



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118835

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to pet licensing; adjusting and simplifying 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: Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/26/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	10/07/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	10/20/2016	sent for review	Select Budget Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Select Budget Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	11/07/2016	referred	Select Budget Committee			
1	Select Budget Committee	11/16/2016	pass				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).						
	Notes:						
		In Favor: 9	Chair Burgess, Member Bagshaw, Member Harrell, Member Herbold, Member Juarez, Member Johnson, Member González, Member O'Brien, Member Sawant				

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 11/21/2016 passed Pass

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

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 11/22/2016 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 11/28/2016 Signed

1 Mayor 11/28/2016 returned City Clerk

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

Notes:

1 City Clerk 11/28/2016 attested by City
Clerk

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

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125193

COUNCIL BILL 118835

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

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter is responsible for caring for thousands of stray, orphaned, sick, or abused animals every year; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Seattle's population growth, the level of animal care and enforcement needs have grown significantly over the years; and

WHEREAS, pet license fees are a vital means of support for the life-saving work, ongoing operations, and public safety enforcement performed by the Seattle Animal Shelter; and the contracted veterinary services now operating out of the shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter receives donation funds for certain extraordinary activities that benefit the animals in its care; those funds cannot be used to cover General Fund operations; and

WHEREAS, an increase in pet license fees will bolster the Seattle Animal Shelter's ability to provide the high levels of quality care the public has come to expect and the animals entrusted to the Shelter deserve; and

WHEREAS, the City's current pet license fee structure is overly complicated and needs to be simplified; and

WHEREAS, unaltered pets can create a burden on municipal resources and, as reflected in the difference in cost between altered and unaltered licenses, the City strongly encourages pet owners and guardians to alter their animals: cats, dogs, and rabbits, in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter provides low-cost spay and neuter services to ensure access by pet owners and guardians who wish to alter their animals; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Seattle Municipal Code, pet license fees will not exceed the costs incurred by the City in providing services related to the Seattle Animal Shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124923, 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..... (~~(\$22)~~) \$24

Unaltered..... (~~(\$33)~~) \$75

2. Dogs

Altered..... (~~(\$30)~~) \$35

Unaltered..... (~~(\$51)~~) \$100

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..... (~~(\$30)~~) \$48

Unaltered..... ~~(((\$49))~~ \$150

2. Dogs

Altered..... ~~(((\$40))~~ \$70

Unaltered..... ~~(((\$76))~~ \$200

3. Miniature goats ~~(((\$30))~~ \$40

~~((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...\$15~~

~~2. — Dogs....\$16~~

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

C. To allow time for animals to be spayed or neutered, a one-year altered license may be issued for unaltered dogs or cats whose owners or guardians intend to have them altered prior to the time the license is up for renewal. A one-year altered 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. Owners or guardians of cats and dogs that cannot show proof that their animals have been spayed or neutered by the time the initial one-year license is up for renewal will be retroactively charged the difference between the unaltered and altered fee as well as the unaltered rate for the renewed license.

1 D. Late fee for renewal of a cat, dog, or miniature goat license more than 30 days
2 after its expiration: ~~((; \$15))~~ \$25.

3 E. Dog, cat, or miniature goat owned by a member of the diplomatic or consular
4 corps of a country having a treaty with the United States granting immunity from local law, upon
5 submission of proof of such status: ~~((.....))~~ No fee.

6 F. ~~((Dog,))~~ Altered dog, altered cat, or miniature goat owned by a person possessing
7 a valid "senior citizen's identification card" or ("handicapped person's identification card"
8 issued by The City of Seattle Human Services Department.....)) individuals with disabilities
9 who have been issued a disabilities identification card from The City of Seattle or State of
10 Washington: 50 percent of the regular license fee ((otherwise payable)) rounded up to the nearest
11 dollar.

12 G. Lost cat, dog, or miniature goat license tag: ~~((.....))~~ \$5.

Section 2. Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

Section 3. 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 21st day of November, 2016,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of
November, 2016.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 28th day of November, 2016.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 28th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
Department of Finance & Administrative Services	Julie Tobin 684-0483	Katherine Tassery 615-0703

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

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

Summary and background of the Legislation: The proposed legislation simplifies the pet license fee structure and increases pet license fees at the Seattle Animal effective Jan. 1, 2017. The simplified fee structure eliminates a number of licenses, including provisional licenses. The new fees and structures will likely result in a revenue increase over the years to support on-going operating needs.

Seattle's current license fees for unaltered animals are significantly lower than other large metropolitan areas. Unaltered cats and dogs present a significant strain on animal control and shelter resources than spayed and neutered pets. Spaying and neutering helps prevent unwanted pets from being euthanized and eases the burden on the shelter and municipal resources. The proposed increases in the unaltered pet licenses is meant to encourage responsible pet ownership by incentivizing spaying and neutering cats and dogs. The Seattle Animal Shelter provides low-cost spay and neuter services in support of this action.

We believe the changes in the license fee structure make sense and are far simpler to understand than the existing structure. The increases and adjustments to license fees will support the shelter's lifesaving work and promote animal-related public safety and enforcement services.

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 \$	
	2017	2018	2017	2018

Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
			\$331,000	\$239,000
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Other departments affected:				

3.a. Appropriations

☐ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

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

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2017 Estimated Revenue	2018 Estimated Revenue
Finance and Administrative Services Operating Fund (50300)	FAS	Animal License Fees	331,000	\$239,000
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

3.c. Positions

☐ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?
No.
- Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
The lost revenue will have a significant impact on service levels.
- Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

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

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

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

Low-income customers can access financial assistance through the City's Pet Population Control Fund. This type of assistance ensures that all Seattle residents have access to animal shelter services.

i) 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.

No.

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below:

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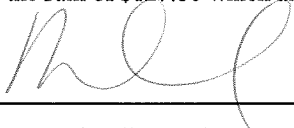
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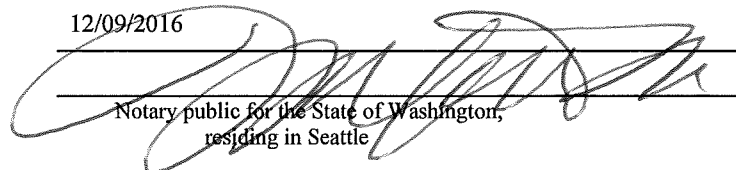
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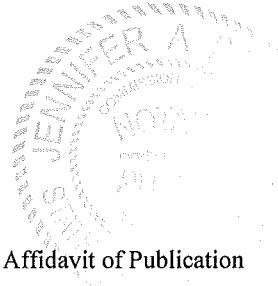


Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/09/2016



Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle


Affidavit of Publication

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 21, 2016, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <https://seattle.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>. 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 125190

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Firefighters' Pension Fund established under chapter 41.16 RCW; amending Ordinance 117216 as last amended by Ordinance 124640 to change the date by which full funding of the Actuarial Account will be achieved.

Ordinance 125191

AN ORDINANCE relating to wastewater and drainage 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; amending Section 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust credits to low-income wastewater and drainage customers; and amending Section 21.33.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code to revise drainage service charge adjustment procedures.

Ordinance 125192

AN ORDINANCE relating to public outreach and engagement; creating a Community Involvement Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council; amending Sections 3.35.010, 3.35.030, and 3.35.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Chapter 3.62, consisting of Sections 3.62.010, 3.62.020, 3.62.030, 3.62.040, 3.62.050, and 3.62.060, to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Ordinance 125193

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

Ordinance 125194

AN ORDINANCE increasing the fee for marijuana business licenses; amending Section 6.500.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Ordinance 125195

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 2017; ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; and, by a vote of a majority plus one of the Seattle City Council, finding a substantial need to use, and providing for the use of, 101 percent as the regular property tax limit factor.

Ordinance 125196

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

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, December 9, 2016.

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