



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 119112

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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 adoption fees and animal control fees; and amending Sections 9.26.050 and 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Herbold

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/25/2017	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	10/18/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
1	Council President's Office	10/19/2017	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	10/23/2017	referred	Select Budget Committee			
1	Select Budget Committee	11/20/2017	pass				Pass
	Action Text:	The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).					
	Notes:						

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In Favor: 9 Member Bagshaw, Member González , Member Harrell, Member Harris-Talley, Chair Herbold, Vice Chair Johnson, Member Juarez, Vice Chair O'Brien, Member Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 11/20/2017 passed Pass

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

Notes:

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

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 11/22/2017 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 11/22/2017 Signed

1 Mayor 11/28/2017 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 11/28/2017 attested by City Clerk

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

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125450

COUNCIL BILL 119112

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 adoption fees and animal control fees; and amending Sections 9.26.050 and 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

WHEREAS, in conjunction with community expectations of higher standards of care, the level of animal care and enforcement needs have grown significantly over the years; and

WHEREAS, pet adoption fees currently only cover a subset of the services required to ensure placement for that pet; and

WHEREAS, an increase in pet adoption fees will support 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 so deserve; and

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

WHEREAS, the City's animal control fees and charges for detainment, adoption, and sheltering services have not been increased in over ten years, while the cost of providing boarding, veterinary care, and transporting of owned animals has gone up significantly; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services has the ability to reduce or waive fees when in the best interest of the animal; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 9.26.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2 124040, is amended as follows:

3 **9.26.050 Other animal control fees and charges**

4 Other animal control fees shall be:

5 A. Administrative fee for each detained animal:

6 First detainment \$ 45

7 Second detainment \$~~((85))~~ 150

8 Third ~~((and subsequent detainments))~~ \$~~((125))~~ 200

9 Fourth detainment \$275

10 Fifth and subsequent detainments \$375

11 B. For each 24-hour period or part thereof for kenneling \$~~((10))~~ 20

12 C. For each animal adopted, ~~((with the exception of rabbits \$ 15))~~ the fee shall be in
13 the range described below and determined by rule:

14 Cat \$30 - 125

15 Dog \$100 - 375

16 Rabbit \$40

17 Other (any animal other than a cat, dog, or rabbit) \$15

18 D. ~~((For each rabbit adopted \$ 40))~~ For providing veterinary care for an owner's
19 animal cost of treatment with a minimum fee of \$100

20 E. For each exotic animal permit \$ ~~((50))~~ 100

21 F. For each live animal trapping permit \$100

22 G. For ~~((collecting and disposing of))~~ transporting an owner's animal ~~((, whether~~
23 ~~the animal is dead or alive))~~ \$ ~~((20))~~ 50

24 H. For euthanizing an owner's animal \$ ~~((20))~~ 72

1 I. For the handling and treatment of animals, (~~other than dogs and cats,~~) charges may be
2 assessed to recover the cost of special equipment or services provided.

3 J. For each microchip implant \$30

4 K. For each vaccination \$10

5 L. For each spay or neuter surgery deposit as described in subsection 9.25.091.D
6 \$250

7 Any deposit not collected within one year will be forfeited as a donation to the Pet Population
8 Control Fund created by Ordinance 118289.

9 Effective January 1, 2019, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services is authorized to
10 adjust these fees as necessary to ensure the fee revenues are sufficient to support the services
11 provided by the Seattle Animal Shelter, provided that the revenue for these fees shall not exceed
12 costs for such services. Whenever the Director adjusts these fees, the Director shall file a
13 schedule of these fees with the City Clerk.

14 Section 2. Section 9.26.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
15 125196, is amended as follows:

16 **9.26.060 Spay and Neuter Clinic fees**

17 The fees at the Seattle Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Clinic shall be:

18 A. Surgery fees:

19 Cats

20 Spaying \$108

21 Neutering \$102

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23 Dogs

24 Dog neuter under 50 pounds \$144

- 1 Dog neuter 50—80 pounds \$162
- 2 Dog neuter over 80 pounds \$186
- 3 Dog spay under 50 pounds \$156
- 4 Dog spay 50—80 pounds \$174
- 5 Dog spay over 80 pounds \$186

6 Rabbits

- 7 Rabbit spay or neuter \$90

8 Animals other than cats, dogs, and rabbits may be spayed or neutered at the discretion of the
9 Director of Finance and Administrative Services, or the Director's designee, who shall charge a
10 fee for the service that is based upon estimated costs, not to exceed \$120 per hour of surgery.
11 Effective January 1, 2018, the Director is authorized to adjust these fees as necessary to ensure
12 the fee revenues are sufficient to support the spay and neuter services provided by the Seattle
13 Animal Shelter, provided that the revenue for these fees shall not exceed costs for such services.
14 Whenever the Director adjusts these fees, the Director shall file a schedule of these fees with the
15 City Clerk.

16 B. Vaccination fees ((:

17 Cat FvRCP \$10

18 Dog DHLPP \$10

19 Cat and dog rabies \$10))\$10 per vaccination

20 C. Microchip implant fees ((:)) \$30

21 ((Animals adopted from the shelter \$20

22 NonsHELTER animals \$30

23 Animals reclaimed from the shelter \$30))

1 Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

2 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
3 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
4 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

5 Passed by the City Council the 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2017,
6 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of
7 NOVEMBER, 2017.

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9 President _____ of the City Council

10 Approved by me this 22ND day of November, 2017.

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12 Tim Burgess, Mayor

13 Filed by me this 28th day of NOVEMBER, 2017.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

16 (Seal)