



King County

Metropolitan King County Council  
Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

Agenda Item No.: 9

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Proposed No.: 2010-0325

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**STAFF REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** AN ORDINANCE that amends King County Code Title 11 to implement the Executive's proposed Regional Animal Services program.

**SUMMARY:**

This proposed ordinance is one in a package of three ordinances that would implement a new regional animal services model within King County. They are:

1. Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 would amend the county code to reflect the proposed new model.
2. Proposed Ordinance 2010-0326 would approve interlocal agreements and Enhanced Control services contracts with 27 cities within King County.
3. Proposed Ordinance 2010-0327 would provide \$3.24 million and 1.90 new FTEs in the Records and Licensing Division.

**This staff report will concentrate on the proposed code changes in Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325.** Additional staff reports have been prepared for Proposed Ordinance 2010-0326 and Proposed Ordinance 2010-0327.

Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 would amend King County Code to reflect changes negotiated with cities as proposed by the Executive to implement a Regional Animal Services program. Significant changes include a restructuring of fees, permits and penalties, creation of an Animal Bequest Fund for donations, acceptance of electronic payments, requirements for veterinarians and shelters to share information related to the transfer of pet ownership, clarification of authority and responsibilities of the Board of Health and Board of Appeals, elimination of the King County Animal Care and Control Citizen's Advisory Committee and "King County Animal Care and Control" is renamed "Regional Animal Services".

## COUNCIL PRIORITIES

*The Executive's proposed regional animal services model may further the Council's Local and Regional Cooperation Priority to work with other governments and organizations to implement local and regional priorities and increase the efficiency of service delivery*

## BACKGROUND:

On May 29, 2007, the Council approved Ordinance 15801, amending Title 11 of King County Code. The new policy direction of Ordinance 15801 was intended to reform animal services with the expectations that it become a model humane program. However, in subsequent years the animal services program has continued to struggle from a lack of operational oversight and licensing revenues have failed to cover the cost of the program, sustaining a financial burden on the General Fund.

Aside from annual budgetary fee adjustments, Title 11 has not been substantively amended since 2007.

Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 would amend King County Code to reflect changes negotiated with cities as proposed by the Executive to implement a Regional Animal Services program. However, many of the proposed operational changes to animal care and control services are primarily implemented through the ILA rather than the proposed Title 11 code changes.

## ANALYSIS:

### Timing

The proposed ILA and supplemental budget request associated with the Regional Animal Services legislative transmittal package must be acted upon by June 21, 2010 in order to provide for continuity of animal services. However, the amendments to Title 11 do not require action by that date and could be delayed should the Council wish to deliberate further on the matter.

### Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325

Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 amends provisions of King County Code Title 11 to support the implementation of a new Regional Animal Services model. Executive staff expect to propose a more comprehensive code update, including alignment between K.C.C. Titles 2 and 11, at a later date. **The proposed ordinance does not change the policy goals established in Ordinance 15801 to reform animal services and establishing a model humane program.** The primary substantive changes to Title 11 include:

### New Program Name

References to "animal care and control" is removed and replaced with the new program name: "regional animal services". Council staff has identified several additional references that would require this change for inclusion in a technical amendment.

### Animal Bequest Fund and Solicitation of Donations

Creates a first tier "Animal Bequest Fund" to be managed by the Director of the Department of Executive Services (DES). Requires funds be used in accordance with donor restrictions and only for the purposes of animal services and transfers existing donations to the Fund. This fund will allow donated funds to be accounted for with greater transparency and appropriation authority so funds may be spent as programmatic needs are identified. The Executive is also authorized to accept and solicit gifts, bequests and donations in support of regional animal services to be deposited in the Animal Bequest Fund.

### Concessions and Sponsorships

Authorizes the Director of DES to enter into concession agreements with vendors to sell animal-related products and services. Proceeds would be applied to regional animal services. The Director of DES is also authorized to enter into advertising, sponsorship, and naming rights agreements.

### Shelter and Foster Transfers

Recognizes transfers to other shelters and foster homes as a legitimate means by which animals may exit the King County animal shelter.

### Voucher Program

Authorizes the manager of Regional Animal Services to set the value of spay/neuter vouchers issued with unaltered pet licenses.

### Board of Appeals Authority

Clarifies enforcement procedures by specifying notice and order requirements and standards for the Board of Appeals' review of animal control enforcement matters. Council staff have requested information regarding impacts to the Board Appeals' workload.

### Information Sharing and Reporting

Requires veterinarians and shelters to either sell license when transferring animals to a new owner or make animal license application materials available to the new owner. Changes the existing reporting requirement on animal transfers from quarterly to monthly and adds new information requirements such as email addresses and microchip numbers. Council staff have requested information on stakeholder positions on this revised provision.

### Board of Health Authority

Removes licensing authority over kennels, catteries, grooming facilities and pet shops which are now governed by Board of Health code. The new regulations were adopted in 2008 and went into effect on March 1, 2010

### Citizen's Advisory Committee

Eliminates the King County Animal Care and Control Citizen's Advisory Committee. This committee has not been active since 2008.

### Licensing Program Changes

#### Electronic Payments

Authorizes the acceptance of electronic payments (e.g., credit and debit cards) for pet licensing related services. The use of electronic payments may result in increased compliance as citizens have a convenient option for payment. Electronic payments may also increase the accuracy of record keeping (data management has been an ongoing concern with the animal services program, as recently noted in the 2009 Auditor's report).

#### Unaltered Juvenile Licenses

Enables purchase of a juvenile license for unaltered pets up to six months of age in lieu of an adult unaltered license.

#### Discounted Licenses

Creates a new "discounted license" fee available to seniors and disabled individuals. The "lifetime license" for seniors is eliminated and seniors would need to purchase annual licenses, at a discounted rate for newly licensed pets. Seniors who have previously purchased the "lifetime license" would be exempt from purchasing an annual discounted license on animals with "lifetime license" (in essence, these animals are grandfathered into the licensing program).

#### Amnesty

Eliminates the provision that allows pet owners to avoid penalties if they immediately purchase a license when caught with an unlicensed animal, a significant disincentive to pet licensing. The regional animal services manager is authorized to provide periods of amnesty for payment of outstanding licensing fees and late penalties.

#### Restructuring of Fees, Permits and Penalties

Fees, permits and penalties are adjusted and reorganized into four categories (See Table 1 on the following page for details.):

1. Licenses and Registration Fees
2. Business and Activity Permits
3. Civil Penalties
4. Service Fees

Elasticity of the fees, permits and penalties is unknown and as such, staff cannot determine impacts on compliance. However, Council revisions to the proposed fees, permits and penalties may have impacts on the Executive's revenue projections. Council staff will be working closely with Executive staff to understand these impacts.

**Table 1: Fees proposed in Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325**

	Subject	Current	Proposed	Executive Notes
<b>License Fees &amp; Business Permits</b>	Altered pet license	\$30	No change	
	Unaltered pet license	\$90	\$60	
	Discounted pet license	n/a	\$15	Replaces "Senior Lifetime License"; available to persons who are disabled.
	Juvenile pet license	\$5	\$15	Available as an alternative to an altered license for animals up to six months old.
	Guard dog registration	\$100	No change	
	Exotic pet	\$500 new \$250 renewal	No change	
	Service and police dogs	\$0	No change	
	Late fees for licensing	\$15/\$20/\$75	\$15/\$20/\$30	For 45/90/135 days late.
	Private animal placement permit	\$25/\$10	\$15/\$0	Consolidates individual and organizational permits. No charge for those who foster King County shelter animals.
	Hobby kennel/cattery	\$50	No change	
Commercial kennel or cattery/pet shop/grooming shop	\$250/\$250/\$150	Fees eliminated	These facilities are now governed by BOH code.	
<b>Civil Fines</b>	Civil penalty: general	"up to \$1000"	\$50/\$100/ double previous**	Clarifies standard for determining amount of penalty
	Civil penalty: vicious animal or animal cruelty	n/a	\$500/\$1000*	New category
	Leash law violation	\$25/\$50	No change	
	Unlicensed pet – altered	\$75	\$125	
	Unlicensed pet – unaltered	\$75	\$250	
<b>Service Fees</b>	Adoption fee	\$75	\$75 - \$250	Based on adoptability
	Spay/neuter deposit	\$50	\$150	Deposit is returned upon timely proof of spay/neuter.
	Impound fee	\$45/\$85/\$90**	\$45/\$85/\$125**	
	Livestock impound fee	\$100	\$100 or actual sheltering cost	Whichever is greater
	Kenneling fee	\$12	\$20	Per day for impounded animals
	In-field pick-up	\$20	\$75	For unlicensed pets
	Owner-requested euthanasia	\$20	\$50	For unlicensed pets
	Microchip	\$25	No change	Optional

\*\*multiple rates indicate increase with successive offenses

### Alignment with City of Seattle

Council staff will continue analysis of the proposed fees, permits and penalties and will provide a comparative analysis with the City of Seattle's fees, permits and penalties as the Council continues its deliberations.

### Legal Review

The proposed amendments to Title 11 have been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and legal counsel for the cities.

### Public Hearing

The Chair of the Council will provide for a discretionary public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 at the Council meeting on June 14, 2010 and an advertised public hearing at the Council meeting on June 21, 2010.

### Operating Issues for Consideration

The proposed Regional Animal Services model is intended to define a new foundation for service contracts that could, if adopted by a sufficient number of cities and the Council, preserve a regional system that leverages economies of scale and addresses some of the ongoing concerns over the health, safety and the humane care of animals. However, most of the historic operational concerns over the current animal services program will require continual reforms by the Executive through rigorous managerial oversight. Some of the provisions within the proposed changes to Title 11 are intended to address reform and additional details are found within the document "Road Map to Reform" included in the legislative transmittal package. The Road Map to Reform outlines proposed actions that would be taken to improve the program.

The proposed Regional Animal Services model is a reduced-cost model, not a full-cost recovery model and Councilmembers will need to consider the county's financial priorities in its deliberations. Staff analysis is ongoing.

### **INVITED:**

- Carrie Cihak, Strategic Initiatives Director, Office of the Executive
- Caroline Whalen, County Administrative Officer
- Bob Roegner, Special Projects Manager, Department of Executive Services
- Ken Nakatsu, Manager, Regional Animal Services
- Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Shelley De Wys, Budget Analyst, OMB

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325
2. Transmittal Letter, dated June 1, 2010
3. Fiscal Note
4. Fees Proposed in Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325
5. Summary of Proposed Fees and Code Amendments for Regional Animal Services, King County Code Title 11
6. Road Map to Reform
7. Hearing Notice



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

**Attachment 1**  
1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**June 8, 2010**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No. 2010-0325.1**

**Sponsors Patterson**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the provision of regional  
2 animal care and control services; amending Ordinance  
3 12076, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.08.015,  
4 Ordinance 1269, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
5 11.02.010, Ordinance 1269, Section 3, as amended, and  
6 K.C.C. 11.02.020, Ordinance 1396 Article I, Section 2, as  
7 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.010, Ordinance 1396, Article I,  
8 Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.020, Ordinance  
9 1396, Article II, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
10 11.04.030, Ordinance 10423, Section 3, as amended, and  
11 K.C.C. 11.04.033, Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended,  
12 and K.C.C. 11.04.035, Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section  
13 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.050, Ordinance 1396,  
14 Article II, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.060,  
15 Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 5, as amended, and  
16 K.C.C. 11.04.070, Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 6, as  
17 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.080, Ordinance 1396, Article  
18 II, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.140,  
19 Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 13, as amended, and

20 K.C.C. 11.04.150, Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 14,  
21 as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.160, Ordinance 10809,  
22 Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.165, Ordinance  
23 10809, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.167,  
24 Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 1, as amended, and  
25 K.C.C. 11.04.170, Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 2,  
26 as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.180, Ordinance 1396,  
27 Article III, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.210,  
28 Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 6, as amended, and  
29 K.C.C. 11.04.220, Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 8,  
30 as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.250, Ordinance 1396,  
31 Article III, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.260,  
32 Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 10, as amended, and  
33 K.C.C. 11.04.270, Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 12,  
34 as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.290, Ordinance 6370,  
35 Section 12, and K.C.C. 11.04.330, Ordinance 7986, Section  
36 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.335, Ordinance 10423,  
37 Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.410, Ordinance  
38 10423, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.500,  
39 Ordinance 10423, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C.  
40 11.04.570, Ordinance 3732, Section 1, as amended, and  
41 K.C.C. 11.08.040, Ordinance 3548, Section 5, as amended,  
42 and K.C.C. 11.08.060, Ordinance 11150, Section 1-2, and



43 K.C.C. 11.08.075, Resolution 27312, Section 1, as  
44 amended, and K.C.C. 11.12.010, Ordinance 2473, Section  
45 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.020, Ordinance 2473,  
46 Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.060, Ordinance  
47 2473, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.070,  
48 Ordinance 3232, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
49 11.32.020, Ordinance 3232, Section 9, as amended, and  
50 K.C.C. 11.32.090 and Ordinance 3232 Section 13, as  
51 amended, and K.C.C. 11.32.100, adding a new section to  
52 K.C.C. chapter 2.80, adding a new section to K.C.C.  
53 chapter 4.08, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4.100,  
54 adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 11.02, repealing  
55 Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 2, as amended, and  
56 K.C.C. 11.04.040, Ordinance 6370, Section 11, as  
57 amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.320, Ordinance 10423, Section  
58 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.590, Ordinance 9464,  
59 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.010, Ordinance  
60 9464, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.020,  
61 Ordinance 9464, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.  
62 11.06.030, Ordinance 9464, Section 4, and K.C.C.  
63 11.06.040, Ordinance 9464, Section 5, and K.C.C.  
64 11.06.050, Ordinance 9464, Section 6, as amended, and

65 K.C.C. 11.06.060 and Ordinance 9464, Section 7, and  
66 K.C.C. 11.06.070 and prescribing penalties.

67 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

68 1. King County animal care and control has provided services to the  
69 unincorporated areas of King County and by contract to the majority of  
70 cities in the county in exchange for retention of their pet licensing revenue  
71 since the mid-1980s.

72 2. The county general fund contribution to the provision of animal  
73 services has increased over the years, culminating in a general fund  
74 contribution of nearly \$3 million in recent years.

75 3. Motion 13092, adopted by the metropolitan King County council on  
76 November 9, 2009, directed the county executive to end the provision of  
77 animal shelter services by King County for contract cities and for  
78 unincorporated King County as soon as possible but no later than January  
79 31, 2010, and to enter into new full cost recovery contracts with cities for  
80 animal control and licensing services by June 30, 2010.

81 4. The 2010 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Section 30, provided  
82 funding for animal care and control such that sheltering services would be  
83 provided only through January 31, 2010.

84 5. With the adoption of Ordinance 16750, extending FTE authority for  
85 animal sheltering services through June 30, 2010, the county recognized  
86 that there is currently not sufficient sheltering capacity in the region to  
87 close the King County animal shelter. The extension of FTE authority

88 provided a common deadline for the county to work with cities on a new  
89 regional model for animal services, inclusive of animal sheltering, animal  
90 control, and pet licensing functions.

91 6. A regional model for animal services enables the county and the cities  
92 to provide for better public health, safety, animal welfare and customer  
93 service outcomes at a lower cost than jurisdictions are able to provide for  
94 on their own. This is accomplished through properly aligned financial  
95 incentives, partnerships to increase revenue, economies of scale, a  
96 consistent regulatory approach across participating jurisdictions and  
97 collaborative initiatives to reduce the homeless animal population and  
98 leverage private sector resources while providing for a level of animal care  
99 respected by the community

100 7. Beginning in January of 2010, a joint cities-county work group began  
101 meeting on a weekly basis to develop a new regional animal services  
102 model for King County and individual cities to consider. The work group  
103 included representation from King County and the cities of SeaTac,  
104 Tukwila, Kent, Bellevue, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline and Lake  
105 Forest Park.

106 8. On February 26, 2010, the executive transmitted to the council an  
107 implementation plan for entering into new animal services contracts with  
108 cities.

109 9. Consistent with the implementation plan, the joint cities-county work  
110 group for regional animal services developed an agreement in principle for

111 a new regional animal services model that defines services, expenditures,  
112 cost and revenue allocation methodologies and collaborative initiatives for  
113 increasing revenues through fees, penalties, and other means for animal  
114 shelter, animal control and pet licensing services. The agreement in  
115 principle and supporting materials were shared with all cities, the county  
116 council, and the public in early April, through presentations to city  
117 managers and administrators, the suburban cities' association public issues  
118 committee, the regional policy committee, numerous city council meetings  
119 and through individual meetings with county and city officials and staff.

120 10. Consistent with the implementation plan, the joint cities-county work  
121 group for regional animal services developed an interlocal agreement for  
122 animal services based on the agreement in principle.

123 11. The proposed interlocal agreement provides for regional animal services to be  
124 funded in part by revenue earned through license sales and fees and fines. In  
125 2010, this revenue is estimated to total about two-thirds of expenditures.

126 12. King County and cities participating in the interlocal agreement have  
127 a mutual interest in increasing program revenue to support animal  
128 services, including through: (a) changes to pet license fees; (b) programs,  
129 penalties and other incentives to increase pet license sales; (c) enforcement  
130 of city and county codes requiring the licensing of pets; (d) gifts, bequests  
131 and donations that promote animal welfare; and (e) entrepreneurial  
132 programs for raising revenue, such as sponsorships, advertising, naming  
133 rights, concessions and fundraising events.

134 13. The proposed interlocal agreement requires cities to enact an  
135 ordinance or resolution that includes license, fee, penalty, enforcement,  
136 impound/redemption and sheltering provisions that are substantially the  
137 same as those of Title 11 of King County Code.

138 14. King County residents and volunteers regularly donate funds to King County  
139 to enhance the welfare of animals generally or through specific means such as  
140 providing for animals' special medical needs or supporting spay/neuter services.  
141 Expedient access to these funds for use in the manner in which they were donated  
142 is critical to the welfare of animals in King County's care.

143 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

144 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.80 a  
145 new section to read as follows:

146 This chapter does not apply to gifts, bequests or donations, of under fifty thousand  
147 dollars, received for animal care and control purposes.

148 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12076, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.08.015 are  
149 hereby amended to read as follows:

150 A. First tier funds and fund managers are as follows:

<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Fund Title</b>	<b>Fund Manager</b>
103	County Road	Dept. of Transportation
104	Solid Waste Landfill Post Closure Maintenance	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks

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109	Recorder's O & M	Dept. of Executive Services
111	Enhanced-911 Emergency Tel System	Dept. of Executive Services
112	Mental Health	Dept. of Community and Human Services
113-5	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency	Dept. of Community and Human Services
114-1	Veterans Services Levy	Dept. of Community and Human Services
114-2	Health and Human Services Levy	Dept. of Community and Human Services
115	Road Improvement Guaranty	Dept. of Transportation
117	Arts and Cultural Development	Dept. of Executive Services
119	Emergency Medical Services	Dept. of Public Health
121	Surface Water Management	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
122	Automated Fingerprint Identification System	Dept. of Public Safety
124	Citizen Councilor Revolving	Auditor
128	Local Hazardous Waste	Dept. of Public Health
129	Youth Sports Facilities Grant	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
131	Noxious weed control fund	Dept. of Natural Resources and

		Parks
134	Development and Environmental Services	Dept. of Development and Environmental Services
137	Clark Contract Administration	Office of Management and Budget
138	Parks Trust and Contribution	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
139	Risk Abatement	Office of Management and Budget
145	Parks and Recreation	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
156-1	KC Flood Control Operating Contract	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
164	Two-Tenths Sales Tax Revenue Receiving	Dept. of Transportation
165	Public Transit Self Insurance	Dept. of Transportation
215	Grants tier 1 fund	Dept. of Executive Services
216	Cultural Resource Mitigation Fund	Office of Strategic Planning and Performance Management
309	Neighborhood Parks and Open Space	Dept. of Executive Services
312	HMC Long Range CIP	Dept. of Executive Services
315	Conservation Futures	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
316	Parks, Rec. and Open Space	Dept. of Executive Services

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318	Surface and Storm Water Mgmt Const	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
320	Public Art Fund	Dept. of Executive Services
322	Housing Opportunity Acquisition	Dept. of Community and Human Services
326	1990 Series B Youth Detention Facility	Dept. of Executive Services
327	Equipment and Building Acquisition	Dept. of Executive Services
329	SWM CIP Construction 1992-1997	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
331	Long-Term Leases	Dept. of Executive Services
334	Capital Acqn and County Fac Renovation	Office of Management and Budget
335	Youth Services Facilities Construction	Dept. of Executive Services
338	Airport Construction	Dept. of Transportation
339	Working Forest 1995 B	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
340	Park Lands Acquisition 1993	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
340-3	Urban Reforestation and Habitat Restoration	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
341	Arts and Historic Preservation Capital	Dept. of Executive Services
342	Major Maintenance Reserve	Dept. of Executive Services



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343	Core GIS Capital Project	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
346	Regional Justice Center Construction	Dept. of Executive Services
347	Emergency Communications System	Dept. of Executive Services
349	Parks Facilities Rehabilitation	Dept. of Executive Services
350	Open Space Acquisition	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
357-1	KC Flood Control Capital Contract	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
358	Parks Capital Fund	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
364-3	Transit Cross-Border Lease Financing Fund	Dept. of Executive Services
369	Transfer of Development Credits Program (TDC) Fund	Dept. of Natural Resources Parks
377-1	OIRM Capital Fund	Office of Information Resource Management
378	Information and Telecommunications Capital Improvement Fund	Dept. of Executive Services
381	Solid Waste Cap Equip Recovery	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
383	Solid Waste Environmental Reserve	Dept. of Natural Resources and

		Parks
384	Farmland and Open Space Acquisition	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
385	Renton Maintenance Fac. Const	Dept. of Transportation
386	County Road Construction	Dept. of Transportation
387	HMC Construction	Dept. of Executive Services
390	Solid Waste Construction	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
391	Landfill Reserve	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
394	Kingdome CIP	Dept. of Executive Services
395	Building Capital Improvement	Dept. of Executive Services
396	HMC Building Repair and Replacement	Dept. of Executive Services
404	Solid Waste Operating	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
429	Airport Operating	Dept. of Transportation
448	Stadium Management	Dept. of Executive Services
453-1	Institutional Network Operating Fund	Dept. of Executive Services
461	Water Quality	Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks
464	Public Transportation	Dept. of Transportation
542	Safety and Workers' Compensation	Dept. of Executive Services

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544	Wastewater Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund	Dept. of Transportation
546	Department of Executive Service Equipment Replacement	Dept. of Executive Services
547	Office of Information Resource Management Operating Fund	Dept. of Executive Services
550	Employee Benefits Program	Dept. of Executive Services
551	Facilities Management	Dept. of Executive Services
552	Insurance	Dept. of Executive Services
557	Public Works Equipment Rental	Dept. of Transportation
558	Motor Pool Equipment Rental	Dept. of Transportation
560	Printing/Graphic Arts Services	Dept. of Executive Services
603	Cultural Resources Endowment	Dept. of Executive Services
622	Judicial Administration Trust and Agency	Dept. of Judicial Administration
624	School District Impact Fee	Office of Management and Budget
674	Refunded Ltd GO Bond Rdmp.	Dept. of Executive Services
675	Refunded Unltd GO Bond	Dept. of Executive Services
676	H&CD Escrow	Dept. of Executive Services
693	Deferred Compensation	Dept. of Executive Services
694	Employee Charitable Campaign Contributions	Dept. of Executive Services

696	Mitigation Payment System	Dept. of Transportation
843	DMS Limited GO Bonds	Dept. of Executive Services
890	ULID Assessment - 1981	Dept. of Transportation
1010	Climate Exchange Fund	Office of Management and Budget
1411	Rainy Day Reserve	Office of Management and Budget
1421	Children and Families Services	Dept. of Community and Human Services
1590	Marine Division Operating Fund	Dept. of Transportation
3590	Marine Division Capital Fund	Dept. of Transportation
<u>4590</u>	<u>Animal Bequest Fund</u>	<u>Dept. of Executive Services</u>
****	Historical Preservation and Historical Programs Fund	Dept. of Executive Services

151 B. The following shall also be first tier funds:

152 1. All funds now or hereafter established by ordinance for capital construction  
153 through specific road improvement districts, utility local improvement districts or local  
154 improvement districts. The director of the department of transportation shall be the fund  
155 manager for transportation-related funds. The director of the department of natural  
156 resources and parks shall be the fund manager for utility-related funds.

157 2. All county funds that receive original proceeds of borrowings made under  
158 Chapter 216, Washington Laws of 1982, as now existing or hereafter amended, to the  
159 extent of the amounts then outstanding for the borrowings for that fund. For purposes of  
160 this subsection, the director of the county department or office primarily responsible for  
161 expenditures from that fund shall be the fund manager.

162           3. Any other fund as the council may hereinafter prescribe by ordinance to be  
163 invested for its own benefit. County funds shall be treated as provided in K.C.C. 4.10.110  
164 unless a designation is made by the council.

165           NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.08 a  
166 new section to read as follows:

167           A. There is hereby created the animal bequest fund. The fund shall be a first tier  
168 fund as described in this chapter. The director of the department of executive services  
169 shall be the manager of the fund. All receipts and earnings from gifts, bequests and  
170 donations shall be deposited and credited to the fund. The fund may only be used in  
171 accordance with donor restrictions and for regional animal services purposes, including  
172 but not limited to housing of animals, medical attention for animals, public education,  
173 animal shelter improvements and such other purposes that further the general welfare of  
174 animals. All revenue in the animal bequest account within the general fund and any  
175 subaccounts of the account as of the effective date of this ordinance shall be transferred  
176 to the animal bequest fund.

177           NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.100 a  
178 new section to read as follows:

179           The records and licensing services division is authorized to accept electronic  
180 payments for animal care and control and pet licensing purposes, including for all fees  
181 and penalties in K.C.C. 11.04.035. The records and licensing services division is  
182 authorized to absorb the operational and business costs of accepting these electronic  
183 payments, including bank and processing fees charged by electronic payment vendors,  
184 subject to appropriation authority being provided by the county council.

185            SECTION 5. Ordinance 1269, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.02.010 are  
186 hereby amended to read as follows:

187            There is established (~~(an animal care and control)~~) a regional animal services  
188 section in the records and licensing services division. The (~~(animal care and control)~~)  
189 regional animal services section is by this chapter designated the agency authorized to  
190 provide animal care services and enforce animal control laws.

191            SECTION 6. Ordinance 1269, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.02.020 are  
192 hereby amended to read as follows:

193            There is established within the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional animal  
194 services section the position of manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional  
195 animal services section, to be compensated at a rate established in accordance with  
196 county personnel policies.

197            NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 11.02 a  
198 new section to read as follows:

199            The director of the department of executive services is authorized to enter into  
200 concession agreements with vendors to sell animal-related products and services at the  
201 King County animal shelter and at other county facilities and events. The revenue from  
202 these concession agreements shall be applied solely to regional animal services.

203            NEW SECTION. SECTION 8. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 11.02 a  
204 new section to read as follows:

205            A. Consistent with K.C.C. chapter 3.04, the executive may solicit and accept  
206 from the general public and business communities and all other persons, gifts, bequests  
207 and donations to the county in support of regional animal services.

208 B. All gifts, bequests and donations of money to the county for regional animal  
209 services shall be deposited and credited to the animal bequest fund created under section  
210 3 of this ordinance.

211 C. The director of the department of executive services shall assure that  
212 expenditures from the gift, bequest or donation are consistent with the terms, if any,  
213 requested by the grantor.

214 NEW SECTION. SECTION 9. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 11.02 a  
215 new section to read as follows:

216 A. The director of the department of executive services may negotiate and enter  
217 into advertising, sponsorship and naming rights agreements for the purpose of providing  
218 financial support for regional animal services programs. Advertising shall be restricted to  
219 commercial speech.

220 B. Advertisers and sponsors shall abide by the nondiscrimination requirements of  
221 K.C.C. Title 12. Furthermore, an advertising, sponsorship or naming rights agreement  
222 may not result in advertisement of spirits or tobacco products in violation of K.C.C.  
223 chapter 12.51.

224 C. The director may impose additional subject-matter restrictions on advertising,  
225 sponsorship and naming rights agreements consistent with applicable law.

226 D. Revenue generated from advertising, sponsorships and naming rights  
227 agreements entered into under this section shall be applied solely to regional animal  
228 services.

229 SECTION 10. Ordinance 1396, Article I, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
230 11.04.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

231 A. It is declared the public policy of the county to secure and maintain such  
232 levels of animal care and control as will protect animal and human health and safety, and  
233 to the greatest degree practicable to prevent injury to property and cruelty to animal life.  
234 To this end, it is the purpose of this chapter to provide a means of caring for animals,  
235 licensing dogs, cats, (~~((animal shelters))~~) hobby catteries, hobby kennels (~~((, kennels and pet~~  
236 ~~shops))~~) and related facilities and controlling errant animal behavior so that it shall not  
237 become a public nuisance and to prevent cruelty to animals.

238 B. If there is a conflict between a provision of this chapter and a provision in  
239 K.C.C. Title 21A, the provision in K.C.C. Title 21A shall control.

240 SECTION 11. Ordinance 1396, Article I, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.  
241 11.04.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

242 In construing this chapter, except where otherwise plainly declared or clearly  
243 apparent from the context, words shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. In  
244 addition, the following definitions apply to this chapter:

245 A. "Abate" means to terminate any violation by reasonable and lawful means  
246 determined by the manager of the (~~((animal care and control authority))~~) regional animal  
247 services section in order that an owner or a person presumed to be the owner shall  
248 comply with this chapter.

249 B. "Altered" means spayed or neutered.

250 C. "Animal" means any living creature except Homo sapiens, insects and worms.

251 ~~((C.))~~ D. "Animal care and control authority" means the (~~((county animal care and~~  
252 ~~control))~~) regional animal services section of the records and licensing services division,



253 acting alone or in concert with other municipalities for enforcement of the animal care  
254 and control laws of the county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals.

255 ~~((D-))~~ E. "Animal care and control officer" means any individual employed,  
256 contracted or appointed by the animal care and control authority for the purpose of aiding  
257 in the enforcement of this chapter or any other law or ordinance relating to the care and  
258 licensing of animals, control of animals or seizure and impoundment of animals, and  
259 includes any state or municipal peace officer, sheriff, constable or other employee whose  
260 duties in whole or in part include assignments that involve the seizure and taking into  
261 custody of any animal.

262 ~~((E-))~~ F. "Cattery" means a place where four or more adult cats are kept, whether  
263 by owners of the cats or by persons providing facilities and care, whether or not for  
264 compensation, but not including a pet shop. An adult cat is one of either sex, altered or  
265 unaltered, that is at least six months old.

266 ~~((F-))~~ G. "Domesticated animal" means a domestic beast, such as any dog, cat,  
267 rabbit, horse, mule, ass, bovine animal, lamb, goat, sheep, hog or other animal made to be  
268 domestic.

269 ~~((G-))~~ H. "Euthanasia" means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished  
270 by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death or by a  
271 method that causes painless loss of consciousness and death during the loss of  
272 consciousness.

273 ~~((H-))~~ I. "Fostering" means obtaining unwanted dogs or cats and locating  
274 adoptive homes for those licensed and spayed or neutered dogs or cats. ~~((Individuals~~  
275 ~~who wish to foster dogs and cats, and who through the activity shall routinely or from~~

276 ~~time to time harbor, keep or maintain more dogs and cats than allowed in K.C.C. Title~~  
277 ~~21A, must obtain either an individual or organizational private animal placement~~  
278 ~~permit.))~~

279 ((~~I~~)) J. "Grooming service" means any place or establishment, public or private,  
280 where animals are bathed, clipped or combed for the purpose of enhancing either their  
281 aesthetic value or health, or both, and for which a fee is charged.

282 ((~~J~~)) K. "Harbored, kept or maintained" means performing any of the acts of  
283 providing care, shelter, protection, refuge, food or nourishment in such a manner as to  
284 control the animal's actions, or that the animal or animals are treated as living at one's  
285 house by the homeowner.

286 ((~~K~~)) L. "Hobby cattery" means a noncommercial cattery at or adjoining a  
287 private residence where four or more adult cats are bred or kept for exhibition for  
288 organized shows or for the enjoyment of the species. However, a combination hobby  
289 cattery/kennel license may be issued where the total number of cats and dogs exceeds the  
290 number otherwise allowed in K.C.C. Title 21A.

291 ((~~L~~)) M. "Hobby kennel" means a noncommercial kennel at or adjoining a  
292 private residence where four or more adult dogs are bred or kept for any combination of  
293 hunting, training and exhibition for organized shows, for field, working or obedience  
294 trials or for the enjoyment of the species. However, a combination hobby cattery/kennel  
295 license may be issued where the total number of cats and dogs exceeds the number  
296 otherwise allowed in K.C.C. Title 21A.

297 ((~~M~~)) N. "Juvenile" means any dog or cat, altered or unaltered, that is under six  
298 months old.

299 ~~((N-))~~ Q. "Kennel" means a place where four or more adult dogs are kept,  
300 whether by owners of the dogs or by persons providing facilities and care, whether or not  
301 for compensation, but not including a pet shop. An adult dog is one of either sex, altered  
302 or unaltered, that is at least six months old.

303 ~~((O-))~~ P. "Livestock" has the same meaning as in K.C.C. 21A.06.695.

304 ~~((P-))~~ Q. "Owner" means any person having an interest in or right of possession  
305 to an animal. "Owner" also means any person having control, custody or possession of  
306 any animal, or by reason of the animal being seen residing consistently at a location, to an  
307 extent such that the person could be presumed to be the owner.

308 ~~((Q-))~~ R. "Pack" means a group of two or more animals running upon either  
309 public or private property not that of its owner in a state in which either its control or  
310 ownership is in doubt or cannot readily be ascertained and when the animals are not  
311 restrained or controlled.

312 ~~((R-))~~ S. "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, joint stock company,  
313 corporation, association, trust, estate or other legal entity.

314 ~~((S-))~~ T. "Pet" means a dog or a cat or any other animal required to be licensed by  
315 this chapter. "Dog," "cat" and "pet" may be used interchangeably.

316 ~~((T-))~~ U. "Pet shop" means any person, establishment, store or department of any  
317 store that acquires live animals, including birds, reptiles, fowl and fish, and sells or rents,  
318 or offers to sell or rent, the live animals to the public or to retail outlets.

319 ~~((U-))~~ V. "Private animal placement permit ~~((individual))~~" means a permit or  
320 permits issued to qualified persons or organizations engaged in fostering dogs and cats,  
321 ~~((who meet certain requirements))~~ to allow ~~((the persons))~~ them to possess more dogs and

322 cats than is otherwise specified in K.C.C. Title 21A. (~~Persons holding an individual~~  
323 ~~private animal placement permit and fostering dogs and cats must locate an adoptive~~  
324 ~~home for a dog or cat within six months of acquisition of the dog or cat.))~~

325 ~~((V. "Private animal placement permit—organizational" means permits issued to~~  
326 ~~organizations engaged in fostering dogs and cats, the organizations having first met~~  
327 ~~certain requirements. These organizations may distribute these permits to individuals~~  
328 ~~who will foster the dogs and cats in their homes. The permits will allow the individuals~~  
329 ~~to possess more dogs and cats than is specified in K.C.C. Title 21A. The organizations~~  
330 ~~must be approved by the manager of the animal care and control section, and their permit~~  
331 ~~holders must locate an adoptive home for a dog or cat within six months of acquisition of~~  
332 ~~the dog or cat.))~~

333 W. "Running at large" means to be off the premises of the owner and not under  
334 the control of the owner, or competent person authorized by the owner, either by leash,  
335 verbal voice or signal control.

336 X. "Service animal" means any animal that is trained or being trained to aid a  
337 person who is blind, hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and is used for that purpose  
338 and is registered with a recognized service animal organization.

339 Y. "Shelter" means a facility that is used to house or contain stray, homeless,  
340 abandoned or unwanted animals and that is owned, operated or maintained by a public  
341 body, an established humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention  
342 of cruelty to animals or other nonprofit organization or person devoted to the welfare,  
343 protection and humane treatment of animals.

344 Z. "Special hobby kennel license" means a license issued under certain  
345 conditions to pet owners, who do not meet the requirements for a hobby kennel license,  
346 to allow them to retain only those specific dogs and cats then in their possession until  
347 such time as the death or transfer of the animals reduces the number they possess to the  
348 legal limit in K.C.C. Title 21A, the King County zoning code.

349 AA. "Under control" means the animal is either under competent voice control or  
350 competent signal control, or both, so as to be restrained from approaching any bystander  
351 or other animal and from causing or being the cause of physical property damage when  
352 off a leash or off the premises of the owner.

353 BB. "Vicious" means having performed the act of, or having the propensity to do  
354 any act, endangering the safety of any person, animal or property of another, including,  
355 but not limited to, biting a human being or attacking a human being or domesticated  
356 animal without provocation.

357 SECTION 12. Ordinance 1396 Article II, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
358 11.04.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

359 A. All dogs and cats eight weeks old and older that are harbored, kept or  
360 maintained in King County shall be licensed and registered (~~annually~~). Licenses shall  
361 be renewed on or before the date of expiration.

362 B. Upon application and the payment of a license fee made payable to the King  
363 County treasury according to the schedule provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035, ((P))pet  
364 licenses shall be issued by the ((animal care and control)) regional animal services  
365 section and may be issued by shelters, veterinarians, pet shops, catteries and kennels and  
366 other approved locations ((upon application and the payment of a license fee made

367 payable to the department of finance according to the schedule provided in K.C.C.  
368 11.04.035)), under with contract with the county.

369 1. Pet licenses for ~~((unaltered))~~ dogs and cats shall be valid for a term of one  
370 year from issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. ~~((Pet licenses for  
371 altered dogs and cats shall be valid for one year, expiring on the last day of the twelfth  
372 month.))~~ There is no proration of any license fees. Renewal licenses shall retain the  
373 original expiration period whether renewed before, on or after their respective renewal  
374 months.

375 2. Juvenile licenses ~~((must))~~ may be obtained in lieu of an unaltered pet license  
376 for pets from eight weeks to six months old.

377 3. King County residents sixty-five years old or older may purchase a  
378 discounted pet license for their cats or dogs that are neutered or spayed and that are  
379 maintained at the registered owner's registered address. Residents sixty-five years old or  
380 older who have previously obtained a special permanent license for ((the lifetime of))  
381 their cats or dogs ((that are neutered or spayed and for which they are the registered  
382 owners when the animals are maintained at the owners' registered addresses. Those  
383 residents)) shall not be required to ((annually)) purchase a new license for ((the lifetime  
384 of)) the permanently licensed animals ~~((though no person shall be issued more than three~~  
385 ~~special permanent animal licenses for any combination of three cats and dogs for which~~  
386 ~~the person is the registered owner)).~~

387 4. Disabled residents that meet the eligibility requirements of the Metro regional  
388 reduced fare permit program authorized in K.C.C. chapter 28.94 may purchase a

389 discounted pet license for their cats or dogs that are neutered or spayed and that are  
390 maintained at the registered owner's registered address.

391 5. Applications for a pet license shall be on forms provided by the ~~((animal care~~  
392 ~~and control))~~ regional animal services section.

393 ~~((5.))~~ 6. License tags shall be worn by dogs at all times. As an alternative to a  
394 license tag, a dog or cat may be identified as licensed by being tattooed on its right ear or  
395 on its inside right thigh or groin with a license number approved or issued by the ~~((animal~~  
396 ~~care and control))~~ regional animal services section.

397 ~~((6.))~~ 7. Owners of dogs or cats who hold valid licenses from other jurisdictions  
398 and who move into King County may transfer the license by paying a transfer fee. The  
399 license shall maintain the original license's expiration date.

400 ~~((7.))~~ 8. It is a violation of this chapter for any person to sell or transfer  
401 ownership of any pet without a pet license. The ~~((King County animal care and control~~  
402 ~~authority))~~ regional animal services section shall be notified of the name, address and  
403 telephone number of the new owner by the person who sold or transferred the pet.

404 ~~((8.))~~ 9. An applicant may be denied the issuance or renewal of a pet license, if  
405 the applicant was previously found in violation of the animal cruelty provisions of K.C.C.  
406 11.04.250 or convicted of animal cruelty under RCW 16.52.205 or 16.52.207.

407 a. An applicant may be denied the issuance or renewal of a pet license for up  
408 to:

409 (1) four years, if found in violation of the animal cruelty provisions of K.C.C.  
410 11.04.250 or convicted of a misdemeanor under RCW 16.52.207; or

411 (2) indefinitely, if convicted of a felony under RCW 16.52.205.

412           b. Any applicant who is either (~~(or both)~~) the subject of a notice and order  
413 under K.C.C. 11.04.250 or charged with animal cruelty under RCW 16.52.205 or  
414 16.52.207, (~~(or both)~~) may have the issuance or renewal of their pet license denied  
415 pending the final result of either the notice and order or charge(~~(, or both)~~).

416           ~~((9.))~~ 10. The denial of the issuance or renewal of a pet license is subject to  
417 appeal, in accordance with K.C.C. 11.04.270.

418           ~~((10.))~~ 11. Cat or dog owners are subject to a penalty according to the schedule  
419 in K.C.C. 11.04.035 for failure to comply with the licensing requirement in subsection A.  
420 of this section (~~(only if the owner fails to immediately license his or her dog or cat when~~  
421 ~~the animal care and control section offers the owner the opportunity to do so)~~).

422           C. A late (~~(penalty))~~ fee shall be charged on all pet license applications,  
423 according to the schedule provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035.

424           D. All fees and fines collected under this chapter shall be deposited in the  
425 (~~(county current expense))~~ general fund (~~(and shall be distributed according to K.C.C.~~  
426 ~~11.04.035))~~ to be applied solely to regional animal services. The records and licensing  
427 services division is authorized to accept credit and bank card payments for fees and  
428 penalties imposed under this title, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.100.

429           E. It is a violation of this chapter for any person to knowingly issue a check for  
430 which funds are insufficient or to stop payment on any check written in payment of fees  
431 in this chapter. Any license or penalty paid for with those types of checks are, in the case  
432 of the license, invalid; and in the case of the penalty, still outstanding. Costs incurred by  
433 the county in collecting checks of this nature shall be considered a cost of abatement and  
434 are personal obligations of the animal owner under K.C.C. 11.04.300.



435 F. Except for subsection G., ((F))this section shall not apply to dogs or cats in the  
436 custody of a veterinarian or ((animal)) shelter or whose owners are nonresidents  
437 temporarily within the county for a period not exceeding thirty days.

438 G. Veterinarians and shelters that sell or give away a dog or cat without a license  
439 shall make license application materials available to the new pet owner and shall provide  
440 the regional animal services section monthly with the list of list of information required  
441 by K.C.C. 11.04.070 for any dogs and cats given away or sold.

442 SECTION 13. Ordinance 10423, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.033  
443 are hereby amended to read as follows:

444 All ((animal shelters, kennels, catteries,)) hobby kennels((,)) and hobby  
445 catteries((, pet shops and grooming services)) must be licensed by the ((animal care and  
446 control authority)) regional animal services section. Licenses shall be valid for one year  
447 from the date of application. Fees shall be assessed as provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035.  
448 There is no proration of the license fee. Renewal licenses shall retain the original  
449 expiration date whether renewed on or after their respective renewal month. ((Any  
450 person or persons who engage in more than one of the services or maintains more than  
451 one of the types of facilities cited in this section shall pay license fees as provided in  
452 K.C.C. 11.04.035. Veterinarians shall obtain the required licenses for any service other  
453 than a service that by law may be performed only by a veterinarian, but no such a license  
454 shall be required for veterinarians' possession of animals solely for the purposes of  
455 veterinary care.)) Issuance of a license under this section shall not excuse any  
456 requirement to obtain a private animal placement permit.

457 SECTION 14. Ordinance 7416, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.035 are

458 hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The following animal license and registration fees (~~are applicable as provided in this chapter~~) apply:
  - 1. Pet license - dog or cat
    - a. Unaltered ~~((dog or cat))~~ ~~\$((90.00))~~  
60.00
    - b. Altered \$30.00
  - 2. Juvenile pet license - dog or cat ~~\$((5.00))~~  
15.00
  - 3. (~~Senior citizen—lifetime license~~) Discounted pet license - dog or cat \$15.00
    - ~~(a. Senior citizen—lifetime license—dog~~ \$20.00
    - ~~b. Senior citizen—lifetime license—cat~~ \$12.00)
  - 4. Replacement tag \$5.00
  - 5. Transfer fee \$3.00
  - ~~(6. Animal shelter~~ \$250.00
  - 7. Kennel and cattery
    - a. Hobby \$50.00
    - b. Commercial \$250.00
  - 8. Pet shop \$250.00
  - 9. Grooming service

a.	Operating alone	\$150.00
b.	When operated in conjunction with pet shop or kennel or veterinarian	\$150.00
10	Guard dog registration	\$100.00
11.	Exotic pet	
a.	New	\$500.00
b.	Renewal	\$250.00
12.	Service animal	no charge
13.	K-9 police dog	no charge))
6.	<u>Guard dog registration</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
7.	<u>Exotic pet</u>	
a.	<u>New</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
b.	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
8.	<u>Service animal</u>	<u>no charge</u>
9.	<u>K-9 police dog</u>	<u>no charge</u>
10.	<u>The following late fees shall apply to license renewal applications:</u>	
a.	<u>received 45 to 90 days following license expiration</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
b.	<u>received 90 to 135 days following license expiration</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
c.	<u>received more than 135 days following license expiration</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
d.	<u>received more than 365 days following license expiration</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>

plus  
license  
fee(s) for  
any  
year(s)  
that the  
pet was  
unlicensed

B. The following business and activity permit fees apply:

- |                              |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>1.</u>                    | <u>Hobby kennel and hobby cattery license</u>                            | <u>\$50.00</u>                           |
| <del>((14.))</del> <u>2.</u> | <del>((Individual private))</del> <u>Private animal placement permit</u> | <del>\$\$((25.00))</del><br><u>15.00</u> |
| <del>((15.))</del>           | <del>Organizational private animal placement permit</del>                | <del>\$10.00</del>                       |

~~B. The following late fees are applicable to license renewal applications as provided in this chapter:~~

- |               |   |                    |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| <del>1.</del> | <del>Received after forty five days of license expiration but before ninety days or failure to comply with K.C.C. 11.04.030.C</del> | <del>\$15.00</del> |
| <del>2.</del> | <del>Received after ninety days of license expiration, but before one hundred thirty five days</del>                                | <del>\$20.00</del> |
| <del>3.</del> | <del>After one hundred thirty five days of license expiration the pet shall be considered unlicensed.))</del>                       |                    |
| <u>3.</u>     | <u>Private animal placement permit for individuals or</u>   | <u>no charge</u>   |

organizations that foster animals from the King County animal shelter

C. The following civil penalties shall be assessed:

- |    |  |                       |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 1  | <u>Civil penalties: General</u> ( <del> Dog leash law violations</del> | \$25.00               |
| a. | <u>First notice</u>  |                       |
| b. | <del> Successive violations within one year</del>                      | <del> \$50.00))</del> |
| a. | <u>No previous similar code violation within one year</u>              | <u>\$50.00</u>        |
| b. | <u>One previous similar code violation within one year</u>             | <u>\$100.00</u>       |
| c. | <u>Two or more similar code violations within one year</u>             | <u>Double</u>         |
|    |  | <u>the rate of</u>    |
|    |  | <u>the</u>            |
|    |  | <u>previous</u>       |
|    |  | <u>penalty,</u>       |
|    |  | <u>up to a</u>        |
|    |  | <u>maximum</u>        |
|    |  | <u>of</u>             |
|    |  | <u>\$1000.00</u>      |
| 2. | <u>Civil penalties: Vicious animal or animal cruelty violations</u>    |                       |
| a. | <u>First violation within one year</u>                                 | <u>\$500.00</u>       |
| b. | <u>Subsequent violations within one year</u>                           | <u>\$1000.00</u>      |
| 3. | <u>Civil penalties: Dog leash law violations</u>                       |                       |
| a. | <u>First violation within one year</u>                                 | <u>\$25.00</u>        |

b.	<u>Additional violations within one year</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<del>((2.</del>	<del>Civil penalties</del>	<del>Maximum</del>
		<del>\$1,000.00</del>
<del>3-)) 4.</del>	<del>Civil penalties: Animal abandonment</del>	<del>\$500.00</del>
<del>((4.)) 5.</del>	<del>Civil penalties: Unlicensed cat or dog</del>	<del>(((\$75.00))</del>
a.	<u>Altered cat or dog</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>
b.	<u>Unaltered cat or dog</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
D.	The following service fees apply <del>((as provided in this chapter))</del> :	
1.	<u>Adoptions - per animal, including licensing and spaying or</u>	<del>(((\$75.00))</del>
	<u>neutering of the animal</u>	<u>\$75.00 -</u>
		<u>\$250.00</u>
		<u>based</u>
		<u>upon</u>
		<u>adoptabilit</u>
		y
	<del>((This is a one price fee that includes the fee for adopting an animal, the license fee and the spaying or neutering of the animal))</del>	
2.	Spay or neuter deposit - per animal as required in K.C.C.	<del>(((\$50.00))</del>
	11.04.210.B.1.a.	<u>150.00</u>
3.	Impound or redemption - <u>dogs, cats or other small animals</u>	
a.	<del>((Dog, cats other small animals first offense))</del> <u>First impound</u>	\$45.00

	<u>within one year</u>	
b.	Second <del>((offense,))</del> <u>impound</u> within one year	\$85.00
c.	Third <del>((offense))</del> <u>impound</u> within one year	<del>\$((90.00))</del> <u>125.00</u>
<del>((b-))</del> 4.	<u>Impound or redemption - Livestock</u>	\$100.00 <u>or</u> <u>actual cost</u> <u>of</u> <u>sheltering,</u> <u>whichever</u> <u>is greater</u>
<del>((4-))</del> 5.	<u>Kenneling at King County animal shelter</u> - per 24 hours or portion thereof	<del>\$((12.00))</del> <u>20.00</u>
<del>((5-))</del> 6.	In-field pick up of an owner's deceased unlicensed pet or pick up of an unlicensed pet released voluntarily to <del>((animal care</del> <del>and control))</del> <u>the regional animal services section</u>	<del>\$((20.00))</del> <u>75.00</u>
<del>((6-))</del> 7.	Owner-requested euthanasia (unlicensed pets)	<del>\$((20.00))</del> <u>50.00</u>
<del>((7-))</del> 8.	Optional microchipping for adopted pets	\$25.00

459            SECTION 15. Ordinance 1396 Article II Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.  
460 11.04.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:  
461            A. ~~((The applicant for an original animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming~~  
462 ~~service or kennel license shall present to the animal care and control authority a written~~  
463 ~~statement from the county department of development and environmental services that~~

464 the establishment of the animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming service or kennel at  
465 the proposed site is not in violation of K.C.C. Title 21A, the King County zoning code, or  
466 has a legal nonconforming zoning status, or a conditional use permit has been issued for  
467 the intended use.

468 B. ~~Before an animal shelter, cattery))~~ Shelters, catteries, pet shops, grooming  
469 services ~~((or))~~ and kennels ~~((license may be issued by the animal care and control~~  
470 ~~authority, a certificate of inspection from))~~ shall comply with the licensing requirements  
471 of the Seattle-King County ((health)) department ((or King County animal care and  
472 control section must be issued showing that the animal shelter, cattery, pet shop,  
473 grooming service or kennel is in compliance with K.C.C. 11.04.080, 11.04.090,  
474 11.04.100 and 11.04.110)) of public health.

475 SECTION 16. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C.  
476 11.04.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:

477 A. It is unlawful for any person to keep and maintain any ~~((dog or cat within the~~  
478 ~~county for the purposes of a))~~ hobby kennel or hobby cattery without ~~((annually~~  
479 ~~obtaining))~~ a valid and subsisting license therefor. The fee for such an annual license  
480 shall be assessed upon the owner or keeper of the animals and shall be as provided in  
481 K.C.C. 11.04.035. In addition, each animal that is maintained at a hobby kennel or hobby  
482 cattery shall be licensed individually under K.C.C. 11.04.030.B.

483 B. Any hobby kennel or hobby cattery license shall limit the total number of  
484 adult dogs and cats ((over six months old)) kept by the hobby kennel or hobby cattery  
485 based on ~~((the following guidelines))~~:

486 1. Animal size;



- 487           2. Type and characteristics of the breed;
- 488           3. The amount of lot area, though the maximum number shall not exceed:
- 489               a. twenty-five where the lot area contains five acres or more;
- 490               b. ten where the lot area contains thirty-five thousand square feet but less than
- 491 five acres; and
- 492               c. five where the lot area is less than thirty-five thousand square feet;
- 493           4. The facility specifications and dimensions in which the dogs and cats are to
- 494 be maintained;
- 495           5. The zoning classification in which the hobby kennel or hobby cattery would
- 496 be maintained.
- 497           C. The following are requirements for hobby kennels and hobby catteries:
- 498               1. All open run areas shall be completely surrounded by a six-foot fence set
- 499 back at least twenty feet from all property lines, though this requirement may be modified
- 500 for hobby catteries as long as the open run area contains the cats and prohibits the
- 501 entrance of children. For purposes of this section, "open run area" means that area,
- 502 within the property lines of the premises on which the hobby kennel or hobby cattery is to
- 503 be maintained, where the dogs and cats are sheltered or maintained. If there is no area set
- 504 aside for sheltering or maintaining the dogs within the property lines of the premises the
- 505 twenty foot setback does not apply. The property lines of premises not containing an
- 506 open run area must be completely surrounded by a six-foot fence;
- 507               2. No commercial signs or other appearances advertising the hobby kennel or
- 508 hobby cattery are permitted on the property except for the sale of the allowable offspring
- 509 set forth in this section;

510           3. The manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional animal services  
511 section may require setback, additional setback, fencing, screening or soundproofing as  
512 the manager deems necessary to ensure the compatibility of the hobby kennel or hobby  
513 cattery with the surrounding neighborhood. Factors to be considered in determining the  
514 compatibility are:

515           a. statements regarding approval or disapproval of surrounding neighbors  
516 relative to maintenance of a hobby kennel or hobby cattery at the address applied for;

517           b. history of verified animal care and control complaints relating to the dogs  
518 and cats of the applicant at the address for which the hobby kennel or hobby cattery is  
519 applied for;

520           c. facility specifications or dimensions in which the dogs and cats are to be  
521 maintained;

522           d. animal size, type and characteristics of breed; and

523           e. the zoning classification of the premises on which the hobby kennel or  
524 hobby cattery is maintained;

525           4. The hobby kennel or hobby cattery shall limit dog and cat reproduction to no  
526 more than one litter per license year per female dog and two litters per license year per  
527 female cat; and

528           5. Each dog and cat in the hobby kennel or hobby cattery shall have current and  
529 proper immunization from disease according to the dog's and cat's species and age. The  
530 immunizations shall consist of distemper, (~~(hepatitis)~~) hepatitis, leptospirosis,  
531 parainfluenza and parvo virus (DHLPP) inoculation for dogs over three months old and  
532 feline herpes virus 1, calicivirus and panleukopenia virus (FVRCP) inoculation for cats

533 over two months old and rabies inoculations for all dogs and cats over ~~((six))~~ four months  
534 old.

535 D. A hobby kennel or hobby cattery license may be issued ~~((Θ))~~ only when the  
536 manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section is satisfied  
537 that the requirements of K.C.C. 11.04.060C.1. through 5. have been met ~~((, a hobby  
538 kennel or hobby cattery license may be issued))~~. The license ~~((shall continue in full force  
539 throughout the license year unless, at anytime, the hobby kennel or hobby cattery is  
540 maintained in such a manner as to:~~

541 ~~1. Exceed))~~ may be terminated if the number of dogs and cats exceeds the  
542 number allowed ~~((at the hobby kennel by the animal care and control))~~ by the regional  
543 animal services section ~~((;))~~ or

544 ~~((2. Fail))~~ if the facility fails to comply with any of the requirements of K.C.C.  
545 11.04.060 C.1. through 5.

546 E.1. Persons owning a total number of dogs and cats exceeding three, who do not  
547 meet the requirements for a hobby kennel license, may be eligible for special hobby  
548 kennel license to be issued at no cost by the ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional  
549 animal services section, which shall allow them to retain the specific animals then in their  
550 possession, but only if the following conditions are met:

551 a. the applicant must apply for the special hobby kennel license and individual  
552 licenses for each dog and cat by July 6, 1992, or at the time they are contacted by an  
553 animal care and control officer, King County license inspector or King County pet license  
554 canvasser; and

555           b. the applicant is keeping the dogs and cats for the enjoyment of the species,  
556 and not as a commercial enterprise.

557           2. The special hobby kennel license shall only be valid for those specific dogs  
558 and cats in the possession of the applicant at the time of issuance, and is intended to allow  
559 pet owners to possess animals beyond the limits otherwise imposed by K.C.C. Title 21A  
560 until such a time as the death or transfer of the animals reduces the number possessed to  
561 the legal limit set forth in K.C.C. Title 21A.

562           3. The manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services  
563 section may deny any application for a special hobby kennel license:

564           a. based on past Animal Care and Control Code violations by the applicant's  
565 dogs and cats or verified complaints from neighbors regarding the applicant's dogs and  
566 cats; or

567           b. if the animal or animals ~~((is [are]))~~ are maintained in inhumane conditions.

568           SECTION 17. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C.  
569 11.04.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

570           Each animal shelter, kennel, hobby kennel, cattery, hobby cattery or pet shop shall  
571 provide the regional animal services section with a monthly list ~~((to the animal care and  
572 control authority, quarterly, based upon the calendar year,))~~ of all dogs and cats that it has  
573 given away or sold. The list shall include the origin, ~~((the))~~ age, sex, color, breed, altered  
574 status, microchip number and ((type)) license number of each dog or cat given away or  
575 sold and the new owner's name, ((and)) address, e-mail address and telephone number  
576 ~~((of the person to whom the dog, dogs, cat or cats was [were] given or sold)).~~

577            SECTION 18. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C.  
578 11.04.080 are hereby amended to read as follows:

579            A. It shall be the duty of the director of the Seattle-King County department of  
580 public health or the director's agent or the manager of the ((~~animal care and control~~))  
581 regional animal services section or the manager's agent to make or cause to be made such  
582 an inspection as may be necessary to ((~~ensure~~)) determine compliance with K.C.C.  
583 11.04.090, 11.04.100 and 11.04.110. The owner or keeper of an animal shelter, kennel,  
584 cattery, grooming service or pet shop shall admit to the premises, for the purpose of  
585 making an inspection, any officer, agent or employee of the Seattle-King County  
586 department of public health or animal care and control authority at any reasonable time  
587 that admission is requested.

588            B. It is unlawful to keep, use or maintain within King County any animal shelter,  
589 kennel, cattery, grooming service or pet shop that is unsanitary, nauseous, foul or  
590 offensive, or in any way detrimental to public health or safety and not in compliance with  
591 K.C.C. 11.04.070, 11.04.090, 11.04.100 ((~~and~~)) or 11.04.110 ((~~and may be cause for~~  
592 ~~revocation or denial of the license~~)).

593            SECTION 19. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C.  
594 11.04.140 are hereby amended to read as follows:

595            The manager of the ((~~animal care and control~~)) regional animal services section is  
596 authorized to promulgate rules and regulations not in conflict with this title as they  
597 pertain to the conditions and operations of animal shelters, hobby kennels, kennels,  
598 hobby catteries, catteries, pet shops and grooming parlors, guard dog purveyors, guard  
599 dog trainers and guard dog owners. The rules and regulations may be enacted only after

600 a public hearing has been held regarding the rules and regulations. Enforcement of these  
601 rules and regulations may be appealed to the county board of appeals.

602 SECTION 20. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C.  
603 11.04.150 are hereby amended to read as follows:

604 The ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section may, in  
605 addition to other penalties provided in this title, revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any  
606 ~~((animal shelter,))~~ hobby kennel, ~~((kennel, grooming parlor, pet shop,))~~ hobby cattery,  
607 guard dog purveyor or guard dog trainer license or guard dog registration upon good  
608 cause or for failure to comply with any provision of this title. ~~((However,~~  
609 ~~e))~~Enforcement of such a revocation, suspension or refusal shall be stayed during the  
610 pendency of an appeal filed in accordance with K.C.C. 11.04.260.

611 SECTION 21, Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C.  
612 11.04.160 are hereby amended to read as follows:

613 ~~((No))~~ If an applicant has had a license or registration revoked or a renewal  
614 refused, the applicant shall not be issued ~~((an animal shelter,))~~ a hobby kennel license,  
615 ~~((kennel, grooming parlor, pet shop,))~~ hobby cattery license, guard dog purveyor license,  
616 guard dog trainer license or guard dog registration ~~((who has previously had the license~~  
617 ~~or registration revoked or a renewal refused,))~~ ~~((a period of))~~ one year after the  
618 revocation or refusal ~~((and until the applicant meets the requirements in K.C.C. 11.04.070~~  
619 ~~through 11.04.110 or any other provision of this title to the satisfaction of the animal care~~  
620 ~~and control authority)).~~

621 SECTION 22. Ordinance 10809, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.165  
622 are hereby amended as follows:

623           A. Any person independently engaged in the fostering of dogs and cats who  
624 routinely possesses more dogs and cats than are otherwise allowed in K.C.C. Title 21A  
625 must obtain a~~((n individual))~~ private animal placement permit from ~~((animal care and~~  
626 ~~control))~~ the regional animal services section. Permits shall be valid for one year from  
627 issuance and may not be transferred.

628           B. In order to qualify for a~~((n individual))~~ private animal placement permit, an  
629 applicant must:

630           1. Maintain and care for dogs and cats in a humane and sanitary fashion, in  
631 compliance with K.C.C. 11.04.090.

632           2. ~~((Reside where the fostering of))~~ Foster the dogs and cats at a location that is  
633 compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

634           3. Agree to return stray or lost animals to their owners in accordance with  
635 K.C.C. 11.04.210 before placing the animals in an adoptive home.

636           4. Agree to spay or neuter and license each dog or cat before placement into its  
637 new home and transfer the license of each animal to its adoptive owner.

638           5. Agree to coordinate their adoption process with ~~((animal care and control))~~  
639 the regional animal services section, including reporting on the disposition of each  
640 animal, and only adopting to owners who would qualify to adopt an animal from a King  
641 County animal care and control shelter based on the adoption procedures and guidelines  
642 used by the ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section.

643           C. ~~((These))~~ Individuals or organizations holding a~~((n individual))~~ private animal  
644 placement permit shall be allowed to possess five foster animals above the limit that  
645 would normally apply to their property under K.C.C. Title 21A.

646 Permit holders are required to locate an adoptive home for each dog or cat within  
647 six months of acquiring the dog or cat. If, after six months, an adoptive home has not  
648 been found for a dog or cat, the ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal  
649 services section shall review the situation to determine if the permit holder is complying  
650 with the permit. If the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal  
651 services section ascertains that a good faith effort is being made to locate adoptive  
652 homes, a six-month extension may be granted.

653 The presence of juvenile animals shall not necessarily place a permit holder over  
654 their limit unless the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services  
655 section determines that juvenile animals are present in such large numbers as to otherwise  
656 place the permit holder out of compliance with the permit.

657 Holders of hobby kennel licenses shall be allowed to possess and foster five more  
658 animals than are allowed by the conditions of a hobby kennel permit.

659 D. The ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section may  
660 inspect the facilities of an applicant for a ~~((n individual))~~ private animal placement permit  
661 to determine whether or not such a permit shall be issued. In addition, the ~~((animal care~~  
662 ~~and control authority))~~ regional animal services section may periodically inspect the  
663 facilities of holders of ~~((individual))~~ private animal placement permits to ensure  
664 compliance with this section. The ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal  
665 services section may also deny or revoke permits based on any one or more of the  
666 following ~~((;))~~:

667 1. A failure to meet the qualifications listed in subsections A. through C. of this  
668 section;



- 669           2. ~~((Animal))~~ Verified animal care and control complaints; and  
670           3. ~~((Complaints))~~ Verified complaints by neighbors regarding the ~~((maintenance~~  
671 ~~of the individual))~~ failure to comply with private animal placement permit ~~((by~~  
672 ~~neighbors))~~ requirements.

673           SECTION 23. Ordinance 10809, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.167  
674 are hereby amended as follows:

675           A. Any organization engaged in the fostering of dogs and cats whose members  
676 routinely or from time to time have in their possession up to five more dogs and cats than  
677 are otherwise allowed in K.C.C. Title 21A must obtain ~~((organizational))~~ private animal  
678 placement permits from ~~((animal care and control))~~ the regional animal services section  
679 for each of those members. Organizations may purchase up to five permits, or up to  
680 twenty permits per year. However, the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
681 regional animal services section may issue more than twenty permits to an organization  
682 when to do so would further the goals of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal  
683 services section and be in the public interest. Permits shall be valid for one year from  
684 issuance and may be transferred between members of the organization.

685           B. In order to qualify to distribute ~~((organizational))~~ private animal placement  
686 permits to its members, an organization must:

687           1. Be of a reputable nature and engaged in the fostering of animals solely for the  
688 benefit of the animals involved, and not as a commercial enterprise;

689           2. Agree to furnish animal care and control with the names, addresses and phone  
690 numbers of each of the holders of its permits~~((s))~~, including immediately furnishing this  
691 information when a transfer takes place; and

692           3. Agree that, to the best of their ability, they shall only ((issue)) distribute  
693 permits to individuals who ((will:

694           ~~a. maintain and care for dogs and cats in a humane and sanitary fashion in~~  
695 ~~compliance with K.C.C. 11.04.090;~~

696           ~~b. reside where the fostering of dogs and cats is compatible with the~~  
697 ~~surrounding neighborhood;~~

698           ~~c. agree to return stray or lost animals to their owners in accordance with~~  
699 ~~K.C.C. 11.04.210 before placing the animals in an adoptive home;~~

700           ~~d. spay or neuter and license each dog or cat and transfer the license of each~~  
701 ~~animal to its adoptive owner; and~~

702           ~~e. coordinate their adoption process with animal care and control, including~~  
703 ~~reporting on the disposition of each animal, and only adopting to owners who would~~  
704 ~~qualify to adopt an animal from a King County animal care and control shelter based on~~  
705 ~~the adoption procedures and guidelines used by the animal care and control authority.~~

706           ~~C. Those holding an organizational private animal placement permit shall be~~  
707 ~~allowed to foster up to five more dogs or cats above the limit that would normally apply~~  
708 ~~to their property under K.C.C. Title 21A. Holders of hobby kennel licenses shall be~~  
709 ~~allowed to foster five more animals than are allowed by conditions of a hobby kennel~~  
710 ~~permit.~~

711           ~~Permit holders are required to locate an adoptive home for each dog or cat within~~  
712 ~~six months of acquiring the dog or cat. If, after six months, an adoptive home has not~~  
713 ~~been found for a dog or cat the animal care and control authority shall review the~~  
714 ~~situation to determine if the permit holder is complying with the permit. If the manager~~

715 of the animal care and control section ascertains that a good faith effort is being made to  
716 locate adoptive homes, a six month extension may be granted.

717 ——— The presence of juvenile animals shall not necessarily place a permit holder over  
718 the limit of five foster animals beyond the limit that would normally apply to their  
719 property under K.C.C. 21A.30.020 unless the manager of the animal care and control  
720 section determines that juvenile animals are present in such large numbers as to place the  
721 permit holder out of compliance with the permit.

722 ——— D. The animal care and control authority may inspect the facilities of an applicant  
723 for an organizational private animal placement permit to determine whether or not such a  
724 permit shall be issued. In addition, the animal care and control authority may  
725 periodically inspect the facilities of holders of organizational private animal placement  
726 permits to ensure compliance with this section, and to determine whether or not the  
727 organization as a whole shall be allowed to continue fostering dogs and cats. The animal  
728 care and control authority may also deny or revoke permits based on any one ore more of  
729 the following:

730 ——— 1. A failure to meet the qualifications in subsections A. through C of this  
731 section;

732 ——— 2. Animal care and control complaints; and

733 ——— 3. Complaints regarding the maintenance of the organizational private animal  
734 placement permit by neighbors shall comply with the requirements of K.C.C. 11.04.165.

735 SECTION 24. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
736 11.04.170 are hereby amended to read as follows:

737           A. The manager of the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional animal  
738 services section and the animal care and control officers are authorized to take such  
739 lawful action as may be required to enforce this chapter, Ordinance 10870, as amended,  
740 and K.C.C. Title 21A, as they pertain to the keeping of animals, and the laws of the state  
741 of Washington as the laws pertain to animal cruelty, shelter, welfare and enforcement of  
742 control.

743           B. The manager of the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional animal  
744 services section or animal care and control officers shall not enter a building designated  
745 for and used for private purposes, unless a proper warrant has first been issued upon a  
746 showing that the officer has reasonable cause to believe an animal is being maintained in  
747 the building in violation of this chapter.

748           C. The manager of the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional animal  
749 services section and animal care and control officers, while pursuing or observing any  
750 animal in violation of this chapter, may enter upon any public or private property, except  
751 any building designated for and used for private purposes, for the purpose of abating the  
752 animal violation being pursued or observed.

753           D. No person shall deny, prevent, obstruct or attempt to deny, prevent or obstruct  
754 an animal care and control officer from pursuing any animal observed to be in violation  
755 of this chapter. Further, no person shall fail or neglect, after a proper warrant has been  
756 presented, to promptly permit the manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional  
757 animal services section or an animal care and control officer to enter private property to  
758 perform any duty imposed by this chapter. Any person violating this subsection is guilty  
759 of a misdemeanor.

760            SECTION 25. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
761 11.04.180 are hereby amended to read as follows:

762            All violations of this chapter are detrimental to the public health, safety and  
763 welfare and are public nuisances. All conditions that are determined after review by the  
764 manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional animal services section to be in  
765 violation of this chapter shall be abated.

766            SECTION 26. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C.  
767 11.04.210 are hereby amended as follows:

768            A. The (~~(manager)~~) manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional animal  
769 services section and the manager's authorized representatives may apprehend any animals  
770 found doing any of the acts defined as a public nuisance or being subjected to cruel  
771 treatment as defined by law. After the animal(~~(s are)~~) is apprehended, the (~~(animal care~~  
772 ~~and control authority)~~) regional animal services section shall ascertain whether (~~(they~~  
773 ~~are)~~) the animal is licensed or otherwise identifiable. If reasonably possible, the (~~(animal~~  
774 ~~care and control authority)~~) regional animal services section shall return the animal to the  
775 owner together with a notice of violation of this chapter.

776            1. If it is not reasonably possible to immediately return a currently licensed  
777 animal to its owner, the (~~(animal care control authority)~~) regional animal services section  
778 shall notify the owner within a reasonable time by regular mail or telephone that the  
779 animal has been impounded and may be redeemed. Any currently licensed animal  
780 impounded in accordance with this chapter shall be held for the owner at least one  
781 hundred twenty hours, after telephone contact by the impounding agency or for at least  
782 two weeks after posting of the notification of impoundment by regular mail(~~(;)~~).

783 ((a)) 2. Any other animal impounded in accordance with this chapter shall be held for  
784 its owner at least seventy-two hours from the time of impoundment. ~~((The county shall  
785 not sell any animals to research institutes or licensed dealers for research purposes.))~~

786 3. Any animal suffering from serious injury or disease may be euthanized.

787 4. ~~((or, in))~~ At the discretion of the impounding authority, any animal may be  
788 held for a longer period than otherwise specified in this section and redeemed by any  
789 person on payment of charges not exceeding those prescribed in this chapter.

790 B. Any animal not redeemed shall be treated in one of the following ways:

791 1. Made available for adoption at ~~((a))~~ the fee ~~((of seven dollars and fifty cents  
792 per animal as))~~ provided in K.C.C. 11.04.035.

793 a. ~~((Any person may adopt an animal impounded in accordance with this  
794 chapter when all billable costs, redemption fees, penalties and boarding costs incurred in  
795 the impoundment are made payable to the manager of finance and business operations,  
796 which may be accepted by the animal care and control authority acting as agent for the  
797 county.))~~ As provided in K.C.C. ~~((11.04.035))~~ 11.04.400, all dogs and cats ~~((over six  
798 months old))~~ adopted from the King County animal shelter shall be spayed or neutered  
799 before adoption, except that, persons adopting a juvenile may elect not to spay or neuter  
800 the animal at the time of adoption if such persons purchase a juvenile license and pre-  
801 purchase an adult altered license, effective the month that the animal would become six  
802 months of age. Such persons shall also pay ~~((A))~~ a spay or neuter deposit ~~((shall be  
803 charged for dogs and cats under six months old that are too young to be spayed or  
804 neutered before adoption. This deposit))~~ that shall be returned to the adopting person  
805 upon submission of proof that the sterilization was performed within six months from the

806 adoption. Failure to spay or neuter such a dog or cat is a violation of this chapter and a  
807 breach of the adoption contract and shall result in the forfeiture of the adoption and return  
808 of the dog or cat to King County animal care and control for the required spaying or  
809 neutering. Persons adopting a juvenile dog or cat that is spayed or neutered may  
810 purchase an adult altered license at the time of adoption, effective for one year.

811 b. The manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services  
812 section may ~~((set))~~ adopt administrative rules regarding the adoption of animals from  
813 King County shelters; ~~((or))~~

814 2. Transferred to another animal welfare organization for adoption;

815 3. Entered into foster care; or

816 4. Euthanized.

817 C. The county shall not sell any animals for the purposes of medical research to  
818 any research institute or any other purchasers.

819 D.1. Any unaltered dog or cat impounded more than once shall be spayed or  
820 neutered ~~((by either))~~:

821 a. by the ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section  
822 before the release of the dog or cat; or

823 b. at the request of the owner, ~~((by the owner of the dog or cat))~~ after release of  
824 the dog or cat to the owner, but only if the owner agrees to pay a cash deposit of two  
825 hundred fifty dollars and provides proof of neutering or spaying on a form provided by  
826 the county. In order for the deposit to be refunded to the owner, the form must be  
827 certified by a licensed veterinarian within ~~((five))~~ ten days of release of the dog or cat to  
828 the owner. If proof of neutering or spaying is not provided within ~~((five))~~ ten days, the

829 ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section may again impound  
830 the dog or cat to ~~((ensure))~~ verify that it is spayed or neutered. If the animal is not spayed  
831 or neutered, the regional animal services section may spay or neuter the animal before it  
832 is released to the owner.

833           2. If the dog or cat is spayed or neutered by the ~~((animal care and control~~  
834 ~~authority))~~ regional animal services section, the cost of the spay or neuter shall be  
835 charged to the owner upon redemption but shall be deducted from the impound and  
836 redemption fees otherwise required under this chapter.

837           SECTION 27. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C.  
838 11.04.220 are hereby amended to read as follows:

839           Notwithstanding the existence or use of any other remedy, the manager of the  
840 ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section may seek legal or equitable  
841 relief to enjoin acts or practices and abate any conditions that constitute a violation of this  
842 chapter or other regulations adopted under this chapter.

843           SECTION 28. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C.  
844 11.04.250 are hereby amended to read as follows:

845           A. It is unlawful for any person to:

846           1. Willfully and cruelly injure or kill any animal by any means causing it fright  
847 or pain;

848           2. By reason of neglect or intent to cause or allow any animal to endure pain,  
849 suffering or injury or to fail or neglect to aid or attempt alleviation of pain, suffering or  
850 injury the person has so caused to any animal;



851           3. Lay out or expose any kind of poison, or to leave exposed any poison food or  
852 drink for humans, animals or fowl, or any substance or fluid whatever whereon or  
853 wherein there is or shall be deposited or mingled, any kind of poison or deadly substance  
854 or fluid whatever, on any premises, or in any unenclosed place, or to aid or abet any  
855 person in so doing, unless in accordance with RCW 16.52.190; and

856           4. Abandon any domesticated animal by dropping off or leaving the animal on  
857 the street, road or highway, in any other public place or on the private property of  
858 another.

859           B. The ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section shall keep a  
860 database containing the names of all persons who are either ~~((or both))~~ found in violation  
861 of K.C.C. 11.04.250 or charged or convicted of animal cruelty under either RCW  
862 16.52.205 or 16.52.207~~((, or both))~~. Further, the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional  
863 animal services section shall coordinate with law enforcement, when necessary, to keep  
864 this database current.

865           SECTION 29. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C.  
866 11.04.260 are hereby amended as follows:

867           A. Whenever the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal  
868 services section or animal care and control officer has found an animal maintained in  
869 violation of this chapter, the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal  
870 services section shall commence proceedings to cause the abatement of each violation.

871           B. The manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services  
872 section or animal care and control officer shall issue a notice of violation and an order

873 directed to the owner or the person presumed to be the owner of the animal maintained in  
874 violation of this chapter. The notice and order shall contain:

875 1. The name and address if known of the owner or person presumed to be the  
876 owner of the animal in violation of this chapter;

877 2. The license number, if available, and description of the animal in violation  
878 sufficient for identification;

879 3. A statement to the effect that the manager or animal care and control officer  
880 has found the animal maintained illegally with a brief and concise description of the  
881 conditions, which caused the animal to be in violation of this chapter, including reference  
882 to the specific sections of code or statute violated and, where relevant, reference to the  
883 specific sections of code or statute authorizing removal of the animal;

884 4. A statement of the action required to be taken to abate the violation, as  
885 determined by the manager of the (~~animal care and control~~) regional animal services  
886 section.

887 a. If the manager has determined the animal in violation must be disposed  
888 (~~with~~) of, the order shall require that the abatement be completed within a specified  
889 time from the order as determined by the manager to be reasonable;

890 b. If the manager of the (~~animal care and control~~) regional animal services  
891 section determined to assess a civil penalty, the order shall require that the penalty shall  
892 be paid within fourteen days from the order.

893 5. Statements advising that if any required abatement is not commenced within  
894 the time specified, the manager of the (~~animal care and control~~) regional animal

895 services section shall proceed to cause abatement and charge the costs thereof against the  
896 owner;

897 6. Statements advising:

898 a. that a person having a legal interest in the animal may appeal from the  
899 notice of violation and order or any action of the manager of the ((~~animal care and~~  
900 ~~control~~)) regional animal services section to the board of appeals, but only if the appeal is  
901 made in writing as provided by this chapter and filed with the manager of the ((~~animal~~  
902 ~~care and control~~)) regional animal services section within fourteen days from the service  
903 of the notice of violation and order((~~;~~)); and

904 b. that failure to appeal constitutes a waiver of all right to an administrative  
905 hearing and determination of the matter.

906 C. The notice and order shall be served on the owner or presumed owner of the  
907 animal in violation.

908 D. Service of the notice of violation and order shall be made upon all persons  
909 entitled thereto:

910 1. Personally;

911 2. By mailing a copy of the notice of violation and order by certified mail,  
912 postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the person at the person's last known address;  
913 or

914 3. By posting the notice of violation and order on the front door of the living  
915 unit of the owner or person with right to control the animal if the owner or person is not  
916 home.

917 E. Proof of service of the notice of violation and order shall be made at the time  
918 of service by a written declaration under penalty of perjury executed by the person  
919 effecting service, declaring the time, date and manner in which service was made.

920 ~~((F. This chapter shall be followed by the manager of the animal care and control~~  
921 ~~section in determining the existence of an animal care and control violation and in~~  
922 ~~determining the abatement action required.))~~

923 SECTION 30. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C.  
924 11.04.270 are hereby amended as follows:

925 A. The King County board of appeals as established by Article 7 of the King  
926 County Charter is designated to hear appeals by parties aggrieved by actions of the  
927 manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section under this  
928 chapter. The board may adopt reasonable rules or regulations for conducting its business.  
929 Copies of all rules and regulations adopted by the board shall be delivered to the manager  
930 of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section, who shall make them  
931 freely accessible to the public. All decisions and findings of the board shall be rendered  
932 to the appellant in writing with a copy to the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
933 regional animal services section.

934 B. Any person entitled to service under K.C.C. 11.04.260.B. may appeal from  
935 any notice and order or any action of the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
936 regional animal services section under this chapter by filing at the office of the manager  
937 of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section within fourteen days  
938 from the service of the order, a written appeal containing:

- 939           1. A heading in the words: "Before the Board of Appeals of the County of  
940 King";
- 941           2. A caption reading: "Appeal of \_\_\_\_\_ giving the names of all  
942 appellants participating in the appeal;
- 943           3. A brief statement setting forth the legal interest of each of the appellants in  
944 the animal involved in the notice and order;
- 945           4. A brief statement in concise language of the specific order or action  
946 protested, together with any material facts claimed to support the contentions of the  
947 appellant;
- 948           5. A brief statement in concise language of the relief sought, and the reasons  
949 why it is claimed the protested order or action should be reversed, modified or otherwise  
950 set aside;
- 951           6. The signatures of all parties' names as appellants, and their official mailing  
952 addresses;
- 953           7. The verification, by declaration under penalty of perjury, of at least one  
954 appellant as to the truth of the matters stated in the appeal.
- 955           C. The board of appeals shall set a time and place, not more than thirty days from  
956 the notice of appeal for a hearing on the appeal. Written notice of the time and place of  
957 hearing shall be given at least ten days (~~((before))~~) before the hearing to each appellant  
958 by the manager-clerk of the board.
- 959           D. At the hearing, the appellant shall be entitled to appear in person, to be  
960 represented by counsel and to offer evidence that is pertinent and material to the action of  
961 the manager of the (~~((animal care and control authority))~~) regional animal services section.

962 Only those matters or issues specifically raised by the appellant in the written notice of  
963 appeal shall be considered.

964 E. Failure of any person to file an appeal in accordance with this section shall  
965 constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing.

966 F. Enforcement of any notice and order of the manager of the ~~((animal care and  
967 control))~~ regional animal services section issued under this chapter shall be stayed during  
968 the pending of an appeal, except impoundment of an animal that is vicious or dangerous  
969 or cruelly treated.

970 G. In proceedings before the board, the regional animal services section shall  
971 bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence both the violation and the  
972 appropriateness of the remedy it has imposed.

973 SECTION 31. Ordinance 1396, Article III, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C.  
974 11.04.290 are hereby amended to read as follows:

975 A.1. An animal, declared by the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
976 regional animal services section to be vicious, may be harbored, kept or maintained in  
977 King County only upon compliance with those requirements prescribed by the manager.  
978 In prescribing the requirements, the manager must take into consideration the following  
979 factors:

- 980 a. the breed of the animal and its characteristics;
- 981 b. the physical size of the animal;
- 982 c. the number of animals in the owner's home;
- 983 d. the zoning involved; size of the lot where the animal resides and the number  
984 and proximity of neighbors;

985 e. the existing control factors, including, but not limited to, fencing, caging,  
986 runs and staking locations; and

987 f. the nature of the behavior giving rise to the manager's determination that the  
988 animal is vicious, including:

989 (1) extent of injury or injuries;

990 (2) circumstance, such as time of day, if it was on or off the property and  
991 provocation instinct; and

992 (3) circumstances surrounding the result and complaint, such as  
993 neighborhood disputes, identification, credibility of complainants and witnesses.

994 2. Requirements that may be prescribed include, but are not limited to, the  
995 following:

996 a. Erection of additional or new fencing adequate to keep the animal within the  
997 confines of its property;

998 b. Construction of a run within which the animal is to be kept. Dimensions of  
999 the run shall be consistent with the size of the animal;

1000 c. Keeping the animal on a leash adequate to control the animal, the length and  
1001 location to be determined by the manager. When unattended the leash must be securely  
1002 fastened to a secure object;

1003 d. Maintenance of the animal indoors at all times, except when personally  
1004 controlled on a leash adequate to control the animal by the owner or a competent person  
1005 at least fifteen years old; and

1006 e. Removal of the animal from the county within forty-eight hours from receipt  
1007 of such a notice.

1008           3. Failure to comply with any requirement prescribed by the manager in  
1009 accordance with this section constitutes a misdemeanor. Such an animal shall not be kept  
1010 in unincorporated King County after forty-eight hours after receiving written notice from  
1011 the manager. Such an animal or animals found in violation of this section shall be  
1012 impounded and disposed of as an unredeemed animal and the owner or keeper of the  
1013 animal or animals has no right to redeem the animal or animals.

1014           B.1. Any animal constituting a public nuisance as provided in this chapter shall  
1015 be abated and removed from the county by the owner or by the manager of the ~~((animal~~  
1016 ~~care and control))~~ regional animal services section, upon the receipt of three notices and  
1017 orders of violation by the owner in any one-year period, though this removal procedure  
1018 shall not apply to the vicious animal removal procedure set out in K.C.C. 11.04.290.A.3.  
1019 Where it is established by record in accordance with this chapter and no finding was  
1020 entered showing that the owner will be able to provide reasonable restraints to protect the  
1021 public from repetitions of violations, the manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
1022 regional animal services section shall notify and direct the owner of the animal to abate  
1023 or remove the same from the county within ninety-six hours from the notice. If the  
1024 animal is found to be within the confines of King County after ninety-six hours have  
1025 elapsed from the notice, the same shall be abated and removed by the manager of the  
1026 ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section. Animals removed in  
1027 accordance with this section shall be removed from King County or be subjected to  
1028 euthanasia by the ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section.

1029           2. Any animal that bites, attacks or attempts to bite one or more persons two or  
1030 more times within a two-year period is declared to be a public nuisance and shall not be



1031 kept within unincorporated King County forty-eight hours after receiving written notice  
1032 from the manager. Such an animal or animals found in violation of this section shall be  
1033 impounded and disposed of as an unredeemed animal, and the owner or keeper of the  
1034 animal or animals has no right to redeem the animal.

1035 SECTION 32. Ordinance 6370, Section 12, and K.C.C. 11.04.330 are hereby  
1036 amended to read as follows:

1037 The ~~((animal control))~~ regional animal services section is authorized to make and  
1038 enforce rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, and it is  
1039 unlawful to violate or fail to comply with any of such rules and regulations. All of such  
1040 rules and regulations shall be reduced to writing and adopted ~~((pursuant to King County~~  
1041 ~~Code,))~~ in accordance with K.C.C. ((C))chapter 2.98.

1042 SECTION 33. Ordinance 7986, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.335 are  
1043 hereby amended to read as follows:

1044 A. The manager of the ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services  
1045 section may waive or provide periods of amnesty for payment of outstanding licensing  
1046 fees, late licensing penalty fees, adoption fees and redemption and sheltering fees, in  
1047 whole or in part, when to do so would further the goals of the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
1048 regional animal services section and be in the public interest.

1049 B. In determining whether a waiver should apply, the manager of the ~~((animal~~  
1050 ~~care and control))~~ regional animal services section must take into consideration the  
1051 following elements:

1052 1. The reason the animal was impounded;

1053           2. The reason or basis for the violation, the nature of the violation, the duration  
1054 of the violation and the likelihood the violation will not recur;

1055           3. The total amount of the fees charged as compared with the gravity of the  
1056 violation;

1057           4. The effect on the owner, the animal's welfare and the ~~((animal care and  
1058 control))~~ regional animal services section if the fee or fees or penalties are not waived  
1059 and no payment is received.

1060           SECTION 34. Ordinance 10423, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.410  
1061 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1062           When issuing a license for an unaltered pet the ~~((animal control authority))~~  
1063 regional animal services section ~~((shall also))~~ may provide to the applicant a voucher  
1064 ~~((with a value not to exceed twenty-five dollars))~~ for the payment of all or part of the cost  
1065 of a spay or neuter operation by a licensed veterinarian on the pet, with the amount of the  
1066 voucher established by the manager of regional animal services based upon available  
1067 resources and appropriation authority being provided by the council. The ~~((animal~~  
1068 ~~control authority))~~ regional animal services section shall compile, maintain and make  
1069 available to the public a list of veterinarians who accept the vouchers as full or partial  
1070 payment for spay or neuter operations. Spay or neuter vouchers shall be redeemed  
1071 through the King County ~~((office of finance))~~ treasury by veterinarians who have  
1072 performed a spay or neuter operation on a pet licensed in King County as an unaltered  
1073 pet.

1074           SECTION 35. Ordinance 10423, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.500  
1075 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1076           A. It shall be the policy of King County that a maximum euthanasia rate target is  
1077 set to measure the progress towards reducing the rates of cats and dogs euthanized by the  
1078 ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section or its designees.  
1079 The euthanasia rates shall be calculated based on the total number of live cats and dogs  
1080 take in to King County custody to include stray, homeless, abandoned, unwanted or  
1081 surrendered animals, and animals euthanized at an owner's request. The euthanasia rates  
1082 shall exclude animals euthanized at the order of the director of the Seattle-King County  
1083 department of public health and those animals who are not in the custody of King County  
1084 but are brought to a King County shelter by their owner or guardian for the purposes of  
1085 licensing, or clinic services, such as spaying, neutering and vaccinations should such  
1086 services be made available to the public by ~~((King County animal care and control))~~ the  
1087 regional animal services section.

1088           B. ~~((The total number of cats and dogs euthanized by ((King County animal care~~  
1089 ~~and control is not to exceed twenty percent in the year ending December 31, 2008.~~

1090           C.)) The total number of cats and dogs euthanized by ~~((King County animal care~~  
1091 ~~and control))~~ the regional animal services section is not to exceed fifteen percent ~~((in the~~  
1092 ~~years following 2008))~~.

1093           SECTION 36. Ordinance 10423, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.570  
1094 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1095           The ~~((animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section ~~((in~~  
1096 ~~conjunction with the King County citizen's advisory committee))~~ shall develop a breeder  
1097 certification program, including a definition of the term "breeder," to promote the "best

1098 management practices" for the breeding and caring of animals. The proposed breeder  
1099 certification program shall be submitted to the county council for approval.

1100 SECTION 37. Ordinance 3732 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.08.040 are  
1101 hereby amended to read as follows:

1102 A. Petitions requesting the King County council to create a dog control zone shall  
1103 be submitted to the office of the clerk of the council. The clerk of the council shall  
1104 forward copies of the petitions and other materials to:

1105 1. The office of the councilmember in whose district the proposed zone is  
1106 requested;

1107 2. The ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section ~~((of the~~  
1108 ~~records and licensing services division))~~); and

1109 3. The ~~((manager of the records and licensing services division))~~ director of  
1110 elections.

1111 B. Petitions shall be accompanied by a map and should include a legal  
1112 description of the proposed zone. In addition, the petitions should contain:

1113 1. The signatures, both written and printed legibly, of at least ten percent of the  
1114 registered voters within the proposed zone; and

1115 2. The popular addresses of the petitioners.

1116 C. Upon receipt of the copy of the filed petition, the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
1117 regional animal services section shall conduct a comprehensive review of the  
1118 enforceability of the proposed boundaries and if necessary recommend alternative  
1119 boundaries to the director of the department of executive services and the affected  
1120 councilmember.

1121 D. The (~~records and licensing services division~~) department of elections shall:

1122 1. Determine the approximate number of registered voters within the proposed

1123 zone;

1124 2. Determine the number of signatures of registered voters in the petition; and

1125 3. Forward the conclusions regarding the number of signatures of registered

1126 voters and total number of registered voters residing within the proposed zone to the

1127 office of the affected councilmember and the director of the department of executive

1128 services.

1129 E. The executive may recommend by ordinance a proposed dog control zone to

1130 the council based on the recommendation of the director of the department of executive

1131 services.

1132 F. In addition to other statutory requirements, the council may cause to occur any

1133 public meetings or notification through the local media as it considers necessary to ensure

1134 that affected citizens are aware of the proposed ordinance to create a dog control zone.

1135 G. If the King County council finds the formation of the petitioned area to be

1136 beneficial to be public health, safety and general welfare, it shall establish such a dog

1137 control zone by ordinance. The council shall consider, but is not limited to considering,

1138 the location, terrain and surrounding land use of the petitioned area.

1139 SECTION 38. Ordinance 3548, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.08.060 are

1140 hereby amended to read as follows:

1141 In addition to, or as an alternate to, any other penalty provided in this title or by

1142 general law, any person whose animal is maintained in violation of this chapter shall

1143 incur a civil penalty plus billable costs of the (~~animal care and control authority~~)

1144 regional animal services section. The penalty for a violation shall be as provided in  
1145 K.C.C. 11.04.035. However, for the first thirty days following the enactment of each  
1146 individual dog control zone, no penalty shall be assessed ~~((in those cases where a~~  
1147 ~~licensed animal is maintained in violation of this chapter and the animal care and control~~  
1148 ~~officer is able to determine the owner and, if impounded, return animal to its owner~~  
1149 ~~directly from the site in which it was impounded. Also, on the thirty first day following~~  
1150 ~~the enactment of each individual dog control zone and thereafter, one half the normal~~  
1151 ~~penalty shall be assessed in those cases where a licensed animal is maintained in violation~~  
1152 ~~of this chapter and the animal care and control officer is unable to determine the owner~~  
1153 ~~and, if impounded, return the animal to its owner directly from the site in which it was~~  
1154 ~~impounded)) for a violation of this chapter that occurs within the newly established dog~~  
1155 control zone.

1156 SECTION 39. Ordinance 11150, Section 1-2, and K.C.C. 11.08.075 are hereby  
1157 amended to read as follows:

1158 A. ~~((Findings. The King County council finds that the establishment of a dog~~  
1159 ~~control zone in King County is necessary for the following reasons:~~

1160 1. ~~The protection of dogs and other domestic animals from dogs at large or~~  
1161 ~~without restraint;~~

1162 2. ~~The preservation of private property rights from unlawful trespass by dogs at~~  
1163 ~~large or without restraint;~~

1164 3. ~~The preservation, protection and maintenance of public property and public~~  
1165 ~~amenities such as parks, schools and playgrounds from the waste products generated by~~  
1166 ~~dogs at large or without restraint;~~

1167 4. ~~The prevention of unintentional loss of dogs at large or without restraint due~~  
1168 ~~to their becoming lost or being struck by vehicular traffic; and~~

1169 5. ~~The protection of pedestrians and bicyclists from dogs at large or without~~  
1170 ~~restraint.~~

1171 B.) In addition to the dog control zones already in effect under the provisions of  
1172 this chapter, there is created a dog control zone in the following urban zoning districts of  
1173 unincorporated King County (~~designated urban as defined in K.C.C. 21: SE, SC,~~  
1174 ~~SR/RS15000, SR/RS9600, RS7200, SR5000, RMHP, RD3600, RM2400, RT, RM1800,~~  
1175 ~~RM900, RM900P, BN, BR-N, B-C, C-G, M-L, M-P, and M-H; or as defined in K.C.C.~~  
1176 ~~21A): R-1 through R-48, O, NB, RB, CB(;) and I.~~

1177 SECTION 40. Resolution 27312, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.12.010  
1178 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1179 Whenever the director of the Seattle-King County department of public health has  
1180 cause to suspect that an animal capable of transmitting rabies is infected with the disease,  
1181 the director shall order a period of quarantine of not less than ten days. The director shall  
1182 notify in writing the owner or keeper of the infected animal of the quarantine order. The  
1183 infected animal shall be quarantined by the (~~animal care and control~~) regional animal  
1184 services section (~~in the records and licensing services division~~) in its shelter or upon the  
1185 premises of the owner or licensed veterinarian where conditions of quarantine are strictly  
1186 kept. The place of quarantine shall be at the discretion of the director, unless the animal  
1187 had been exposed to rabies by contact, in which case K.C.C. 11.12.040 shall apply.  
1188 Delivery of a copy of the quarantine order to some person of suitable age and discretion  
1189 residing upon the premises where the animal is found shall be notice of the quarantine.

1190 Good cause for such an order of quarantine shall include, but is not limited to, evidence  
1191 that the animal has bitten, or that there is reasonable certainty that the animal has bitten, a  
1192 human being. During the period of quarantine, the officers, agents and employees of the  
1193 ~~((animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section, and other police officers, are  
1194 authorized to enter any premises for the purpose of apprehending any such an animal and  
1195 impounding the animal, except where the animal is kept upon the premises of the owner  
1196 or licensed veterinarian as provided in this section.

1197 SECTION 41. Ordinance 2473, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.020 are  
1198 hereby amended to read as follows:

1199 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
1200 clearly requires otherwise.

1201 A. "Animal care and control authority" means the ~~((animal care and control))~~  
1202 regional animal services section in the records and licensing services division, acting  
1203 alone or in concert with other municipalities for enforcement of the animal care and  
1204 control laws of the county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals.

1205 B. "Director" means director of the department of executive services.

1206 C. "Exotic animal" means any of the following:

1207 1. Venomous species of snakes capable of inflicting serious physical harm or  
1208 death to human beings;

1209 2. Nonhuman primates and prosimians;

1210 3. Bears;

1211 4. Nondomesticated species of felines;



1212           5. Nondomesticated species of canines and their hybrids, including wolf and  
1213 coyote hybrids; and

1214           6. The order Crocodylia, including alligators, crocodiles, caimans and gavials.

1215           SECTION 42. Ordinance 2473, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.060 are  
1216 hereby amended to read as follows:

1217           If, after investigation by the manager of the (~~(animal care and control)~~) regional  
1218 animal services section , it appears that the applicant is the owner or tenant of or has a  
1219 possessory interest in the property shown in the application; if applicable, has the written  
1220 permission of the property owner as specified in K.C.C. 11.28.050 and that the applicant  
1221 intends in good faith to possess or maintain an exotic animal in accordance with the law  
1222 and the rules and regulations of the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional animal  
1223 services section, the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional animal services section  
1224 shall issue a license to the applicant describing therein the premises to be used by the  
1225 licensee and certifying that the licensee is lawfully entitled to use the same for the  
1226 possession or maintenance of the exotic animal or animals specified in the license.

1227           However, before issuing the license, the (~~(animal care and control authority)~~) regional  
1228 animal services section shall inspect the cage or other confinement as required by rule or  
1229 regulation and specified in the licensee's application in order to determine whether the  
1230 cage or confinement meets the standard specifications for the classification of the exotic  
1231 animal. If the cage or confinement is deemed inadequate, the applicant shall make such  
1232 changes as are necessary to meet the standard specifications before the license shall be  
1233 issued.

1234            SECTION 43. Ordinance 2473, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.28.070 are  
1235 hereby amended to read as follows:

1236            The manager of the ((~~animal care and control~~)) regional animal services section,  
1237 or any other officer authorized by the manager, may make routine periodic inspections of  
1238 a licensee's premises and records in order to determine the number, kind, weight and  
1239 condition of exotic animals possessed by the licensee, and for purposes of enforcing this  
1240 chapter and the rules and regulations of the ((~~animal care and control authority~~)) regional  
1241 animal services section.

1242            SECTION 44. Ordinance 3232, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.32.020 are  
1243 hereby amended to read as follows:

1244            The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
1245 clearly requires otherwise.

1246            A. "Animal care and control authority" means the ((~~animal care and control~~))  
1247 regional animal services section in the records and licensing services division, acting  
1248 alone or in concert with other municipalities in the enforcement of the animal care and  
1249 control laws of the county and state.

1250            B. "Director" means director of the department of executive services.

1251            C. "Guard dog" means any member of the dog family Canidae that has been  
1252 trained or represented as trained to protect either person or property, or both, by virtue of  
1253 exhibiting hostile propensities and aggressiveness to unauthorized persons.

1254            D. "Guard dog purveyor" means any person, firm or corporation supplying guard  
1255 dogs to members of the public.

1256 E. "Guard dog trainer" means any person, either as an individual or as an  
1257 employee of a guard dog purveyor, whose prime function is the training of dogs as guard  
1258 dogs.

1259 F. "Rules and regulations of the (~~(animal care and control authority))~~ regional  
1260 animal services section" means such rules and regulations, consistent with the intent of  
1261 this chapter, as may be adopted by the (~~(animal care and control authority))~~ regional  
1262 animal services section under K.C.C. chapter 2.98.

1263 SECTION 45. Ordinance 3232, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.32.090 are  
1264 hereby amended to read as follows:

1265 The manager of the (~~(animal care and control))~~ regional animal services section or  
1266 the manager's authorized representative shall inspect all premises that are the subject of  
1267 the licenses and registrations required in this chapter before the issuance of licenses or  
1268 registrations. The inspections shall include, but not be limited to, a verification that  
1269 adequate measures are being taken to protect the health, welfare and safety of the general  
1270 public and to ensure the humane treatment of the guard dogs. If the premises are deemed  
1271 inadequate, the (~~(animal care and control authority))~~ regional animal services section  
1272 shall direct the applicant to make such changes as are necessary before the license or  
1273 registration is issued. The manager of the (~~(animal care and control))~~ regional animal  
1274 services section or the manager's authorized representative may make the inspections of  
1275 a licensee's premises or the premises of an area guarded by a registered guard dog for the  
1276 purpose of enforcing this chapter and the rules and regulations of the (~~(animal care and~~  
1277 ~~control authority))~~ regional animal services section.

1278            SECTION 46. Ordinance 3232, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.32.100  
1279 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1280            In protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public; to enforce the laws of  
1281 the state of Washington as they pertain to animal cruelty, shelter, welfare and  
1282 enforcement of control; the manager of the ((~~animal care and control~~)) regional animal  
1283 services section and the manager's authorized officers are authorized to take such lawful  
1284 action in exercising appropriate powers and responsibilities in Article III of Ordinance  
1285 1396 and K.C.C. chapter 11.04.

1286            SECTION 47. Ordinance 1396, Article II, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
1287 11.04.040 are hereby repealed.

1288            SECTION 48. Ordinance 6370, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.320  
1289 are hereby repealed.

1290            SECTION 49. Ordinance 10423, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.04.590  
1291 are hereby repealed.

1292            SECTION 50. Ordinance 9464, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.010 are  
1293 hereby repealed.

1294            SECTION 51. Ordinance 9464, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.020 are  
1295 hereby repealed.

1296            SECTION 52. Ordinance 9464, Sections 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.030  
1297 are hereby repealed.

1298            SECTION 53. Ordinance 9464, Section 4, and K.C.C. 11.06.040 are hereby  
1299 repealed.

1300            SECTION 54. Ordinance 9464, Section 5, and K.C.C. 11.06.050 are hereby  
1301 repealed.

1302            SECTION 55. Ordinance 9464, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 11.06.060 are  
1303 hereby repealed.

1304            SECTION 56. Ordinance 9464, Section 7, and K.C.C. 11.06.070 are hereby  
1305 repealed.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** None

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June 1, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ferguson  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

I am pleased to transmit to the council a legislative package that would implement a new regional model for animal services in King County. The development of this new regional model reflects the principles of partnership, service excellence, performance and accountability, and financial sustainability that are a central focus of my reform agenda and the Countywide Strategic Plan that I have proposed to the council. The new regional model is also built upon the foundation of work on animal services that the county council has led over the past few years. I appreciate the collaboration and partnership of the county council, the many cities in the county, our employees, and the volunteers and private animal welfare organizations who have contributed to the development of this model.

### **Recent Background**

On November 9, 2009, the council adopted Motion 13092, directing the county executive to end the provision of animal shelter services by King County no later than January 31, 2010. The motion also directed the executive to enter into new full cost recovery contracts with cities for animal control and pet licensing services no later than June 30, 2010. In adopting the motion, the council also articulated some of the long-term objectives that I share: protection of public health and safety, a commitment to animal welfare that is respected by the community, strengthening of partnerships between the county and cities by providing for a smooth transition to new service delivery, and financial sustainability.

One of my first actions as Executive was to charge my Director of Strategic Initiatives with developing a path forward for animal services that does not compromise these shared objectives. Because embarking on this work was to require negotiation with cities, labor, and





private animal welfare organizations, in January I met with councilmembers individually to share the outline of our path forward in order to ensure that the county was united in its position before entering into intensive negotiations with other entities.

A key fact that I communicated in my meetings with councilmembers is that there is currently not enough animal sheltering capacity in the region to close the county's Kent animal shelter, as envisioned by Motion 13092. In late January, the council adopted Ordinance 16750, extending staffing authority for animal sheltering services through June 30, 2010. This extension of staffing authority provided a common deadline for the county to work with cities on a new regional model for animal services, inclusive of animal sheltering, animal control, and pet licensing functions.

In January 2010, my staff began negotiation through a Joint Cities-County Work Group for Animal Services on new contracts between the county and the cities for animal services. In February 2010, in response to a proviso in the 2010 adopted budget, I transmitted to the council an implementation plan for entering into new contracts with cities. The transmitted implementation plan included a proposed outline for a new regional model for animal services as well as three documents developed by the Work Group: working principles, a common interests statement, and a purpose and scope statement outlining specific timelines and deliverables for entering into new contracts by the end of June. The implementation plan also documented the work and outreach with our employees, our volunteers and private organizations in the region.

In accordance with the implementation plan, I have terminated all existing animal services contracts with cities, effective July 1, 2010.

### **A New Regional Model for Animal Services**

The Joint Cities-County Work Group for Animal Services has accomplished a tremendous amount of work in a short time. The Work Group met weekly to develop an agreement in principle by the end of March, supported by detailed background and financial information. I want to extend my thanks to the cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Redmond, Bellevue, Sammamish, SeaTac, Tukwila, and Kent for the participation and dedication of their staff in this effort.

Members of the Work Group shared the agreement and supporting materials with all cities, the county council, and the public in early April through presentations to the City Managers/Administrators meeting, the Suburban Cities' Association Public Issues Committee, the county council's Regional Policy Committee, numerous city council meetings and with individual county councilmembers and county council staff. Earlier this month, the agreement and supporting materials were presented at the council's Government Accountability & Oversight Committee.

The result of the Work Group's effort is that 27 cities have twice submitted statements of interest in participating in the new regional model. Together, these cities contribute nearly \$1

million in additional revenues to the County in the first year of the contract. Over this next month, cities will formally consider adoption of new contracts with the county for animal services, to be effective July 1, 2010. The package I am transmitting today provides the mechanism for the county to also enter into these contracts and to implement this new regional model. The transmittal package includes:

- Roadmap to Reform: Attached to this letter is a document outlining a roadmap to reform for the County's provision of animal services. This roadmap was developed by our new management team, including our new County Administrative Officer, our new interim manager of Records and Licensing Services and our new Manager of Regional Animal Services, Ken Nakatsu. In developing this roadmap, the management team drew heavily upon past reports and studies that have been conducted under the leadership of the county council. The management team also benefited greatly from the ideas of our employees, volunteers, and private parties who have been involved in the council's efforts in this area over the years. The roadmap documents some of the significant reforms already undertaken, some of the reforms incorporated in the interlocal agreement negotiated with the cities, and a set of reforms that are now underway or will be undertaken in the future. These reforms are critical to the county's ability to deliver effective, accountable services that are respected by the community, fiscally responsible, and work to achieve innovative partnerships that will reduce costs in future years.
- A proposed ordinance authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreements for animal services with cities in King County. The interlocal agreement negotiated with cities appears as Attachment A to the proposed ordinance. It has undergone legal review through both the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and cities' legal counsel and is under consideration by 27 cities who have twice affirmed their interest in participating in the new regional model. The interlocal agreement defines services, expenditures, cost allocation methodologies and establishes a city-county committee to pursue innovative service improvements and cost reductions. The transmittal package includes the following supporting documents:

Background/Introduction on Agreement in Principle: A narrative document describing the historic contracting relationship between cities and the county and summarizing the Joint Cities-County Work Group process.

Outline of Terms for Agreement in Principle: A summary of the key elements of the Work Group's agreement in principle for regional animal services that is the basis for the negotiated interlocal agreement.

Animal Service Interlocal Agreement Summary of Terms: A summary, by section, of the key provisions of the interlocal agreement.

- A proposed ordinance amending King County Code related to animal services. The ordinance proposes a variety of code changes that support the new regional model and the roadmap to reform including: changes and simplifications to fees related to animal

services; code changes that support revenue generation and innovative partnerships; and elimination of obsolete provisions of the code including fees and sections of the code that are now addressed by recently adopted provisions of the Board of Health code. The transmittal package includes the following supporting documents:

Summary of Proposed Code and Fee Amendments: A summary of proposed amendments to Title 11 of the King County Code, including a table of fees.

- A proposed ordinance making a 2010 supplemental appropriation of \$3.2 million, backed by \$2.5 million in revenue. The ordinance would provide supplemental appropriation authority for: the King County Animal Shelter for February through June; implementation of the regional model in the second half of the year; enhanced service contracts for animal control; expenditure of animal bequest (donated) funds; and one-time costs and strategic investments in the roadmap to reform. The transmittal package includes the following supporting documents:

Fiscal Note: A summary of the expenditure and revenue categories for 2010 through 2014 that support the new regional model and the roadmap to reform. To be fiscally prudent, the fiscal note does not include estimates of revenue increases or cost reductions that may result from the strategic investments that support the roadmap to reform.

Budget Detail for Animal Sheltering, Animal Control and Pet Licensing: Line item budget detail for the three lines of business that are included in the new regional model for animal services and are allocated to cities.

Budget Crosswalk: A table showing the relationship between current appropriations and revenues, proposed expenditures and revenues supporting the new regional model and the roadmap to reform, and the expenditures and revenues that are allocated to cities in the new regional model.

### **Financial Sustainability**

As I have indicated in previous transmittals to the council, a regional model for animal services is the only reasonable path to achieving the public health, safety, and animal welfare outcomes that are important to our residents. At the same time, a regional model is the only approach that will lead to significant and lasting cost reductions and financial sustainability for these services. The new regional model and roadmap to reform that I am proposing with transmittal of this legislative package supports financial sustainability through the following mechanisms:

- Properly Aligned Financial Incentives: The new regional model establishes properly aligned financial incentives for both contract cities and the county that support desired outcomes and increase revenue over time. The model allocates costs to cities based on both their population and use of the system. This cost allocation model acknowledges the common value to all of a regional model (the population component) while also encouraging cities and the county to work with their residents to undertake initiatives that

will reduce use of the system (the use component). On the revenue side, pet licensing revenue is allocated back to jurisdictions, creating a financial incentive for cities to partner with the county to increase pet licensing. Code and fee changes are also proposed to incent behavior that will reduce system use and cost.

- New and Increasing Source of County Revenue. In the new regional model, contracting cities must pay to the county the difference between their cost allocation and their pet licensing revenue. Together, the cities are estimated to contribute nearly \$1 million in revenue, on top of pet licensing revenue, to support services in the first year of the model. These revenues are estimated to increase in each year of the model, as transitional support provided to cities declines. This new revenue is a stable source of funding because if licensing revenues for a city decrease, then city net payments increase a commensurate amount. As a result, the county's estimated general fund contribution under the new regional model is less in the second half of 2010 and in 2011 than it has been in recent years and is significantly less in out years.
- Economies of Scale. The new regional model preserves significant economies of scale in the provision of quality, coordinated animal services, fully utilizing the county's existing infrastructure for these services. These economies of scale provide for better service delivery at a lower cost for cities and, significantly, for the county's unincorporated area.
- Strategic Investments and Reductions. The Joint Cities-County Work Group analyzed the budgets for the new regional model in-depth, reallocating the budget to support continued cost reduction and revenue generation over time. A significant reduction in the regional model is the move to four service districts for control with five-day per week service, reduced from daily service. At the same time, the regional model includes increased support in other areas, based on recommendations from past reports and studies. An increase for veterinary services (in part funded through bequest funds) will improve animal care and reduce costs through reducing disease outbreak and supporting the transfer of animals to other organizations. A new dedicated volunteer coordinator will increase volunteer participation and encourage the transfer of animals into foster care.

The county would fund a select and strategic set of reforms recommended in several past reports and studies that are expected to improve accountability and generate the largest service improvements and cost reductions. These reforms include: upgrading and moving our data systems off the aged mainframe, external reviews to ensure accountability and identify system improvements, and the addition of a position to support innovative organizational partnerships and a long-term solution to the aging Kent shelter facility. In addition, the county would assume financial responsibility for some one-time costs associated with transition to the new regional model such as for the Crossroads facility lease and consulting associated with development of the interlocal agreement.

- Stability and Partnership to Focus on Reform. Finally, the two and one-half year interlocal agreement creates a stable environment to allow sufficient time for true system improvement and reform. The interlocal agreement also establishes a committee of county

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and city representatives to work in partnership on collaborative initiatives, such as innovative organizational partnerships and spay/neuter campaigns, to reduce cost and improve service.

The new regional model includes transition funding for cities with high per capita costs, one-time marketing efforts for cities with low licensing rates, and credits for cities whose use is low relative to population. In the first year of the new regional model, this county support totals \$1 million and declines each year thereafter. While a significant expense to the county, this support was necessary to reach consensus across jurisdictions that vary significantly regarding use and revenue generation as well as the value they place on animal welfare. This support also establishes a smooth transition for cities in difficult financial times – a principle articulated in the council's adopted motion. This county support enables a regional solution that will achieve better outcomes and greater cost efficiencies for the county and cities in years to come.

Again, I want to thank the council, cities, and our employees, volunteers, donors, and private partners for their support and ideas that have influenced this new regional model for animal services. We could not have reached this milestone without their support, dedication and flexibility during this time of significant challenge and change. I look forward to their continued involvement and collaboration as we undertake the challenge of launching the new model and continuing along the roadmap to reform.

If you have any questions regarding the new regional model for animal services and the legislative package that would implement it, please contact Carrie S. Cihak, Director of Strategic Initiatives, at (206) 263-9634.

I certify that funds are available.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers  
ATTN: Tom Bristow, Chief of Staff  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council  
Fred Jarrett, Deputy County Executive, King County Executive Office (KCEO)  
Rhonda Berry, Assistant Deputy County Executive, KCEO  
Frank Abe, Director of Communications, KCEO  
Carrie S. Cihak, Director of Strategic Initiatives, KCEO  
Patti Cole-Tindall, Labor Relations Manager, KCEO

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Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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Sung Yang, Government Relations Director, KCEO

Caroline Whalen, County Administrative Officer

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Ken Nakatsu, Manager, Regional Animal Services

## FISCAL NOTE

Ordinance/Motion No.: 2010-
Title: Implementation of Regional Animal Services Model
Affected Agencies: RALS (Animal Care and Control) and Public Health
Note Prepared By: Shelley De Wys
Note Reviewed By: Carrie Cihak

Impact of the above legislation on the fiscal affairs of King County is estimated to be (1,2,3,4):

**Revenue to:**

Fund Title	Fund Code	Revenue Source	2010 Regional Model (4)	2011	2012	2013	2014
General Fund (Animal Care and Control)	0010	Non-License Revenue (5)	127,000	254,000	254,000	254,000	254,000
General Fund (Animal Care and Control)	0010	Pet License Revenue	1,534,938	3,030,308	3,092,808	3,155,308	3,217,808
General Fund (Animal Care and Control)	0010	New City Contract/ Licensing Revenue	537,535	1,192,397	1,471,059	1,745,918	2,025,504
General Fund (Animal Care and Control)	0010	Increased Fines and Fees (5)	31,000	66,000	67,000	69,000	71,000
General Fund (Animal Care and Control)	0010	Enhanced Services Contracts	150,000	308,040	317,004	326,387	336,505
Animal Bequest Fund	4590	Donations to Bequest Fund	100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,480,473</b>	<b>5,050,745</b>	<b>5,401,871</b>	<b>5,750,614</b>	<b>6,104,817</b>

**Expenditures from:**

Fund Title	Fund Code	Department	2010 Regional Model (2)	2011	2012	2013	2014
RALS (Animal Care and Control)	0470	Animal Care and Control	3,171,400	6,575,601	6,496,756	6,753,068	7,019,958
RALS (Animal Care and Control) - One-Time Costs to Implement Model	0470		542,500	0	0	0	0
Animal Bequest Fund	4590		100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,813,900</b>	<b>6,775,601</b>	<b>6,696,756</b>	<b>6,953,068</b>	<b>7,219,958</b>

**Expenditures by Categories:**

	2010 Regional Model (2)	2011	2012	2013	2014
Salaries and Benefits	2,542,393	4,471,409	4,450,278	4,659,617	4,878,871
Supplies	221,550	328,780	315,093	317,394	319,408
Services and Other Charges	456,557	657,560	639,930	655,048	670,406
Intergovernmental Service	493,400	1,117,852	1,091,455	1,121,009	1,151,273
Transfer to other funds	100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,813,900</b>	<b>6,775,601</b>	<b>6,696,756</b>	<b>6,953,068</b>	<b>7,219,958</b>

**Assumptions:**

1. The fiscal note submitted with the ordinance extending shelter operations from February to June 30, 2010 presented expenditure and revenue impacts associated with that action. From February through June, anticipated expenditures in Public Health were estimated at \$109,000 and anticipated expenditures in RALS Animal Care and Control functions were estimated at \$966,000. The costs included in the previous fiscal note are not included here.
2. The current 2010 adopted appropriation for RALS Animal Care and Control functions is \$3,398,246. The estimated cost of general animal care, control and licensing functions for January through June 2010 (thereby including the fiscal impact of extending shelter operations to June per note 1 above) is \$2,834,347 (excluding RALS and General Fund overhead costs). Combining this cost for the general operations in the first six months of 2010 with the costs presented above for the implementation of the Regional Animal Services Model in the last six months of 2010 (\$3,218,900, which also excludes RALS and GF overhead) and one time costs in 2010 (\$495,000), results in a total annual cost of \$6,548,246. The difference between this annual cost and the current 2010 appropriation is \$3,150,000, the requested budget supplemental amount for RALS Animal Care and Control functions.
3. The current 2010 adopted appropriation for the shelter veterinarians in the Public Health budget is \$39,047. The estimated cost of the veterinarians for January through June (thereby including the fiscal impact of extending shelter operations to June per note 1 above) is \$130,747 (excluding overhead costs). The difference between this six month cost and the current 2010 appropriation is \$91,700, the requested budget supplemental amount for Public Health.
4. These values represent the anticipated King County unincorporated area and contract city revenues and expenditures for July through December of 2010 and annual amounts in outyears. If the regional model were not implemented, pet licensing and other revenues would likely decline. However, because the extent of any such decreases are not known at this time, this fiscal note presents the anticipated revenue associated with the new model for July through December 2010 and annually for outyears (i.e., total expected revenues provided instead of incremental revenue changes). Similarly, the failure to implement a regional model would likely result in reduced operating costs. However, because the extent of such reductions is not known at this time, the total anticipated costs for the new regional model from July through December 2010 and annually thereafter are shown here. As noted above, RALS and General Fund overhead costs are excluded from these values as they are already appropriated and therefore not impacted by model adoption.
5. Excluding enhanced services revenues, current non-licensing revenues are estimated at \$254,000 annually. New non-licensing fines and fee changes are anticipated to result in \$157,000 in new revenue in 2010 and approximately \$330,000 in new revenue in outyears. However, in the regional cost allocation model, these non-licensing revenues are deducted from the regional model expenditures to reduce net costs to all participating jurisdictions (including the County unincorporated area). Therefore, only the portion of these new costs that are associated with reduction to the net King County unincorporated area allocation is indicated here.





# Attachment 4

## Fees proposed in Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325

License Fees & Business Permits			
Altered pet license	\$30	No change	
Unaltered pet license	\$90	\$60	
Discounted pet license	n/a	\$15	Replaces "Senior Lifetime License"; available to persons who are disabled.
Juvenile pet license	\$5	\$15	Available as an alternative to an altered license for animals up to six months old.
Guard dog registration	\$100	No change	
Exotic pet	\$500 new \$250 renewal	No change	
Service and police dogs	\$0	No change	
Late fees for licensing	\$15/\$20/\$75	\$15/\$20/\$30	For 45/90/135 days late.
Private animal placement permit	\$25/\$10	\$15/\$0	Consolidates individual and organizational permits. No charge for those who foster King County shelter animals.
Hobby kennel/cattery	\$50	No change	
Commercial kennel or cattery/pet shop/grooming shop	\$250/\$250/\$150	Fees eliminated	These facilities are now governed by BOH code.
Civil Fines			
Civil penalty: general	"up to \$1000"	\$50/\$100/ double previous**	Clarifies standard for determining amount of penalty
Civil penalty: vicious animal or animal cruelty	n/a	\$500/\$1000*	New category
Leash law violation	\$25/\$50	No change	
Unlicensed pet – altered	\$75	\$125	
Unlicensed pet – unaltered	\$75	\$250	
Service Fees			
Adoption fee	\$75	\$75 - \$250	Based on adoptability
Spay/neuter deposit	\$50	\$150	Deposit is returned upon timely proof of spay/neuter.
Impound fee	\$45/\$85/\$90**	\$45/\$85/\$125**	
Livestock impound fee	\$100	\$100 or actual sheltering cost	Whichever is greater
Kenneling fee	\$12	\$20	Per day for impounded animals
In-field pick-up	\$20	\$75	For unlicensed pets
Owner-requested euthanasia	\$20	\$50	For unlicensed pets
Microchip	\$25	No change	Optional

\*\*multiple rates indicate increase with successive offenses



## Summary of Proposed Fee and Code Amendments for Regional Animal Services King County Code Title 11

Proposed Ordinance 2010-035 would amend provisions of Title 11 of King County Code that are immediately necessary to implement the new regional model for animal services. A more comprehensive code update, including alignment between K.C.C. titles 2 and 11, will be undertaken at a later date. A summary of the major code changes proposed is as follows:

1. Creates the “Animal Bequest Fund” as a first tier fund managed by the Director of the Department of Executive Services (DES). Requires funds be used in accordance with donor restrictions and only for the purposes of animal services and transfers existing donations to the Fund.
2. Authorizes the Records and Licensing Division (RALD) to accept electronic payments (e.g., credit and debit cards) for animal care, control and pet licensing related services.
3. Authorizes the Director of DES to enter into concession agreements with vendors to sell animal-related products and services, the proceeds from which will be applied solely to regional animal services.
4. Authorizes the Executive to accept and solicit gifts, bequests and donations in support of regional animal services to be deposited in the Animal Bequest Fund.
5. Authorizes the Director of DES to enter into advertising, sponsorship, and naming rights agreements.
6. Requires that in transferring ownership of an animal veterinarians and animal shelters either (a) sell the new owner a license, or (b) make license application materials available to the new owner. Changes the existing reporting requirement on animal transfers from quarterly to monthly and adds new information requirements such as email addresses and microchip numbers.
7. Reorganizes the fees and fines section into the following categories and makes various adjustments to fees (see attached fee table):
  - a) Licenses and registration fees
  - b) Business and activity permits
  - c) Civil penalties
  - d) Service fees
8. Creates a new “discounted license,” available to seniors and disabled individuals (in accordance with the requirements of the Metro Regional Reduced Fare Permit program). Exempts seniors who have already purchased the now eliminated “lifetime license.”
9. Enables purchase of a juvenile license for unaltered pets up to six months of age in lieu of an adult unaltered license.

10. Removes the provision that allows pet owners to avoid penalties if they immediately purchase a license when caught with an unlicensed animal, a significant disincentive to pet licensing.
11. Authorizes the regional animal services manager to provide periods of amnesty for paying of outstanding licensing fees and late penalties.
12. Adds transfers to other shelters and foster homes as mechanisms by which animals may leave the King County animal shelter.
13. Authorizes the Manager of Regional Animal Services to set the value of spay/neuter vouchers issued with unaltered pet licenses.
14. Clarifies Title 11 enforcement procedures by specifying notice and order requirements and standard of review in Board of Appeals' review of animal control enforcement matters.
15. Repeals provisions relating to Animal Care and Control Citizen's Advisory Committee.
16. Removes licensing authority over kennels, catteries, grooming facilities and pet shops which are now governed by Board of Health code.
17. Strikes references to "animal care and control" and inserts "regional animal services."

Fees proposed in Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325

License Fees & Business Permits	Altered pet license	\$30	No change	
	Unaltered pet license	\$90	\$60	
	Discounted pet license	n/a	\$15	Replaces "Senior Lifetime License"; available to persons who are disabled.
	Juvenile pet license	\$5	\$15	Available as an alternative to an altered license for animals up to six months old.
	Guard dog registration	\$100	No change	
	Exotic pet	\$500 new \$250 renewal	No change	
	Service and police dogs	\$0	No change	
	Late fees for licensing	\$15/\$20/\$75	\$15/\$20/\$30	For 45/90/135 days late.
	Private animal placement permit	\$25/\$10	\$15/\$0	Consolidates individual and organizational permits. No charge for those who foster King County shelter animals.
	Hobby kennel/cattery	\$50	No change	
Commercial kennel or cattery/pet shop/grooming shop	\$250/\$250/\$150	Fees eliminated	These facilities are now governed by BOH code.	
Civil Fines	Civil penalty: general	"up to \$1000"	\$50/\$100/ double previous**	Clarifies standard for determining amount of penalty
	Civil penalty: vicious animal or animal cruelty	n/a	\$500/\$1000*	New category
	Leash law violation	\$25/\$50	No change	
	Unlicensed pet – altered	\$75	\$125	
	Unlicensed pet – unaltered	\$75	\$250	
Service Fees	Adoption fee	\$75	\$75 - \$250	Based on adoptability
	Spay/neuter deposit	\$50	\$150	Deposit is returned upon timely proof of spay/neuter.
	Impound fee	\$45/\$85/\$90**	\$45/\$85/\$125**	
	Livestock impound fee	\$100	\$100 or actual sheltering cost	Whichever is greater
	Kenneling fee	\$12	\$20	Per day for impounded animals
	In-field pick-up	\$20	\$75	For unlicensed pets
	Owner-requested euthanasia	\$20	\$50	For unlicensed pets
Microchip	\$25	No change	Optional	

\*\*multiple rates indicate increase with successive offenses

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**King County**  
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King County Executive

## **Regional Animal Services of King County Roadmap for Reform**

The Roadmap for Reform of King County animal services begins with creation of a new regional animal services model jointly developed by King County and its city partners. The model preserves a regional service approach, which best provides for public health, safety, customer service and animal welfare.

Many improvements have been made over the last two years. At the Kent shelter, the welfare of both dogs and cats has improved with facility modifications and more effective cleaning protocols; the addition of a new trailer for cat adoptions; a new partnership with PIMA Medical Institute and expansion of veterinary services to limit the spread of disease; and improvements to animal comfort and care through the purchase of better cages and bedding, higher quality pet food, and additional exercise and socialization.

The county has also reduced the euthanasia rate at its shelter from 40 percent in 2006 to 17.6 percent in 2009. Adoptions and foster care placements have increased dramatically, from 4,525 in 2006 to 6,062 in 2008, largely due to the work of the many dedicated volunteers.

Under the leadership of County Executive Dow Constantine, the county has put in place a new management team that includes a new County Administrative Officer, a new interim manager for Records and Licensing Services, and a new manager of Regional Animal Services. Among other reforms, this new management team is taking a more proactive role on the prevention and investigation of animal cruelty, in support of a trend begun in 2009 that has seen the prosecution of more animal cruelty charges than ever before. In March, the team put in place procedures to systematically identify all new calls about animal cruelty, follow up weekly with field sergeants, and provide guidance to the animal cruelty sergeant when pursuing the most serious cases.

More must still be done. This Roadmap to Reform outlines actions, some of which are already underway, to address remaining deficiencies in animal care, disease prevention, shelter overpopulation, systems management, and animal cruelty investigation that have been identified as areas for improvement in the Animal Services Strategic Plan and in past reports and studies that have been conducted under the leadership of the King County Council.

## **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS: Next Two Months**

- - Implement a new model for Regional Animal Services of King County by entering into new contracts with cities.
- Improve data collection and management through technology upgrades that support real-time access to data in the field and more robust tracking of animals in the shelter.

### Animal Sheltering and Welfare

- Hire an external relationships and field operations manager, ideally with proven experience in animal services, to improve animal care, manage the animal population, work with community partners, and develop operating procedures and ensure that those procedures are followed.
- Hire a full-time volunteer coordinator, essential for increasing the number of volunteers and effectively managing them, maintaining animal care within available resources and moving animals quickly through the shelter system – in particular during the approaching peak summer season.
- Hire a veterinary medical director and two additional veterinary technicians to provide a higher level of care in the Kent shelter, in part through the use of funds donated for improved animal care.
- Manage the population at the Kent shelter within available resources to ensure proper care for animals through expanded use of existing shelter capacity elsewhere in the region, expanded use of foster families, and new policies regarding pet retention and field pick-ups.
- Provide a more consistent level of care at the Kent shelter by consolidating all staff at one facility.
- Prepare for the upcoming summer peak shelter population by filling new positions, utilizing short-term temporary employees, and aggressively recruiting foster families and volunteers.
- Increase adoption activities, including through the use of donated retail space at the Kent Station shopping mall and lower adoption fees during peak season.

### Animal Control & Animal Cruelty

- Refine and continue to establish procedures to systematically identify all new calls about animal cruelty, follow up weekly with field sergeants, and provide guidance to the animal cruelty sergeant when pursuing the most serious cases.
- Work with the Sheriff's Office on developing procedures for responding quickly and more effectively to potential animal cruelty cases and issues of public safety, engaging police earlier in the investigation of serious cases, establishing policies and procedures for after-hours dispatch.



- Work with the King County Prosecuting Attorney on developing procedures to more clearly establish the actions that animal service officers can take in potential animal cruelty cases, particularly with regard to the seizure or impoundment of healthy animals in situations where other animals have died or been harmed, and to clarify when criminal as opposed to civil actions can be taken.

#### Pet Licensing

- Create incentives to promote pet licensing, which both supports the return of animals to their homes and is critical to the funding of services, through expanded partnerships with cities and private organizations, a “no-tolerance” policy for enforcement of licensing, and changes to the structure of license fees.

#### **MID-TERM ACTIONS: Six to Nine Months**

- Engage outside experts to review shelter, veterinary clinic, and field operations, objectively evaluate the progress that has been made, and identify additional improvements that are needed.
- Accept credit card transactions both at the Kent shelter location and in the field to improve customer service and increase revenues.
- Work with city partners to develop performance measures and regular reports on performance to increase accountability for regional partners and the public, and identify opportunities to improve services, reduce costs and increase revenues.

#### Animal Sheltering and Welfare

- Implement measures that continue to improve animal care and welfare as identified through outside experts and new staff.
- Continue to develop volunteer and foster networks and partnerships with other animal welfare organizations.

#### Animal Control and Animal Cruelty

- Install laptops in animal control trucks for real-time access to and entry of dispatch and other data.
- Consider establishing operating bases in north or east county to provide consistent field services and a connection with and accountability to these communities.
- Implement procedures with the King County Sheriff’s Office and other police agencies to respond quickly and more effectively to potential animal cruelty cases and issues of public safety, and engage police earlier in the investigation of serious cases.
- Implement a systematic method for sorting through the 1,000 reported animal cruelty calls received annually, the vast majority of which turn out not to involve cruelty, so that animal control officers and law enforcement can more effectively pursue actual cruelty cases.

- Implement new policies and training for police dispatchers for callout of animal control officers for after-hours emergencies.
- Implement actions related to work with the King County Prosecuting Attorney regarding potential animal cruelty cases.

#### Pet Licensing

- Evaluate changes to pet licensing fees and marketing efforts and continue to develop partnerships to increase the number of pets who are licensed.

#### **LONG-TERM ACTIONS and CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT: The Next 2.5 Years**

- Continue to improve animal care and service delivery through continuous review and development of procedures to guide shelter and field operations and provide ongoing staff training.
- Foster innovative partnerships and joint programs with other organizations, including feral cat groups, spay/neuter programs, rescue groups, private shelters, and private-sector licensing partners to reduce the homeless animal population in the region.
- Increase donations and grants by seeking funding from foundations, animal welfare groups, and individual donors.
- Make improvements to existing facilities to prevent overcrowding, noise, and the spread of disease, as well as plan for the development of new regional sheltering space to ultimately replace the capacity provided by the Kent shelter.

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## METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held before the Metropolitan King County Council, Room 1001, King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, on the 21st day of June, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., to consider adoption of the following proposed ordinance:

#### SUMMARY

Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 would, if approved, make several changes to animal licensing, business permits, civil fines and service fees assessed by King County. The ordinance amends the fee structure, eliminates or reduces certain fees and permits and increases other fees. The ordinance also prescribes new or increased penalties for general infractions, vicious animals, animal cruelty, and unlicensed pets.

The proposed ordinance increases the minimum general infraction penalty from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for the first annual violation and increases the rate of additional penalties by doubling the rate of the previous penalty for multiple infractions up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. The proposed ordinance establishes a minimum vicious animal or animal cruelty penalty of \$500.00 for the first annual violation and subsequent violations are assessed at a rate of \$1,000.00. The proposed ordinance increases unlicensed pet penalties from \$75.00 to \$125.00 for altered cats and dogs, and \$250.00 for unaltered cats and dogs. Dog leash law violations penalties would remain the same at \$25.00 for the first annual violation with subsequent violations assessed at a rate of \$50.00.

The proposed ordinance would make other changes to King County Code Title 11, including, but not limited to, establishing a tier one animal bequest fund, allowing for electronic payments, allowing for concessionary agreements, advertising, sponsorships and the solicitation of donations, removing sections of code that are now governed by the Seattle-King County Board of Health Code, changing the reporting requirements by private organizations that sell or give away animals, adding catteries to the list of animal facilities that would be subject to code provisions, and making other technical and substantive changes.

The ordinance is proposed to take effect ten days after the ordinance is signed by the Executive.

A copy of Proposed Ordinance 2010-0325 will be mailed upon request to the Clerk of the Council, Room W1039, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

This legislation is also available on the Internet, at [www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances\\_advertised.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances_advertised.aspx).

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(7) and provides penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 9th day of June, 2010.

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Anne Noris  
Clerk of the Council