

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 pet adoption fees and other animal control fees; adjusting and simplifying adoption fees and animal control fees; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to adjust certain fees; and amending Section 9.26.050 and 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The proposed legislation streamlines adoption fees for dogs and cats at the Seattle Animal Shelter starting in 2018 to ensure that adoptions of stray, surrendered, and rescued animals can be completed easily with less customer confusion. It also increases the price of a number of fees that are charged when an owned animal is redeemed from the shelter or when the shelter provides a service to an animal owner, such as transport of an animal, euthanasia, or veterinary treatment for injured or stray animals. These fees have not been increased in over 5 years.

The Seattle Animal Shelter’s adoption and sheltering services provide a service to owned animals or potential adopters looking to adopt a dog, cat, or other animal. This proposal increases fees to be consistent with other local animal shelter agencies and approaches a cost-recovery structure for some fees. For services such as boarding, euthanasia, or veterinary treatment for owned animals, the shelter has the ability to reduce or waive these fees when in the best interest of the animals. This legislation also allows the Director to periodically increase the fees as necessary to ensure the fee revenues are sufficient to support the services provided by the Seattle Animal Shelter.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

 This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

 X This legislation has direct financial implications.

Budget program(s) affected:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Estimated \$ Appropriation change:				
Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	

	2018	2019	2018	2019
			\$62,442	\$62,442
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Other departments affected:				

3.a. Appropriations

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

 X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2018 Revenue	2019 Estimated Revenue
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	FAS	Adoption Fees	\$30,000	\$30,000
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	FAS	Miscellaneous Fees	\$32,442	\$32,442
TOTAL			\$62,442	\$62,442

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

3.c. Positions

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

No

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

The lost revenue will impact service levels. The current adoption fee structure will continue to confuse customers.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?
No

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Fees for owned animals are waived (as authorized) if in the best interest of the animal; there is a mechanism that is broadly applied to ensure that the shelter keeps animals and their people together whenever possible. In the revenue determination, it is assumed that these fees are waived 40% of the time.

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.
No

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below: