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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would amend King County Code Title 11 Animal Services. The proposed Ordinance would add two new tiers of potentially dangerous animal and dangerous animal definitions and accompanying actions/supports. It would align with the Revised Code of Washington Chapter 16.08, enabling Regional Animal Services of King County to have additional tools to aid in the protection of people and pets in King County.

In summary, the proposed amendment to King County Code includes:

- Seven new violations;
- 32 definitions (added/modified);
- 14 fee schedule changes (added, removed, modified);
- Three sections repealed (duplicative of Board of Health Code); and
- Timelines moved to calendar days to provide clarity and consistency.

These proposed updates have been drafted in consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) and our 24 city partners.

The proposed code updates support the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing improved tools and support for Regional Animal Services to continue operating multiple highly recognized, efficient, and effective services for King County.

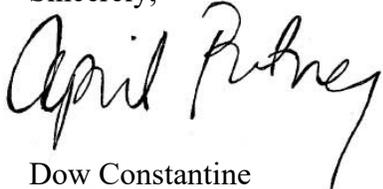
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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed legislation. If your staff have any questions, please contact Norm Alberg, Director, Records and Licensing Services Division, Department of Executive Services, at 206-263-2913.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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