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AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Code and amending Subsection 9.25.023(E) of the Seattle Municipal Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection 9.25.023(E) of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last amended by Ordinance 123527, is amended as follows:

E. "Severe injury" means any physical injury that results in:

(1) one or more broken bones;~~((-or))~~

(2) one or more disfiguring lacerations, avulsions, cuts, or puncture wounds requiring medical attention, including but not limited to one or more sutures, steri strips, or staples; or

(3) permanent nerve damage~~((multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery))~~.

It also means transmittal of an infectious or contagious disease by an animal.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days 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.



1 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
3 ____ day of _____, 2011.

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6 President _____ of the City Council

7 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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10 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Animal Code and amending Subsection 9.25.023(E) of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation revises the definition of “severe injury” in the Seattle Animal Code.

Background: (Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

The Seattle Hearing Examiner issued a decision earlier this year calling into question the Animal Shelter’s and Law Department’s interpretation of the definition of “severe injury” for purposes of issuing animal bite citations and declaring animals to be dangerous under the Animal Code. This legislation clarifies the definition of “severe injury” in response to the Hearing Examiner ruling.

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This legislation does not have any financial implications.
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