

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING PACKET

**MOTION 22-017**

**RELATING TO ANIMAL RELINQUISHMENT FEE;  
AMENDING SECTION 9.12.055 OF SNOHOMISH  
COUNTY CODE**

ECAF: 2022-0006

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Staff Person: Jim Martin

DPA:

**EXHIBIT LIST**

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-017

APPROVING THE RELINQUISHMENT FEE FOR  
AN ANIMAL SET BY THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, SCC 9.12.055, requires the Auditor to establish an animal relinquishment fee by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, subject to approval by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has established an animal relinquishment fee schedule attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the relinquishment fee is set with the goal of recovering the County's costs when an owner relinquishes their pet to the contracted shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, pursuant to SCC 9.12.055 the Snohomish County Council hereby approves the 2022 Animal Relinquishment Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which shall be effective on January 1, 2022, and remain effective through December 31, 2022.

PASSED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Asst. Clerk of the Council

**EXHIBIT A**

**2022 Animal Relinquishment Fee Schedule  
(Effective January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022)**

**Animal Relinquishment by Owner**

Relinquishment Fee (same as per animal shelter fee)	\$215
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$215</b>

**Stray Relinquishment by Snohomish County Resident**

Relinquishment Fee (stray)	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Snohomish County Council

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EXHIBIT # 1

FILE MOT 22-017

**Committee:** Finance  
**ECAF:** 2022-0006  
**Proposal:** Mot 22-017

**Analyst:** Jim Martin  
**Date:** January 19, 2022

**Consideration:**

Approving the relinquishment fee for an animal set by the Snohomish county Auditor.

**Background**

Snohomish County Code 9.12.055, as amended by Ordinance 22-002, requires the fee for relinquishment of an animal shall be set by the director of animal services, subject to approval by motion of the County Council. In 2022, the contracted shelter charges Snohomish County \$215 per animal.

**Current Proposal**

Approval of the Animal Relinquishment Fee Schedule, Exhibit A, setting the animal relinquishment fee at \$215/animal, which shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

*Duration:* N/A

*Fiscal Implications:* Potential increase in revenue to match expected expenditures

**2022 Budget:** N/A

**Future Budget Impacts:** None.

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Approved-as-to-form:** N/A

**Risk Management:** N/A.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Attachments:** See ECAF packet.

**Amendments:** NONE.

**Request:** Set to GLS on January 26<sup>th</sup> to set time and date for a public hearing.



Legislation Text

File #: 2022-0006, Version: 1

**Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 22-017, approving the relinquishment fee for an animal set by the Snohomish County Auditor

**DEPARTMENT:** Auditor’s Office

**ORIGINATOR:** Debby Zins

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Approve-Lacey Harper 1/6/22

**PURPOSE:** To amend the ordinance to recover costs from owner relinquishment of their animals to the contracted shelter under Title 9 SCC.

**BACKGROUND:** SCC 9.12.055 is amended to allow the auditor to set owner relinquishment fees based on costs incurred by the county for these animals. The current relinquishment fee is set by code at \$25 per animal and falls short of the actual cost incurred by the county per animal. In 2022, the contracted shelter charges the county \$215 per animal. There are many resources for residents to rehome dogs/cats and the shelter works with pet owners to find alternatives to depositing their animals at the shelter. The proposed amended ordinance allows the auditor to set the relinquishment fee, subject to approval by council, with the goal of recovering the county’s costs for owner relinquishment of their pets to the contracted shelter.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
<b>TOTAL</b>			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
	\$31,000	\$31,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** Relinquishment revenue is projected in the 2022 budget to be \$11,000 (based on current fees). We expect to see approximately \$20,000 in additional cost recovery from increased relinquishment fees. Recent trends indicate that fewer pets are relinquished each year to the

contracted shelter.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT
AMENDMENT	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	END
AMENDMENT	START	END

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** Approved-Finance, Nathan Kennedy 1/5/22

ECAF NO.:  
ECAF RECEIVED:

**MOTION**  
**ASSIGNMENT SLIP** SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

TO: Clerk of the Council

EXHIBIT # 3

FILE MOT 22-017

TITLE OF PROPOSED MOTION:

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Clerk's Action: Proposed Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM**

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Committee made the following recommendation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Move to Council for action on: \_\_\_\_\_ **Move to Public Hearing on 2/23/22 at 10:30 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Move to Council as amended for action on: \_\_\_\_\_

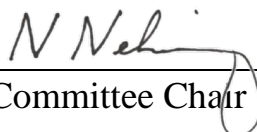
\_\_\_\_\_ Move to Council with no recommendation

**This item \_\_\_ should/ \_\_\_ should not be placed on the Consent Agenda.**

(Consent agenda may be used for routine items that do not require public hearing and do not need discussion at General Legislative Session)

**This item \_\_\_ should/ \_\_\_ should not be placed on the Administrative Matters Agenda**

(Administrative Matters agenda may be used for routine action to set time and date for public hearings)

  
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Committee Chair