



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE making a net disappropriation of \$450,593 from records and licensing services to increase animal control services in cities and transfer central rates to elections, and deletes a proviso; and a net supplemental appropriation of \$1,637,727 to elections for budget reprioritizations and transfer central rates from records and licensing services; and amending the 2008 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, Sections 30 and 31, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. From the current expense fund there is hereby approved and adopted a disappropriation of \$450,593 from records and licensing services to increase animal control services in cities and transfer central rates to elections, and delete a proviso; and a net supplemental appropriation of \$1,637,727 to elections for budget reprioritizations and transfer central rates from records and licensing services.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 15975, Section 30, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

RECORDS AND LICENSING SERVICES - From the current expense fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

Records and licensing services (\$450,593)

The maximum number of additional FTEs for records and licensing services shall be: 4.00

ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

Of this appropriation, no funds shall be expended to implement a zero tolerance licensing policy for animal control.

~~((P1 PROVIDED THAT:~~

~~Of this appropriation \$3,284,511 shall not be expended or encumbered until the council by motion determines with the assistance of a preliminary evaluation by an independent consultant hired by the council, whether the King County animal services program has the leadership, human resources and structural capacity to become a model no-kill program consistent with Ordinance 15801 and Motion 12600, or whether it would be more humane for the county to discontinue animal sheltering services. The executive shall fully cooperate with the preliminary evaluation by the council's independent consultant. A model no-kill program requires highly functional programs, including at a minimum the extensive use of volunteers, community involvement, public relations, pet retention programs, comprehensive adoption programs, rescue groups, foster care, medical and behavior rehabilitation, a feral cat trap-neuter-release program, a high-volume, low-cost spay neuter clinic and leadership committed to these imperatives. By February 28, 2008, the council will by motion notify the executive of the determination of whether the King County animal services program has the requisites to become a model no-kill program, or whether the county must discontinue animal sheltering services.~~

~~Should the council determine that county shall continue to provide animal sheltering services, and following the completion of an operational evaluation per Ordinance 15873, the executive shall, in accordance with the special report of the King County animal care and control citizen's advisory committee's special report dated September 24, 2007, and in collaboration with the King County animal care and control citizen's advisory committee, develop community partnerships and regional alliances to develop a plan on how the county might improve the provision of medical and behavioral rehabilitation services and the expansion of the spay neuter program.~~

~~The plan required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of 11 copies with the clerk of~~

~~the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.))~~

P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

The executive and the council share an interest in creating efficient and successful divisions within the department of executive services. To that end a separate elections division and a separate records and licensing services division would be created by the enactment of Proposed Ordinance 2007-0608. The executive has expressed an interest in conducting additional analysis of the reorganization in order to assure appropriate administrative support and the use of best practices in each division. Therefore, the council requests that by March 1, 2008, the executive submit a report with the results of the executive's review of each division's administrative needs, including budget, finance, information systems, human resources, payroll, accounts payable, confidential secretary, training and communications functions.

The report required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of 11 copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the policy staff director.

The council will also consider appropriations legislation that may be proposed by the executive if it is determined that additional funding or staffing is required.

P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$420,000 shall be expended solely for the following animal control services:

Community partner adoption campaign marketing materials and advertisements	\$15,000
Mobile/off-site spay neuter	\$50,000
Reimbursable medical supplies for volunteer veterinarian	\$25,000
Shelter Staff - increased levels of care	\$125,000
Spay Neuter community outreach program development	\$20,000
Staff - volunteer coordination	\$40,000

Staff and supplies for communication outreach/public partner liaison	\$45,000
Staff for animal placement and community rescue liaison	\$40,000
Veterinary services (Eastside)	\$15,000
Veterinary services (Kent)	\$30,000
Web cameras in animal housing areas	\$15,000

In accordance with county policy, as contained in Motion 12737, animal services programs shall be accountable and transparent to the public. Therefore, the department of executive services shall prepare a brief weekly electronic status report detailing progress implementing these operational improvements, and capital projects 395839 and 395842. The brief weekly electronic status report shall also include the following daily data pertaining to the King County animal care and control shelters: total shelter population, total new intake, total animals redeemed by owner, total euthanasia count, rationale for each incidence of euthanasia, total spay/neuter surgeries performed in the shelter, total spay/neuter surgeries provided to King County's animals outside the shelter, total animals in foster care, total animals removed by rescue groups and total animals adopted. The weekly electronic report shall be transmitted to the clerk of the council.

P4 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended until web cameras are installed in animal housing areas to allow public viewing of sheltered animals.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 15975, Section 31, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

ELECTIONS - From the current expense fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Elections	\$1,637,727
The maximum number of additional FTEs for elections shall be:	1.00