

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING PACKET

ORDINANCE 22-002 RELATING TO ANIMAL RELINQUISHMENT FEE;
AMENDING SECTION 9.12.055 OF SNOHOMISH
COUNTY CODE

ECAF: 2022-0005

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

Staff Person: Jim Martin

DPA: Sean Reay

EXHIBIT LIST

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1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
2 Snohomish County, Washington

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4 ORDINANCE NO. 22-002

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

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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11 Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.12.055, last amended by Ordinance No.
12 11-014, on May 25, 2011, is amended to read:

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14 **9.12.055 Animal relinquishment fee.**

15 (1) Residents of unincorporated Snohomish County may for a fee ((~~of \$25.00~~)) per animal
16 deliver and relinquish ownership of unwanted dogs or cats owned by them to any animal shelter
17 providing that service pursuant to a contract with the County. Residents may deliver stray dogs
18 or cats without payment of a fee to any animal shelter providing that service pursuant to a
19 contract with the County.

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21 (2) The fee shall be paid directly to the animal shelter by the person relinquishing the animal at
22 the time of release.

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24 (3) All fees become the property of Snohomish County and shall be transmitted to the county in
25 the same manner as other fees collected and remitted according to the process specified in the
26 current shelter services contract.

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28 (4) The fee for relinquishment of an animal shall be set by the director of animal services, subject
29 to approval by the county council by motion.

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31 PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2022.

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33 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
34 Snohomish County, Washington

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37 Chairperson

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39 ATTEST:

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42 Asst. Clerk of the Council

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DATE: _____

County Executive

ATTEST:

Approved as to form only:

/s/ Sean Reay

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



Snohomish County Council

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 1

FILE ORD 22-002

Committee: Finance
ECAF: 2022-0005
Proposal: Ord. 22-002

Analyst: Jim Martin
Date: January 19, 2022

Consideration:

Relating to Animal Licensing and Licensing fees; amending section 9.12.055 of Snohomish County Code.

Background

Current Snohomish County Code, last amended in 2011, calls for the payment of a \$25 per animal fee for delivery and relinquishing of ownership of unwanted dogs or cats, to be paid directly to the animal shelter. For 2022, the contracted animal shelter for ownership relinquishment charges Snohomish County a fee of \$215 per animal. This ordinance would amend code to allow for annual rate setting by the Director of Animal Services, subject to approval by motion of the County Council.

Current Proposal

Amending SCC 9.12.055, as it relates to animal relinquishment.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Implications: N/A

2022 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: None.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: N/A.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: See ECAF packet.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Set to GLS on January 26th to set time and date for a public hearing.



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EXHIBIT # 2

Legislation Text

FILE ORD 22-002

File #: 2022-0005, Version: 1

Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 22-002, relating to animal relinquishment fee; amending section 9.12.055 of Snohomish County Code

DEPARTMENT: Auditor's Office

ORIGINATOR: Debby Zins

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve- Lacey Harper 1/7/22

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
TOTAL			

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

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 as to form by PA Sean Reay/ Approved-Finance, Nathan Kennedy 1/5/22

ECAF NO.:
ECAF RECEIVED:

**ORDINANCE
INTRODUCTION SLIP**

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 3

FILE ORD 22-002

TO: Clerk of the Council

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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*Stephanie Wright*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Date  
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Clerk's Action: Proposed Ordinance No. _____

Assigned to: _____ Date: _____

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**STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM**

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Committee considered the item and by \_\_\_\_ Consensus /  
\_\_\_\_ Yeas and \_\_\_\_ Nays, made the following recommendation:

\_\_\_\_ Move to Council to schedule public hearing \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Hearing Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **at** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Move to Council as amended to schedule public hearing

\_\_\_\_ 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)

*N. Nelson*  
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Committee Chair