

Ordinance No. 124039

Council Bill No. 117628

AN ORDINANCE relating to animal licensing; amending Section 9.25.100, Section 9.26.020 and Section 9.26.025 in connection therewith, and adding a new Section 9.25.200 to the Seattle Municipal Code, authorizing the establishment of amnesty periods by Director's rule.

Related Legislation File: _____

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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124039
COUNCIL BILL 117628

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6 the Seattle Municipal Code, authorizing the establishment of amnesty periods by
7 Director's rule.

8 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle seeks to increase compliance by pet owners in obtaining and
9 maintaining animal licenses as required by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 9.25; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1997, 2000, and 2005, the City effectively increased pet license compliance
11 through one-month amnesty periods, during which the City waived civil penalties and
12 late fees for pet owners obtaining new animal licenses or renewing lapsed animal
13 licenses; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 **Section 1.** Subsection 9.26.020.D of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was
16 last amended by Ordinance 123471, is amended as follows:

17 **9.26.020 Cat, dog or goat license fee – Renewal((~~ty~~))**

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19 D. Late fee for the renewal of a cat, dog or miniature goat license more than ((~~thirty~~)
20 (~~ty~~)30(~~ty~~)) days after its expiration....\$15.

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22 **Section 2.** Subsection 9.26.025.C of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was
23 last amended by Ordinance 121004, is amended as follows:



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Filed by me this 27th day of November, 2012.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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2013 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to animal licensing; amending Section 9.25.100, Section 9.26.020 and Section 9.26.025 in connection therewith, and adding a new Section 9.25.200 to the Seattle Municipal Code, authorizing the establishment of amnesty periods by Director's rule.

Summary of the Legislation:

The proposed Council Bill makes technical amendments to various subsection of SMC 9.26 and adds a new subsection 200 that authorizes the Director of FAS to grant amnesties from time to time to pet license scofflaws to encourage pet licensing.

Background:

SMC 9.25.050 establishes the requirement for licensing cats, dogs, miniature goats and potbelly pigs. SMC 9.25.051 requires pet owners to obtain valid licenses for all cats and dogs over the age of 8 weeks, or within 30 days of the animal's arrival in Seattle. SMC 9.25.052 requires the owners of potbelly pigs and miniature goats to obtain valid licenses within 30 days of the animals' arrival in Seattle, with the exception of nursing offspring born to licensed miniature goats. SMC 9.25.100 establishes civil penalties for failure to have a valid pet license. While failure to license a pet can result in a civil penalty up to \$500, the Seattle Municipal Court bail schedule sets the standard civil penalty level at \$125. In addition to the civil penalty, pet owners known to be delinquent in licensing cats, dogs, or miniature goats are assessed a late fee of \$15 per license, per SMC 9.26.020 D. Owners of pot belly pigs who are delinquent in licensing their pet are assessed a late fee of \$10.00 per SMC 9.26.025.C.

The City has an interest in increasing the compliance rate for pet licensing. Increased compliance raises revenue that supports animal welfare and enforcement activities of the Seattle Animal Shelter. It also supports the Seattle Animal Shelter's efforts to promote pet identification as a means of reuniting lost pets with their owners. Providing for an amnesty period is one strategy the Department of Finance and Administrative Services is using to increase pet licensing compliance. The amnesty strategy is a low-cost, positive approach to increasing compliance. Civil penalties and late fees can be a deterrent for individuals who have failed to license a pet in the required time frame or who have failed to make timely license renewals. An amnesty period provides incentive to individuals to comply with the requirements. Once licensed, the license record is kept in a database through which the City is able to follow-up with the owner, improving renewal rates. Pet licensing amnesty periods, which the City previously provided in 1997, 2000 and 2005, have provided excellent public relations and an opportunity for the Seattle Animal Shelter to promote its many services and programs. The Seattle Animal Shelter will conduct a positive media campaign to inform pet owners of the benefits of pet licensing, as well



as mailings targeted to pet owners who are on-file as delinquent in obtaining licenses.
 Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.
 (Please skip to the "Other Implications" Section at the end of the document and answer questions a-f. Delete sections that are left blank and the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

This legislation has financial implications.

Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically from this Legislation:

	Revenue Source	2013 Proposed	2014 Endorsed
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	License Fees ¹ Per SMC 9.26.020 C	\$25,000	\$20,000

Revenue Change Notes:

¹ Additional license fee revenue in 2013 is based upon an estimated new or renewed pet licenses garnered specifically as an effect of the proposed amnesty program only during the month of April, 2013 and there will not be any other new revenue experienced from this amnesty program during 2013. The estimate is based upon results from the 2005 amnesty program. The 2014 license fee revenue is based upon a subsequent non-renewal rate of approximately 20%, due to the death of the pet, the owner removing the pet from Seattle, or failure to follow through on renewal.

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

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2013 Revenue	Total 2014 Revenue
Seattle Animal Shelter subfund of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services subfund 50355	License Fees ¹ Per SMC 9.26.020 C	\$1,212,500	\$1,207,500
TOTAL		\$1,212,500	\$1,207,500

Total Revenue Notes:

¹ Anticipated total revenue for 2013 and 2014 is based upon cat and dog licenses only as there are less than 20 miniature goats and potbelly pigs licensed in Seattle and their overall impact on total license revenue is inconsequential to the license program.

Other Implications:



- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?
Yes. The amnesty program encourages individuals who may not otherwise license their pets to take advantage of the opportunity to forego civil penalties. Once a pet is licensed and on record, the Seattle Animal Shelter sends renewal notices at the time a license expires, thereby affecting future revenue potential.
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? The pet license amnesty program is a low-cost method for promoting pet license compliance. Passage of this legislation potentially saves the City from more costly direct enforcement efforts.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department? No.
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? The authority to waive late fees and civil penalties associated with pet licensing requires an ordinance. The Seattle Animal Shelter can promote pet licensing compliance through other strategies, including canvassing neighborhoods. However, direct canvassing is more costly to implement, and often contributes to negative public relations.
- e) Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? No.
- f) Other Issues:

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:





City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

September 24, 2012

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2013 Proposed and 2014 Endorsed Budget. This legislation establishes an amnesty period during the month of April 2013. The amnesty program will permit pet owners to obtain pet licenses for their cats, dogs, miniature goats, or pot belly pigs without incurring applicable late fees or civil penalties. The proposed Bill suspends for one month late license fees, and waives the civil penalty for failure to have a properly licensed pet as provided for in the Seattle Municipal Code. The proposed amnesty program is expected to increase pet license compliance rates while educating the public about the merits of pet licensing. Finally, this legislation authorizes the Director to establish amnesty periods by Director's rule when they are likely to have the effect of increasing compliance with one or more provisions of Title 9, which is the main portion of the Seattle Municipal Code that relates to animals.

Civil penalties and late fees can be a deterrent for individuals who have failed to license a pet in the required time frame or who have failed to renew their licenses. The amnesty period provides incentive to individuals to comply with this requirement. Once licensed, the license record is kept in a database through which the City is able to follow-up with the owner, thereby improving renewal rates. Besides providing revenue that supports the Seattle Animal Shelter, increased licensing promotes pet identification as a means of reuniting lost pets with their owners. Finally, previous pet licensing amnesty periods have offered excellent public relations opportunities for the Seattle Animal Shelter to promote its many services, as evidenced by the City's successful amnesty program that was last conducted in 2005.

The amnesty period in April 2013 will help to promote many benefits of pet licensing. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Denise Movius at 684-9259, or Don Jordan at 386-4286.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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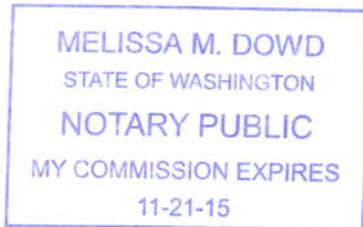
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/12/2012


Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

ORDINANCE NO. 124037

AN ORDINANCE relating to fleet services, authorizing the transfer to King County of certain vehicles leased from the City by Public Health - Seattle and King County; establishing the method for determining the value of the vehicles to be transferred; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute an agreement with King County in order to complete the associated transition, including refunding County funds that were originally intended to replace the vehicles being transferred, compensating the City for those vehicle assets, transferring said vehicles; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124038

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Joint Training Facility Project; amending Ordinance 121179, as last amended by Ordinance 123481, to extend the term of an interfund loan.

ORDINANCE NO. 124039

AN ORDINANCE relating to animal licensing; amending Section 9.25.100, Section 9.26.020 and Section 9.26.025 in connection therewith, and adding a new Section 9.25.200 to the Seattle Municipal Code, authorizing the establishment of amnesty periods by Director's rule.

ORDINANCE NO. 124040

AN ORDINANCE relating to animal regulations; changing shelter fees and regulations concerning the municipal spay and neuter clinic, and enhancing the Director's authority relating to pet adoptions, and amending Sections 9.25.030, 9.25.045, 9.25.081, 9.26.050 and 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 124041

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Center parking charges; amending Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 17.19.010.B to eliminate the distinction between event and non-event charges and authorizing the Seattle Center Director to establish charges for daily parking based upon minimum and maximum rates.

ORDINANCE NO. 124042

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Center Department; adopting a fee schedule from which the Seattle Center Director is authorized to set fees for 2013 and 2014 for use of Seattle Center facilities and property; adopting policies for use of Seattle Center facilities and event related service agreements; adding a new Section 17.16.005 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 17.16.010, 17.16.015, 17.16.020, 17.16.030, and 17.16.033 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 124043

AN ORDINANCE authorizing, in 2012, acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the heads of the Office of Sustainability and Environment, the Seattle Fire Department, and the Seattle Police Department to accept specified grants and private funding and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124044

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI Fire Code; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 22.602.045, 22.602.050, 22.602.070, 22.602.080, and 22.602.090, to add, delete and revise various Seattle Fire Department permit, certificate, inspection and plan review fees and related provisions.

ORDINANCE NO. 124045

AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds for certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and power plant and system of the City, paying the costs of issuing and selling those bonds and providing for the reserve fund requirement; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124046

AN ORDINANCE relating to financing the solid waste system of The City of Seattle, Washington; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the solid waste system; authorizing the issuance and sale of solid waste revenue bonds, in one or more series, for the purposes of paying all or part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing a bond reserve and paying the costs of issuing and selling the bonds; authorizing the execution of certain agreements relating thereto; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of the bonds; describing the lien of the bonds; creating certain accounts of the City relating to the bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124057

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Firefighters' Pension Fund established under RCW 41.16; amending Ordinance 117216 as last amended by Ordinance 123459 to continue the suspension of contributions to the Actuarial Account for an additional two years through 2014, requesting a study of investment options for the Actuarial Account, and clarifying the City Finance Director's authority to invest funds in the account.

ORDINANCE NO. 124058

AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2013; creating positions exempt from civil service; all by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 124059

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; directing the transfer of certain funds in the Light Fund into the Rate Stabilization Account in 2012.

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The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on November 19, 2012, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

ORDINANCE NO. 124029

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute a Third Amendment to the Lease and Concession Agreement between the City of Seattle and BH Music Center; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124030

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2013, representing

an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2012; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124031

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Center Department; amending Ordinance 123644 to increase and extend the term of an interfund loan to the Seattle Center Operating Fund; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124032

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy of property taxes; fixing the rates and/or amounts of taxes to be levied, and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in The City of Seattle, to finance the departments and activities of City government and to provide for the general obligation bond interest and redemption requirements for the year beginning on the first day of January 2013; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124033

AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program; amending Ordinance 123761 to increase the amount of an interfund loan.

ORDINANCE NO. 124034

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; establishing a 2013 furlough program for certain employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

ORDINANCE NO. 124035

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; establishing twenty-five (25) unfunded positions in the Personnel Department to be utilized by City departments to perform work that otherwise would be contracted out; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124036

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2013-2014 fee schedule for the use of park properties and other park and recreation facilities and services; superseding previous park and recreation fee schedules; and amending Section 18.28.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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ORDINANCE NO. 124047

AN ORDINANCE related to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Department of Planning and Development and related fees by other departments; amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 22.900A, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 22.900B, General Provisions; Chapter 22.900C, Fees for Land Use Review; Chapter 22.900D, Fees for New and Altered Buildings and Equipment; Chapter 22.900E, Fees for Certificates and Registrations; Chapter 22.900F, Compliance and Other Inspections; and Chapter 22.900G, Fees Collected for Other Departments.

ORDINANCE NO. 124048

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

ORDINANCE NO. 124049

AN ORDINANCE relating to drainage services of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU); amending Section 21.33.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code to update definitions; amending Section 21.33.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code to update exemptions from drainage rates and adjust drainage rates; amending Sections 21.33.050 and 21.33.070 to clarify billing and collection procedures; and amending Section 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to revise credits to low income drainage customers.

ORDINANCE NO. 124050

AN ORDINANCE relating to wastewater services of Seattle Public Utilities; amending Section 21.28.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust the wastewater volume rate; and amending Subsection 21.76.040 A of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust credits to low-income wastewater customers.

ORDINANCE NO. 124051

AN ORDINANCE relating to drainage and wastewater services of Seattle Public Utilities; adjusting wastewater and drainage rates to pass through increased treatment costs charged by King County; amending Sections 21.28.040 and 21.33.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code to reflect the adjusted rates; and amending Section 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust credits to low-income drainage and wastewater customers.

ORDINANCE NO. 124052

AN ORDINANCE, relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation's Commuter Services Program; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to adjust parking fees in the Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower Garages in association with the Commute Trip Reduction

Program's Guaranteed Ride Home Program for City employees; establishing that such fees be lower than regular daily parking fees in those facilities; and deleting obsolete language and amending Ordinance 119758 in connection thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 124053

AN ORDINANCE relating to contracting indebtedness; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation bonds to pay all or part of the cost of financing elements of the City's capital improvement program, issuing and selling the bonds, and other City purposes approved by ordinance; providing for terms and sale of the bonds; creating a bond fund; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 124054

AN ORDINANCE related to the 2012 Budget; amending Ordinance 123758, which adopted the 2012 Budget, including the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); creating new appropriations; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; adding new projects; creating positions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 124055

AN ORDINANCE adopting the 2013 Annual Action Plan to the City of Seattle 2009 - 2012 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, as amended; authorizing the submission of the 2013 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and authorizing the Human Services Director to make changes to the Plan for certain purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. 124056

AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; revising rates and charges for solid waste services; revising credits to low income customers for solid waste services; offering free disposal at City recycling and disposal stations to low income customers under certain conditions; revising rates for yellow pages phone book recovery fees; establishing conditions for adjustments to 2015 and 2016 solid waste rates; establishing conditions for deposits to and withdrawals from the rate stabilization account of the Solid Waste Fund; and amending Chapters 21.40, 21.76 and 6.255 of the Seattle Municipal Code.