



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118539

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

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Licata

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

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History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/28/2015	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk					
1	City Clerk	10/20/2015	sent for review	Budget Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Budget Committee					
1	Full Council	10/26/2015	referred	Budget Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Budget Committee					
	Notes:						
1	Budget Committee	11/16/2015	pass				Pass
	Action Text:	The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).					
	Notes:						
	In Favor:	7	Chair Licata, Member Bagshaw, Member Burgess, Member Godden, Member O'Brien, Member Rasmussen, Member Sawant				
	Opposed:	0					
	Absent(NV):	1	Okamoto				
1	Full Council	11/23/2015	passed				Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote and the President signed the Bill:

Notes:

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember
Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember
O'Brien, Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 11/30/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

1 Mayor 12/01/2015 Signed

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.

Notes:

1 Mayor 12/01/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk

Notes:

1 City Clerk 12/01/2015 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124923
COUNCIL BILL 118539

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

WHEREAS, license fees for dogs and cats were last increased in 2010 and 2011, respectively;

and

WHEREAS, a nominal increase in pet license fees will bolster the Seattle Animal Shelter's ability to provide the high levels of quality care the animals entrusted them so deserve;

and

WHEREAS, a nominal increase in pet license fees will not exceed the costs incurred by the City in providing services related to the Seattle Animal Shelter under the Seattle Municipal Code; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2016, Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124039, is 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....\$((20))22

Unaltered...\$((30))33

2. Dogs

Altered....\$((27))30

Unaltered....\$((47))51

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.....\$((27))30

Unaltered....\$((45))49

2. Dogs

Altered.....\$((37))40

Unaltered....\$((69))76

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...\$((10))11

2. Dogs....\$((15))16

Each cat or dog shall be limited to a single provisional license which shall be valid for 6 months.

D. Late fee for renewal of a cat, dog or miniature goat license more than 30 days after its expiration;\$15

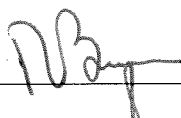
1 E. Dog, cat, or miniature goat owned by a member of the diplomatic or consular corps of
2 a country having a treaty with the United States granting immunity from local law, upon
3 submission of proof of such statusNo fee

4 F. Dog, cat, or miniature goat owned by a person possessing a valid "senior citizen's
5 identification card" or "handicapped person's identification card" issued by The City of Seattle
6 Human Services Department(~~Fifty~~(+))50(+)) percent of the license fee otherwise payable

7 G. Lost cat, dog or miniature goat license tag\$5

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.

Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of December, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
FAS/Seattle Animal Shelter	Don Jordan/386-4286	Katherine Tassery/615-0703

1. BILL SUMMARY

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

Summary and background of the Legislation: The attached proposed legislation will increase Seattle's annual license fees by approximately 9.5%: cat license fee from \$20 to \$22 for altered cats, and from \$30 to \$33 for unaltered cats; and from \$27 to \$30 for altered dogs, and from \$47 to \$51 for unaltered dogs, effective January 1, 2016. Provisional six-month licenses will increase from \$10 to \$11 for cats and from \$15 to \$16 for dogs; 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 these fee increases, Seattle's pet licensing fees will fall in the mid-range when compared to pet licensing fees charged by other agencies in Seattle's greater metropolitan area.

Funds generated from the increase in fees will be used in 2016 to pay an estimated 85 percent, or \$116,000, of the cost of a pilot program to provide on-site veterinarian services at the Seattle Animal Shelter on a full-time basis. The Help the Animals Fund will contribute the remaining 15 percent, or \$20,000, to the cost of the new service. The new service, which will be obtained through a service contract or by hiring term-limited temporary employees, will allow immediate exams and related triage for incoming animals. Animals will receive more timely care by the shelter veterinarian, and the majority of animals that arrive in distress will not have to suffer further discomfort or stress caused by a lengthy wait for a medical assessment and being transported back and forth to area veterinarians. Only those animals requiring extensive surgery or complex diagnostics will be referred to an outside clinic. Additionally, the shelter veterinarian will be able to administer rabies vaccinations as well as sedation and pain-relieving drugs to provide comfort to sick, injured or dying animals. Such medications and rabies vaccinations cannot be provided in-house at the present time as they must be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

The Seattle Animal Shelter will assess the program during its pilot phase and will propose funding adjustments in the 2017 budget process to optimize the program.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

☐ This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

☒ This legislation has direct financial implications

Budget program(s) affected:				
Estimated \$ Appropriation change:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
				\$116,000
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Other departments affected:				

3.a. Appropriations

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/##	2015 Appropriation Change	2016 Estimated Appropriation Change
TOTAL				

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

Appropriations Notes: Appropriation authority to cover the costs associated with the on-site veterinarian services funded by the fee increases will be included in the 2016 budget.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

 X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2015 Revenue	2016 Estimated Revenue
Finance and Administrative Services Operating Fund (50300)	FAS	Pet License Fee Increase		\$116,000
TOTAL				\$116,000

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Note that the proposed fee increase will generate an estimated \$116,000 in additional revenue in 2016 compared to having no fee increase, but only a \$100,000 net increase compared to the revenue projections included in the 2016 Endorsed Budget. This reflects a slight decrease in the 2016 Proposed Budget in the volume of pet licenses projected to be issued, compared to the projections originally included in the 2016 Endorsed Budget.

3.c. Positions

_____ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation,
Including FTE Impact:**

Position # for Existing Positions	Position Title & Department*	Fund Name & #	Program & BCL	PT/F T	2015 Positions	2015 FTE	Does it sunset? (If yes, explain below in Position Notes)
TOTAL							

* List each position separately

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions created by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below.)

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

No.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

The City would forego \$116,000 in annual revenue. Without on-site veterinarian services, animals would not receive medical care as quickly and would suffer further discomfort and stress due to transport back and forth to outside clinics.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Raising pet license fees may have an impact on individuals/communities that face financial challenges. FAS has purposefully proposed a reduced increase for disabled and elderly pet owners to minimize those impacts.

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

i) Other Issues:

List attachments below:

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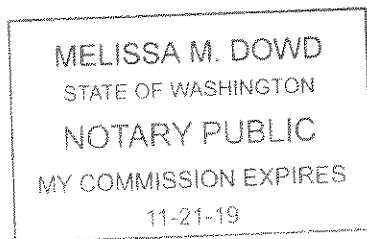
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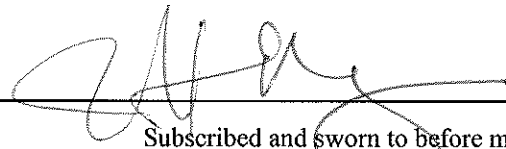
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12/15/2015


Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

Title Only Ordinances

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on November 23, 2015, 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. Document Type Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Ordinance 124921

AN ORDINANCE relating to financial management practices; amending Section 5.08.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code and repealing Section 5.08.025 and Chapter 5.33 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Ordinance 124922

AN ORDINANCE relating to jail services; authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for the provision of Jail Services; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Ordinance 124923

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

Ordinance 124924

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 costs of various elements of the City's capital improvement program and other City purposes approved by ordinance; to provide a contribution to the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority for the financing of certain improvements; and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing for certain terms, conditions and covenants and the manner of sale of the bonds; amending Ordinance 123480 (as previously amended by Ordinance 124341 and Ordinance 124637); and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Ordinance 124925

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Haller Lake Improvements project in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services; establishing the 2017 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool, or its participating funds, in the amount of \$1,500,000, to the 2017 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund for bridge financing of the Haller Lake Improvements project; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Ordinance 124926

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Joint Training Facility Project; amending Ordinance 121179, as last amended by Ordinance 124638, to change the terms of the outstanding interfund loan.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, December 15, 2015.

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