

**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 licensing; adjusting and simplifying cat and dog license fees; and amending Section 9.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** The proposed legislation simplifies the pet license fee structure and increases pet license fees at the Seattle Animal effective Jan. 1, 2017. The simplified fee structure eliminates a number of licenses, including provisional licenses. The new fees and structures will likely result in a revenue increase over the years to support on-going operating needs.

Seattle’s current license fees for unaltered animals are significantly lower than other large metropolitan areas. Unaltered cats and dogs present a significant strain on animal control and shelter resources than spayed and neutered pets. Spaying and neutering helps prevent unwanted pets from being euthanized and eases the burden on the shelter and municipal resources. The proposed increases in the unaltered pet licenses is meant to encourage responsible pet ownership by incentivizing spaying and neutering cats and dogs. The Seattle Animal Shelter provides low-cost spay and neuter services in support of this action.

We believe the changes in the license fee structure make sense and are far simpler to understand than the existing structure. The increases and adjustments to license fees will support the shelter’s lifesaving work and promote animal-related public safety and enforcement services.

**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.

<b>Budget program(s) affected:</b>	<b>General Fund \$</b>		<b>Other \$</b>	
<b>Estimated \$ Appropriation change:</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>

<b>Estimated \$ Revenue change:</b>	<b>Revenue to General Fund</b>		<b>Revenue to Other Funds</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
			\$331,000	\$239,000
<b>Positions affected:</b>	<b>No. of Positions</b>		<b>Total FTE Change</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Other departments affected:</b>				

**3.a. Appropriations**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

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

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>2017 Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>2018 Estimated Revenue</b>
Finance and Administrative Services Operating Fund (50300)	FAS	Animal License Fees	331,000	\$239,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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 have a significant impact on service levels.
- 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?**  
Low-income customers can access financial assistance through the City's Pet Population Control Fund. This type of assistance ensures that all Seattle residents have access to animal shelter services.
- 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:**