



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

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

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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

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-Finance, Nathan Kennedy 1/5/22