

Ordinance No. 123471

Council Bill No. 117002

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

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# The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

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## Committee Action:

11.12.10 Pass 9-0

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2011, subsections A, B, and C of Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123153, are amended as follows:

**9.26.020 Cat, dog or goat license fee -- Renewal.**

A. Unless a license with an automatic second year renewal is purchased as authorized in subsection B of this section, the fee for each annual cat, dog, or miniature goat license and for each annual period of renewal shall be:

1. Cats

Altered...~~\$(15)~~ 20

Unaltered...~~\$(25)~~ 30

2. Dogs

Altered...\$27

Unaltered...\$47

3. Miniature goats...\$20

B. The fee for each cat, dog, or miniature goat license for an annual license purchased with a 12-month renewal shall be:

1. Cats

Altered.....~~\$(22)~~ 27

Unaltered...~~\$(40)~~ 45



2. Dogs

Altered.....\$37

Unaltered....\$69

3. Miniature goats.....\$30

C. A provisional license may be issued for dogs or cats up to age 6 months to allow time for such animals to be spayed or neutered. A provisional license may also be issued for cats and dogs of any age that were not previously licensed within The City of Seattle if proof of spay or neuter status is not available at the time the license is requested. The fee for each provisional cat or dog license for a 6-month period shall be:

1. Cats...\$((7)) 10

2. Dogs....\$15

Each cat or dog shall be limited to a single provisional license which shall be valid for 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 ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



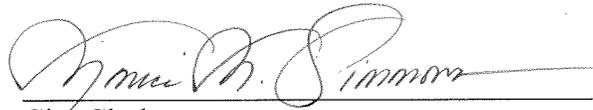
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6 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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8 Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2010.

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12 Michael McGinn, Mayor

13 Filed by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2010.

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16 City Clerk

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**2011-2012 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE**

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Finance and Administrative Services	Don Jordan/386-4286	Greg Shiring/386-4085

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to pet licensing; adjusting cat license fees and amending Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary of the Legislation:** The proposed legislation increases the fee for cat licenses.

**Background:** The City of Seattle last raised its cat license fees in 2003 via Ordinance 121004.

Under this proposal, Seattle's annual cat license fee will increase from \$15 to \$20 for altered cats, and from \$25 to \$30 for unaltered cats, effective January 1, 2011. Provisional six-month licenses will increase from \$7 to \$10; these licenses provide individuals who have not previously licensed their cats with adequate time to obtain proof of spay or neuter status. 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.

Revenues generated by pet license fees help pay for animal control regulation and services. These include 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.

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**Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically From This Legislation:**

	Revenue Source	2011 Proposed	2012 Proposed
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	Pet License Fees	\$85,000	\$85,000

Notes: N/A

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

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2011 Revenue	Total 2011 and 2012 Anticipated Revenue from Entire Program
Finance and Administrative Services Operating Fund (50300)	Pet License Fees	\$85,000	\$170,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>

**What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation?** Each year the General Fund would forgo an estimated \$85,000 in offsetting revenue.

**Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No.

**What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** The General Fund could continue to bear the equivalent share of the cost of the Shelter's enforcement programs, or the service level could be reduced.

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

**Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation):** None.

**Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:** None.





City of Seattle  
Office of the Mayor

September 27, 2010

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 2011 Proposed Budget. This legislation will increase Seattle's cat license fees, resulting each year in an additional \$85,000 in revenue to support 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 cat license fee from \$15 to \$20 for altered cats, and from \$25 to \$30 for unaltered cats, effective January 1, 2011. Provisional six-month licenses will increase from \$7 to \$10; these provisional licenses provide individuals who have not previously licensed their cats with adequate time to obtain proof of spay or neuter status. Upon implementation of the fee increases, 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.

The revenue generated from this fee increase will support Seattle's Animal Control Officers' efforts to provide 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. It will simultaneously reduce costs borne by the City's General Fund.

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

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY**

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President of the City Council

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 2nd day of December, 2010.

(Seal) Monica Martinez-Simmons

City Clerk

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