



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 6, 2008

Ordinance 16256

Proposed No. 2008-0431.2

Sponsors Ferguson and Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE making a net disappropriation of
2 \$450,593 from records and licensing services to increase
3 animal control services in cities and transfer central rates to
4 elections, and deletes a proviso; and a net supplemental
5 appropriation of \$1,637,727 to elections for budget
6 reprioritizations and transfer central rates from records and
7 licensing services; and amending the 2008 Budget
8 Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, Sections 30 and 31, as
9 amended.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. From the current expense fund there is hereby approved and
13 adopted a disappropriation of \$450,593 from records and licensing services to increase
14 animal control services in cities and transfer central rates to elections, and delete a
15 proviso; and a net supplemental appropriation of \$1,637,727 to elections for budget
16 reprioritizations and transfer central rates from records and licensing services.

17 SECTION 2. Ordinance 15975, Section 30, as amended, is hereby amended by
18 adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

19 RECORDS AND LICENSING SERVICES - From the current expense fund there
20 is hereby disappropriated from:

21 Records and licensing services	(\$450,593)
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23 The maximum number of additional FTEs for records and licensing services
24 shall be: 4.00

25 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

26 Of this appropriation, no funds shall be expended to implement a zero tolerance
27 licensing policy for animal control.

28 ~~((P1 PROVIDED THAT:~~

29 ~~Of this appropriation \$3,284,511 shall not be expended or encumbered until the~~
30 ~~council by motion determines with the assistance of a preliminary evaluation by an~~
31 ~~independent consultant hired by the council, whether the King County animal services~~
32 ~~program has the leadership, human resources and structural capacity to become a model~~
33 ~~no-kill program consistent with Ordinance 15801 and Motion 12600, or whether it would~~
34 ~~be more humane for the county to discontinue animal sheltering services. The executive~~
35 ~~shall fully cooperate with the preliminary evaluation by the council's independent~~
36 ~~consultant. A model no-kill program requires highly functional programs, including at a~~
37 ~~minimum the extensive use of volunteers, community involvement, public relations, pet~~
38 ~~retention programs, comprehensive adoption programs, rescue groups, foster care,~~
39 ~~medical and behavior rehabilitation, a feral cat trap-neuter-release program, a high-~~

40 ~~volume, low-cost spay neuter clinic and leadership committed to these imperatives. By~~
41 ~~February 28, 2008, the council will by motion notify the executive of the determination~~
42 ~~of whether the King County animal services program has the requisites to become a~~
43 ~~model no-kill program, or whether the county must discontinue animal sheltering~~
44 ~~services.~~

45 ~~Should the council determine that county shall continue to provide animal~~
46 ~~sheltering services, and following the completion of an operational evaluation per~~
47 ~~Ordinance 15873, the executive shall, in accordance with the special report of the King~~
48 ~~County animal care and control citizen's advisory committee's special report dated~~
49 ~~September 24, 2007, and in collaboration with the King County animal care and control~~
50 ~~citizen's advisory committee, develop community partnerships and regional alliances to~~
51 ~~develop a plan on how the county might improve the provision of medical and behavioral~~
52 ~~rehabilitation services and the expansion of the spay neuter program.~~

53 ~~The plan required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of 11~~
54 ~~copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies~~
55 ~~to each councilmember and to the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its~~
56 ~~successor.))~~

57 P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

58 The executive and the council share an interest in creating efficient and successful
59 divisions within the department of executive services. To that end a separate elections
60 division and a separate records and licensing services division would be created by the
61 enactment of Proposed Ordinance 2007-0608. The executive has expressed an interest in
62 conducting additional analysis of the reorganization in order to assure appropriate

63 administrative support and the use of best practices in each division. Therefore, the
64 council requests that by March 1, 2008, the executive submit a report with the results of
65 the executive's review of each division's administrative needs, including budget, finance,
66 information systems, human resources, payroll, accounts payable, confidential secretary,
67 training and communications functions.

68 The report required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of 11
69 copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies
70 to each councilmember and to the policy staff director.

71 The council will also consider appropriations legislation that may be proposed by
72 the executive if it is determined that additional funding or staffing is required.

73 P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

74 Of this appropriation, \$420,000 shall be expended solely for the following animal
75 control services:

76	Community partner adoption campaign marketing materials and advertisements	\$15,000
77	Mobile/off-site spay neuter	\$50,000
78	Reimbursable medical supplies for volunteer veterinarian	\$25,000
79	Shelter Staff – increased levels of care	\$125,000
80	Spay Neuter community outreach program development	\$20,000
81	Staff – volunteer coordination	\$40,000
82	Staff and supplies for communication outreach/public partner liaison	\$45,000
83	Staff for animal placement and community rescue liaison	\$40,000
84	Veterinary services (Eastside)	\$15,000
85	Veterinary services (Kent)	\$30,000

86 Web cameras in animal housing areas \$15,000

87 In accordance with county policy, as contained in Motion 12737, animal services
88 programs shall be accountable and transparent to the public. Therefore, the department
89 of executive services shall prepare a brief weekly electronic status report detailing
90 progress implementing these operational improvements, and capital projects 395839 and
91 395842. The brief weekly electronic status report shall also include the following daily
92 data pertaining to the King County animal care and control shelters: total shelter
93 population, total new intake, total animals redeemed by owner, total euthanasia count,
94 rationale for each incidence of euthanasia, total spay/neuter surgeries performed in the
95 shelter, total spay/neuter surgeries provided to King County's animals outside the shelter,
96 total animals in foster care, total animals removed by rescue groups and total animals
97 adopted. The weekly electronic report shall be transmitted to the clerk of the council.

98 P4 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

99 Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended until web cameras are
100 installed in animal housing areas to allow public viewing of sheltered animals.

101 SECTION 3. Ordinance 15975, Section 31, as amended, is hereby amended by
102 adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

103 ELECTIONS - From the current expense fund there is hereby appropriated to:

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105 Elections \$1,637,727
106 The maximum number of additional FTEs for elections shall be: 1.00
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Ordinance 16256 was introduced on 8/25/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/6/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

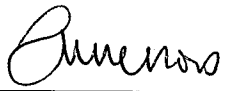
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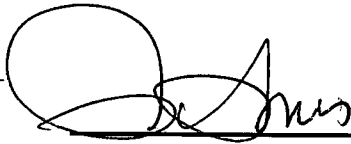
Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of OCTOBER 2008

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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