – 80 pounds....((~~95~~)) $115

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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 One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per hour of surgery.

B. Vaccination fees:

Cat FvRCP....((~~5~~)) $10

Dog DHLP....((~~5~~)) $10

Cat and dog rabies....((~~5~~)) $10

C. Microchip implant fees:

Animals adopted from the shelter....$((~~15~~))20

Nonshelter animals....((~~25~~)) $30

Animals reclaimed from the shelter....((~~25~~)) $30

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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 24th day of November, 2008, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 24th day of November, 2008.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 2008.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 4th day of December, 2008.

City Clerk

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2009-2010 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

Note: This fiscal note template may be used for most pieces of budget legislation. Certain legislation submitted with the budget (e.g., the Supplemental Ordinance) requires that the standard fiscal note template be used with some modification. Please work with your Budget Analyst so that your fiscal note provides the information that is required during the budget process. The standard template can be found on the Legislation Tracking Page on the inweb at ***http://inweb/legislationtracking/***

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Executive Administration	Don Jordan/386-4286	Lawand Anderson/233-2780

Legislation Title:
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- Summary of the Legislation: The proposed legislation would raise spay and neuter fees, and vaccination and micro-chipping fees charged by the City's Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic to recover the actual cost of providing the services.
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- Background: The City of Seattle last raised spay and neuter fees effective January 1, 2005 in accordance with Ordinance 121650, which amended SMC Section 9.26.060. Under this proposal, surgery fees would be raised by $10 - $20 depending on the type and size of animal. Micro-chipping and vaccination fees would be raised by $5. The proposed fee increases in 2009 will help cover the City's increased costs in providing these services to the public, while still maintaining fees that are significantly below those charged in the private market. Low rates encourage citizens to spay and neuter their companion animals, lowering the number of unwanted and uncared for pets on our city streets and in the Seattle Animal Shelter. While the proposed fee levels remain significantly lower than those charged by private clinics, the Director of Executive Administration is authorized to assist low-income citizens by covering costs of spay and neuter services with donations from the City's Pet Population Control Fund This ensures that all of Seattle's citizens retain access to these important animal welfare services.

- *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.)*

_X_ This legislation has financial implications. *Please complete all relevant sections that follow.*

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Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically From This Legislation: *For budget legislation that changes revenue (e.g., fees, taxes, etc.), please provide detail on each revenue-producing item that is being changed, when it was last changed, and how the item's new overall cost compares with similar costs charged elsewhere in the region.*

	Revenue Source	2009 Proposed	2010 Proposed
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	Fee Increases	$66,065	$66,065

Notes: Spay/neuter fee charges pursuant to SMC 9.26.060 were last raised January 1, 2005 through Ordinance 121650. Through a recent survey of local veterinary clinics, DEA determined that the new fee levels will be as low as 40% – 60% less than private rates for the same services. Donations to defray the cost of spay/neuter services will continue to be used to assist low-income customers, and the effect on the average customer will be minimal.

Anticipated Total Revenue from Entire Program, Including Changes Resulting From This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2009 Revenue	Total 2009 and 2010 Anticipated Revenue from Entire Program
General Fund 00100	Fees	$266,000	$532,000
TOTAL		$266,000	$532,000

- What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? The City would forgo the estimated revenue generated from the proposed fee increase and under-recover its cost of providing these services.

- What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? None.

- Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? No.

- Other Issues: None.

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below: None.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
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(Seal) Judith Pippin; City Clerk

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