

Ordinance No. 123154

Council Bill No. 116684

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Fee Ordinance; adjusting spaying and neutering fees at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic; and amending Subsection 9.26.060 A of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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Jean Golden

Councilmember

Committee Action:

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

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

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

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9.26.060 Spay and Neuter Clinic fees.

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

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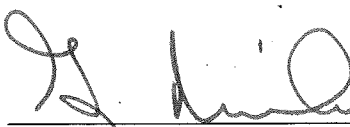
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of November, 2009, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of November, 2009.




President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2009.



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 3rd day of December, 2009.



Acting City Clerk

(Seal)



Form revised May 5, 2009

2010-2011 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

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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 raises spaying and neutering fees charged by the City's Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic.
- Background: Ordinance 122847, which was passed during the 2009 budget process, adjusted spaying and neutering fees, effective January 1, 2009. Under the current proposal, spay/neuter surgical services would be raised by \$30 for each procedure, effective January 1, 2010, allowing the City's Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic to recover its surgical service costs. Based on a recent survey of local service providers, the Clinic's new fees will continue to be significantly below those charged in the private market.

Low spay and neuter rates encourage citizens to alter their companion animals, thereby reducing the number of unwanted and uncared for pets on city streets and in the Seattle Animal Shelter. While the proposed standard fee levels will be less than those charged by private clinics, the Municipal Clinic's low-income customers will have access to financial assistance with the cost of spaying and neutering their pets, using donations made to the City's Pet Population Control Fund. This type of financial assistance will ensure that all Seattle citizens have 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.)

☒ 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	Cat and Dog Spay and Neuter Fee Increases	\$93,000

Notes: Spay/neuter fee charges pursuant to SMC 9.26.060 were last raised effective January 1, 2009, through Ordinance 122847. Through a recent survey of local veterinary clinics, DEA has determined that the new fee levels will be at 60% – 70% of private rates for the same services. Donations to defray the cost of spaying and neutering services for low-income customers will continue.

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

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2010 Revenue
General Fund 00100	Cat and Dog Spay and Neuter Fees	\$475,000
TOTAL		\$475,000

- 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, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2010 Proposed Budget. This legislation proposes a modest increase in fees for services performed at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 9.26.060. The fee levels set forth in this Bill will generate an additional \$93,000 in General Fund revenue while allowing the City to continue providing low-cost spay and neuter clinic services to the public. Ordinance 122847 last raised Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic fees, effective January 1, 2009.

The new rates established in this Bill raise the fees by \$30 each for surgical services performed at the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic for cost recovery purposes. As shown in a recent survey of local veterinary clinics, fee levels established through this legislation will remain significantly below those charged in the private sector. The City will continue to assist low-income citizens to pay for these services using donated funds from the City's Pet Population Control Fund.

The rates established in this Bill will both permit the Municipal Spay and Neuter Clinic to recover its costs and encourage pet owners to alter their companion animals, thereby reducing the number of uncared for pets on our streets and in the Seattle Animal Shelter. 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 "G. Nickels", written over the printed name and title.

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle



STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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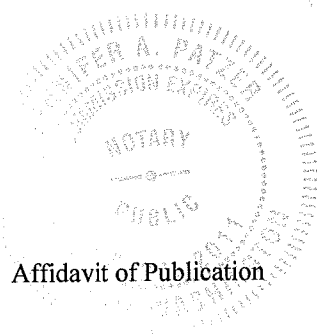
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