



Snohomish County Council

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

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Attachments: 1. Ordinance 22-002, 2. Hearing Packet, 3. Staff Report, 4. Ordinance Introduction Slip, 5. Notice of Introduction & Public Hearing, 6. Notice of Enactment, 7. Affidavits of Publication, 8. Distribution Sheet

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/23/2022	1	Public Hearings	Approved	Pass
1/26/2022	1	General Legislative Session	Set time/date for Public Hearing	
1/25/2022	1	Finance and Economic Development Committee	Moved to the GLS Regular Agenda	
1/10/2022	1	Administrative Session	Assigned	

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