

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to crimes and offenses concerning animals; amending Section 9.25.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This ordinance changes the classification and maximum penalty of certain animal control crimes to make these classifications and maximum penalties consistent with state law. The crimes for which the maximum penalty will increase from 180 days in jail and a \$500 fine to 364 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine include keeping an exotic animal, using a guard dog without a guard dog license, owning a dangerous animal, and selling a sick, dangerous or exotic animal. The crimes for which the maximum penalty will increase from 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine to 364 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine include injuring an animal, setting an animal trap, confining an animal without adequate ventilation, provoking an animal intending to cause destructive behavior, tethering or confining an animal causing pain, failing to provide an animal sufficient food, water, shelter or ventilation, failing to provide an animal medical care, possessing animal fighting equipment or facilities, and abandoning an animal.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs? This legislation would increase jail costs should a Municipal Court judge sentence a defendant convicted of one of these crimes to a longer jail sentence than would have been authorized absent this legislation.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation? No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** This legislation would affect Municipal Court if, as previously mentioned, a Municipal Court judge sentenced a defendant convicted of one of these crimes to a longer jail sentence than would have been authorized absent this legislation. In such an event, jail costs would increase.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?** No
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?** This legislation would not seem to have any RSJI implications or impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).** This legislation does not include any new initiatives or major programmatic expansion.

List attachments/exhibits below: