



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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:

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

9.26.050 Other animal control fees and charges

Other animal control fees shall be:

A. Administrative fee for each detained animal:

First detainment \$ 45

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

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

Fourth detainment \$275

Fifth and subsequent detainments \$375

B. For each 24-hour period or part thereof for kenneling ~~\$(40)~~ 20

C. For each animal adopted, ~~((with the exception of rabbits \$ 15))~~ the fee shall be in the range

described below and determined by rule:

Cat \$30 - 125

Dog \$100 - 375

Rabbit \$40

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

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

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

F. For each live animal trapping permit \$100

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

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

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

J. For each microchip implant \$30

K. For each vaccination \$10

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

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

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

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

9.26.060 Spay and Neuter Clinic fees

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

A. Surgery fees:

Cats

Spaying \$108

Neutering \$102

Dogs

Dog neuter under 50 pounds \$144

Dog neuter 50-80 pounds \$162

Dog neuter over 80 pounds \$186

Dog spay under 50 pounds \$156

Dog spay 50-80 pounds \$174

Dog spay over 80 pounds \$186

Rabbits

Rabbit spay or neuter \$90

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

B. Vaccination fees ((:

Cat FvRCP \$10

Dog DHLPP \$10

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

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

~~((Animals adopted from the shelter \$20~~

~~Nonshelter animals \$30~~

~~Animals reclaimed from the shelter \$30))~~

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

Section 4. 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 _____ day of _____, 2017, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2017.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Tim Burgess, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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