



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE extending the date by which the staffing level for animal services shall be reduced; and amending the 2010 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Sections 30 and 93, as amended; and declaring an emergency.

SECTION 1. Findings:

- A. The 2010 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, anticipates closure of King County's animal shelters by February 1, 2010.
- B. The 2010 adopted budget ordinance, Section 30, Records and Licensing Services, includes a proviso that would eliminate authority for full-time equivalent positions ("FTEs") for animal sheltering services by reducing the number of FTEs by 14.00 FTEs on February 1, 2010.
- C. The 2010 Budget Ordinance, Section 93, public health, includes a proviso that would eliminate authority for FTEs for animal veterinary services by reducing the number of FTEs by 2.00 FTEs on February 1, 2010.
- D. The 2010 Budget Ordinance, Section 30, restricts appropriation authority for records and licensing services pending receipt by the council of an implementation plan from the executive for terminating existing city contracts for animal services and entering into full cost recovery contracts with cities by June 30, 2010.
- E. Closure of King County's animal shelters by February 1, 2010, would be disruptive to animals currently in King County's care and to the provision of animal control services by King County for the unincorporated area and under contract to cities.
- F. Regionally coordinated animal sheltering, control and licensing services may benefit both the county and cities.

G. The county and cities may benefit from an implementation plan for entering into full cost recovery contracts that provides for a common date for changes in the provision of animal sheltering, control and licensing services by the county.

H. Providing for a common date for changes in the provision of animal services requires amendment of provisos in the 2010 Budget Ordinance that eliminate authority for FTEs for animal sheltering services on February 1, 2010.

I. Enactment of this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary to effectuate amendments to the 2010 Budget Ordinance before February 1, 2010, when elimination of FTEs for animal sheltering services would take effect.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 16717, Section 30 is hereby amended as follows:

RECORDS AND LICENSING SERVICES - From the general fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Records and licensing services	\$0
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P1 PROVIDED THAT:

Of this appropriation, it is the intent of the council that no employees should be laid off to achieve savings related to the operational shutdown savings contra until the executive submits a reorganization plan for the records and licensing division. The plan will identify an organizational structure with appropriate management and supervision levels and achieve cost savings while maintaining customer service for the public. The plan required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee coordinator for the government accountability and oversight or its successor.

P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, no funds may be expended on canvassing activities before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday or any time on Sunday, unless those canvassing activities are specified in a full cost recovery contract with a

city.

P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

It is the intent of the council that the 2010 budget for animal care and control should be expended as follows:

1. \$2,085,253 for animal control activities with public safety as the first priority for service.
2. \$496,057 for sheltering activities
3. \$855,983 for licensing activities

P4 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, the number of budgeted FTEs shall be reduced from 41.6 to 27.6 by ~~((February))~~ July 1, 2010~~((due to the closure of all shelter operations, including Kent and Crossroads, on February 1, 2010))~~.

P5 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of the \$3,237,294 restricted by this proviso, funds shall be available for expenditure or encumbrance in quarterly increments as follows:

1. January 1, 2010, \$1,034,323 is available for expenditure or encumbrance upon the receipt by the council of an implementation plan from the executive for terminating existing city contracts and entering into full cost recovery contracts by June 30, 2010. The implementation plan shall include specific milestones with projected completion dates for each milestone. The implementation plan shall include a status report on the number and date of layoff notices issued related to animal care and control.

2. An additional \$743,323 shall be made available for expenditures or encumbrance on April 1, 2010, July 2, 2010, and October 1, 2010 upon receipt of a quarterly revenue report.

The revenue report releasing funds on April 1, 2010, shall report on the months of January and February 2010. The revenue report releasing funds on July 2, 2010, shall report on the months of March, April and May 2010. The revenue report releasing funds on October 1, 2010, shall report on the months of June, July and

August 2010.

Each revenue report shall identify the number of new cost recovery contracts for animal control and licensing, a summary of the terms of the contracts, licensing revenue by city and the number of licenses sold by city. Based on this information, the executive shall provide an updated revenue projection for 2010 and assess whether revenue projections are on target to achieve annual revenues of \$3,200,000 in 2010. If the revenue estimate is not on target to achieve the 2010 revenue estimates of \$3,200,000 the executive shall take immediate actions to reduce expenditures and report those actions to the council.

Any report or plan required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee coordinator for the government accountability and oversight committee or its successor.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 16717, Section 93 is hereby amended as follows:

PUBLIC HEALTH - From the public health fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Public health \$0

ERI EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

Of this appropriation, \$30,000 shall be expended solely for Youth Eastside Services.

P1 PROVIDED THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$25,000 shall only be expended or encumbered if, by March 1, 2010, the executive transmits to the council a plan for conducting a periodic evaluation of the collaboration between Public Health and HealthPoint at the Northshore public health center and its impacts on the health of the community. The plan shall include identification of jointly agreed-upon evaluation measures, data sources needed to implement the measures, and the process and timeline for collecting, evaluating, and reporting on the data to the council. The evaluation plan shall include, but not be limited to: (1) a plan for evaluating the impact on access to family planning services; (2) a plan for evaluating how the collaboration at Northshore

might serve as a model for other collaborations between the county and community service providers; and (3) a plan for an initial evaluation report to be completed in 2010. Further, of this appropriation, an additional \$25,000 shall only be expended or encumbered if the executive transmits to the council by August 1, 2010, the initial evaluation report identified in the plan.

The plan required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee coordinator for the law, justice, health and human services and lead staff for the board of health or their successors.

P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$25,000 shall only be expended or encumbered if, by March 1, 2010, the executive transmits to the council a report on the activities of the department of public health to help assure access to family planning/sexually transmitted disease services for teens in the Kent area and the community surrounding the Northshore public health center. The report shall address how the department is: (1) helping clients who accessed services in 2009 transition to a new source of care; (2) working in partnership with other community based organizations to promote culturally competent access to services; (3) reprioritizing the work of family planning health educators including through locating the educators with other community providers in the Kent and Northshore communities; and (4) planning to evaluate the impact of these efforts on access to family planning/sexually transmitted disease services and the health of the community. The report shall also include a review of the dedicated financing sources available for family planning in 2010 and an assessment of the outlook for dedicated family planning funding over the next three years.

The report required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee coordinator for the law, justice, health and human services and lead staff for the board of health or their successors.

P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, the number of budgeted FTEs shall be reduced by 2.00 by ~~((February))~~ July 1, 2010~~((, due to the closure of King County animal shelter operations on February 1, 2010))~~.

P4 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall only be expended or encumbered if, by June 30, 2010, the executive transmits to the council a scope of work for facilities planning for the long-term delivery of public health center services in South King County, where the need for such services is highest. The scope of work shall focus on innovative ways of delivering services in partnership with other health safety net and community organizations to meet the needs of the population in a feasible and financially sustainable manner.

The scope of work required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee coordinator for the law, justice, health and human services and lead staff for the board of health or their successors.

P5 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$163,074 and 1.00 FTE shall only be expended or encumbered for environmental health services for animal-related businesses after the King County board of health adopts regulations and full-cost recovery permit fees for animal-related businesses. Further, the amount expended or encumbered for environmental health services for animal-related businesses shall be equal to the amount of revenue projected to be collected through the fees adopted by the board. No county general fund or state public health funding shall be used to support this expenditure or FTE authority.

SECTION 4. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.