

November 10, 2010

11/9/09 Council mtg,

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Proposed No.: 2009-0594

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1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2009-0594, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 4, strike everything through page 5, line 75, and insert:

3 "WHEREAS, for the last two and one-half years, King County has worked
4 diligently to find the best way to provide high-quality, humane care and control services
5 for animals, including high adoption rates and low euthanasia rates, and

6 WHEREAS, an advisory committee was reconstituted and presented a report, two
7 consultant studies were completed and approximately one million dollars in supplemental
8 funding for animal shelter staffing, equipment and supplies was provided in 2008, and

9 WHEREAS, the King County general fund has historically supported animal
10 shelter and control services for certain cities through discretionary contracts for services
11 at a cost of approximately two million dollars per year, and

12 WHEREAS, King County is facing an ongoing financial crisis and does not have
13 a sufficient, stable source of revenue to continue to manage and maintain the animal
14 services at a level which would result in King County providing a model program, and

15 WHEREAS, King County has performed a diligent evaluation and analysis of
16 alternative ways to provide humane animal shelter services for the county and cities that
17 contract with the county for shelter services, and King County has determined that

18 successful alternative models are available and warrant further exploration, evaluation
19 and potential implementation, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2003, the budget advisory task force made a number of
21 recommendations regarding county finances including a policy that King County should
22 be "Ensuring that discretionary service contracts provide full cost recovery to the county
23 including overhead, operation and capital costs," and

24 WHEREAS, on October 13, 2003, the King County council approved Motion
25 11820 establishing the policy that all county discretionary contracts shall be full-cost
26 recovery, and

27 WHEREAS, the 2009 King County Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16312,
28 included a finding setting the policy direction that "King County shall continue to explore
29 the community-based services model as defined by the Operational Master Plan," and

30 WHEREAS, the King County auditor's office recently conducted an audit of
31 animal shelter and control services provided by King County's records and licensing
32 services division. The audit findings regarding management include, "...inconsistent
33 leadership, shifts in management direction, and sustained organizational uncertainty have
34 limited ACC's [Animal Care and Control's] ability to make needed improvements in
35 population monitoring and management and to use technology effectively to improve
36 shelter operations ...," and

37 WHEREAS, King County values the employees who perform animal shelter and
38 control services and encourages contract cities and other organizations to consider them
39 in providing animal services in the future;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

41 The executive is requested to take all actions necessary to effect the following
42 outcomes:

43 A. End the provision of animal shelter services by King County for contract cities
44 and for unincorporated King County as soon as possible but no later than January 31,
45 2010;

46 B. Establish a goal of April 1, 2010, to end the provision of animal control
47 services for contract cities under the terms of current contracts by and encourage
48 individual cities to enter into full-cost-recovery contracts with King County for animal
49 control services;

50 C. Establish a firm deadline of June 30, 2010, to end the provision of animal
51 control services for contract cities unless individual cities enter into full-cost-recovery
52 contracts with King County for animal control services;

53 D. Establish a goal of April 1, 2010, to end the provision of pet licensing services
54 for contract cities under the terms of current contracts and encourage individual cities to
55 enter into full-cost-recovery contracts with King County for pet licensing services;

56 E. Establish a firm deadline of June 30, 2010, to end the provision of pet
57 licensing services for contract cities unless individual cities enter into full-cost-recovery
58 contracts with King County for pet licensing services;

59 F. Cities that choose to enter into full-cost-recovery contracts with King County
60 for pet licensing services shall be responsible for setting their own pet license fees;

61 G. King County will continue to provide animal control services and pet
62 licensing services for unincorporated King County;

63 H. King County will work cooperatively and actively with its city partners to
64 ensure a smooth transition in the care of animals;

65 I. Starting immediately, King County will actively work with contract cities to
66 establish a countywide animal response team to prepare for the event of a disaster, based
67 on the best standards, practices and concepts of operations established by the Pierce
68 county animal response team; and

69 J. Conduct a study and make recommendations to the King County council by
70 March 31, 2010, on alternatives for animal control services in unincorporated King
71 County. The study should examine, but not be limited to, the following elements:

72 1. An analysis of revenues, expenditures and business activities necessary to
73 meet the county's mandatory animal control responsibilities as required by state law.

74 This analysis should include an evaluation of the potential effects and outcomes of
75 implementing models used in other metropolitan areas including Multnomah county,
76 Oregon;

77 2. An analysis and presentation of historical records on pet license revenues
78 from unincorporated areas as well as historical cost estimates to provide animal control
79 services for unincorporated areas; and

80 3. Presentation of potential options to provide animal control services in
81 unincorporated areas that are fully supported by animal license fee revenues or other
82 revenue generating options that do not involve general fund support. This element should
83 include a staffing analysis."

84 **EFFECT: Striking Amendment 1 contains the following key elements:**

- 85 1. Sets a goal of getting out of the animal shelter business as soon as possible
86 but has a firm date of January 31, 2010.
- 87 2. Sets a goal of getting out of animal control for contract cities by April 1, 2010
88 but has a firm deadline of June 30, 2010 unless individual cities enter into
89 full-cost-recovery contracts with King County for the provision of animal
90 control.
- 91 3. Sets a goal of getting out of pet licensing services for contract cities by April 1
92 2010 but has a firm deadline of June 30, 2010 unless individual cities enter
93 into full-cost-recovery contracts with King County for pet licensing services.
- 94 4. Cities that contract with King County for pet licensing services will be
95 responsible for setting their own pet license fees.
- 96 5. King County will continue to provide animal control for unincorporated
97 King County and set pet license fees for unincorporated King County only.
- 98 6. Requests the Executive to provide historical revenue and cost information
99 related to the provision of animal control in unincorporated King county and
100 an analysis of funding mechanisms for animal control in unincorporated
101 King County that would make the service self-supporting. The report is due
102 March 31, 2010.

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1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2009-0594, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert:

3 "A MOTION relating to the King County policy for the
4 provision of animal services; establishing the policy and
5 requesting the county executive to take actions necessary to
6 implement the policy."
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8 **FFECT: Makes the title consistent with the body of the striking amendment.**