



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to pet licensing; adjusting and simplifying cat and dog license fees; and amending Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/26/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	10/07/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	10/20/2016	sent for review	Select Budget Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Select Budget Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	11/07/2016	referred	Select Budget Committee			
1	Select Budget Committee	11/16/2016	pass				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).						
	Notes:						
		In Favor: 9	Chair Burgess, Member Bagshaw, Member Harrell, Member Herbold, Member Juarez, Member Johnson, Member González, Member O'Brien, Member Sawant				

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 11/21/2016 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember
González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold,
Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember
O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 11/22/2016 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 11/28/2016 Signed

1 Mayor 11/28/2016 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk

Notes:

1 City Clerk 11/28/2016 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125193

COUNCIL BILL 118835

AN ORDINANCE relating to pet licensing; adjusting and simplifying cat and dog license fees; and amending Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter is responsible for caring for thousands of stray, orphaned, sick, or abused animals every year; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Seattle's population growth, the level of animal care and enforcement needs have grown significantly over the years; and

WHEREAS, pet license fees are a vital means of support for the life-saving work, ongoing operations, and public safety enforcement performed by the Seattle Animal Shelter; and the contracted veterinary services now operating out of the shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter receives donation funds for certain extraordinary activities that benefit the animals in its care; those funds cannot be used to cover General Fund operations; and

WHEREAS, an increase in pet license fees will bolster the Seattle Animal Shelter's ability to provide the high levels of quality care the public has come to expect and the animals entrusted to the Shelter deserve; and

WHEREAS, the City's current pet license fee structure is overly complicated and needs to be simplified; and

WHEREAS, unaltered pets can create a burden on municipal resources and, as reflected in the difference in cost between altered and unaltered licenses, the City strongly encourages pet owners and guardians to alter their animals: cats, dogs, and rabbits, in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Animal Shelter provides low-cost spay and neuter services to ensure access by pet owners and guardians who wish to alter their animals; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Seattle Municipal Code, pet license fees will not exceed the costs incurred by the City in providing services related to the Seattle Animal Shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124923, is amended as follows:

9.26.020 Cat, dog, or goat license fee (~~—Renewal~~)

A. Unless a license with an automatic second year renewal is purchased as authorized in subsection B of this section, the fee for each annual cat, dog, or miniature goat license and for each annual period of renewal shall be:

1. Cats

Altered..... (~~(\$22)~~) \$24

Unaltered..... (~~(\$33)~~) \$75

2. Dogs

Altered..... (~~(\$30)~~) \$35

Unaltered..... (~~(\$51)~~) \$100

3. Miniature goats\$20

B. The fee for each cat, dog, or miniature goat license for an annual license purchased with a 12-month renewal shall be:

1. Cats

Altered..... (~~(\$30)~~) \$48

Unaltered..... ~~(((\$49))~~ \$150

2. Dogs

Altered..... ~~(((\$40))~~ \$70

Unaltered..... ~~(((\$76))~~ \$200

3. Miniature goats ~~(((\$30))~~ \$40

~~((C. A provisional license may be issued for dogs or cats up to age 6 months to allow time for such animals to be spayed or neutered. A provisional license may also be issued for cats and dogs of any age that were not previously licensed within The City of Seattle if proof of spay or neuter status is not available at the time the license is requested. The fee for each provisional cat or dog license for a 6-month period shall be:~~

~~1. — Cats...\$15~~

~~2. — Dogs....\$16~~

~~Each cat or dog shall be limited to a single provisional license which shall be valid for 6 months.))~~

C. To allow time for animals to be spayed or neutered, a one-year altered license may be issued for unaltered dogs or cats whose owners or guardians intend to have them altered prior to the time the license is up for renewal. A one-year altered license may also be issued for cats and dogs of any age that were not previously licensed within The City of Seattle if proof of spay or neuter status is not available at the time the license is requested. Owners or guardians of cats and dogs that cannot show proof that their animals have been spayed or neutered by the time the initial one-year license is up for renewal will be retroactively charged the difference between the unaltered and altered fee as well as the unaltered rate for the renewed license.

1 D. Late fee for renewal of a cat, dog, or miniature goat license more than 30 days
2 after its expiration: ~~((; \$15))~~ \$25.

3 E. Dog, cat, or miniature goat owned by a member of the diplomatic or consular
4 corps of a country having a treaty with the United States granting immunity from local law, upon
5 submission of proof of such status: ~~((.....))~~ No fee.

6 F. ~~((Dog,))~~ Altered dog, altered cat, or miniature goat owned by a person possessing
7 a valid "senior citizen's identification card" or ("handicapped person's identification card"
8 issued by The City of Seattle Human Services Department.....)) individuals with disabilities
9 who have been issued a disabilities identification card from The City of Seattle or State of
10 Washington: 50 percent of the regular license fee ((otherwise payable)) rounded up to the nearest
11 dollar.

12 G. Lost cat, dog, or miniature goat license tag: ~~((.....))~~ \$5.

Section 2. Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2016,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of
November, 2016.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 28th day of November, 2016.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 28th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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