

Ordinance No. 123153

Council Bill No. 116683

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# The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: *Jean Zolden*  
Councilmember

## Committee Action:

11-10-09 Pass JG, SC, RC, BH, RM, TR

11-23-09 Passed 9-0

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Date Introduced:	<u>10.19.09</u>		
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Date Re - Referred:		To: (committee)	
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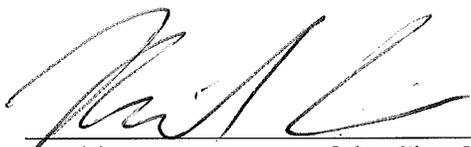
Each cat or dog shall be limited to a single provisional license which shall be valid for ~~((six-(6)))~~ 6 months.

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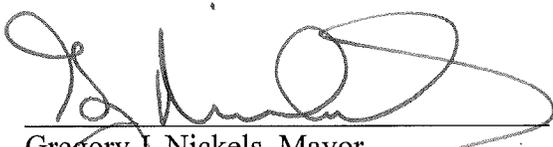
**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within 10 days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



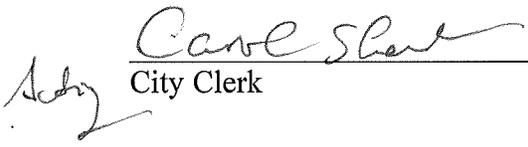
1 Passed by the City Council the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009, and  
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
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6 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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8 Approved by me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.

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12 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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14 Filed by me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009.

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17 City Clerk

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**2010-2011 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 Home Page on the inweb at <http://inweb/legislationtracking/>*

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

**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to pet licensing; adjusting dog license fees and amending Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

• **Summary of the Legislation:**

The proposed legislation increases the fee for dog licenses.

**Background:** The City of Seattle last raised its dog license fees in 2003 via Ordinance 121004, without experiencing any reduction to the number of licenses issued or adoptions completed. Under this proposal, Seattle's annual dog license fee will increase from \$20 to \$27 for altered dogs, and from \$40 to \$47 for unaltered dogs, effective January 1, 2010. Provisional, six-month licenses will increase from \$10 to \$15, providing individuals who have not previously licensed their dog with adequate time to obtain proof of spay or neuter status. The fee increases resulting from this Bill will enable Seattle's Animal Control Officers to continue providing humane animal services through their attendance to sick, stray, and injured animals; enforcement of leash laws, pet licensing requirements, cruelty violations, and scoop, noise, and dangerous animal laws; investigating animal bites and attacks; and conducting public education efforts. Upon implementation of this Bill, Seattle's pet licensing fees will be in the middle of the range when compared to pet licensing fees charged by other agencies in the greater metropolitan area.

• *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.



**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	2010 Proposed
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	Dog License Fee Increases	\$149,000

*Notes:* Dog license fee charges pursuant to SMC 9.26.020 were last raised effective January 1, 2003, through Ordinance 121004.

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

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2010 Revenue from Entire Program
General Fund 00100	Pet License Fees	\$455,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$455,000</b>

- What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? The City would forgo the estimated revenue generated from the proposed fee increase.
- Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department? No other departments are affected by this legislation.
- 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.





# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

September 25, 2009

Honorable Richard Conlin  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

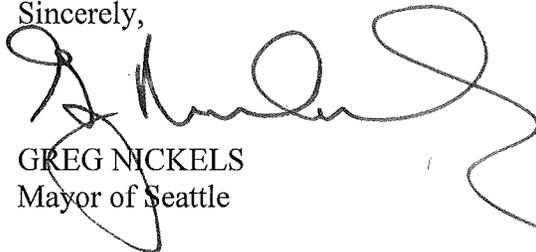
Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2010 Proposed Budget. Specifically, this legislation will increase Seattle's dog license fees, resulting in an additional \$149,000 in General Fund revenue support of humane animal law enforcement services to the public. These fees were last adjusted in January 2003.

The attached proposed legislation will increase Seattle's annual dog license fee from \$20 to \$27 for altered dogs, and from \$40 to \$47 for unaltered dogs, effective January 1, 2010. Provisional, six-month licenses will increase from \$10 to \$15, providing individuals who have not previously licensed their dog with adequate time to obtain proof of spay or neuter status. The fee increases resulting from this Bill will enable Seattle's Animal Control Officers to continue providing humane animal services through their attendance to sick, stray, and injured animals; enforcement of leash laws, pet licensing requirements, cruelty violations, and scoop, noise, and dangerous animal laws; investigating animal bites and attacks; and conducting public education efforts. Upon implementation of the adjusted rates, Seattle's pet licensing fees will fall in the middle of the range when compared to pet licensing fees charged by other agencies in Seattle's greater metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Don Jordan at 386-4286.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS  
Mayor of Seattle

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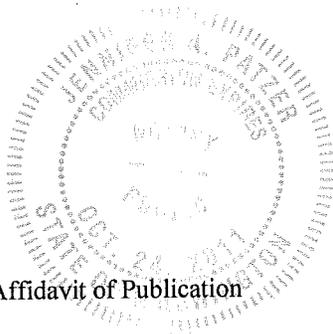
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
12/10/09

Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# State of Washington, King County

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Richard Conlin

President of the City Council

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