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AN ORDINANCE waiving certain statutory and code requirements relating to the immediate operational and facility improvements to King County animal shelters; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A The purpose of King County animal care and control is to serve and maintain such levels of animal care as will protect animal and human health and safety, and to the greatest degree practicable to prevent injury to humans and property and cruelty to animal life.

B. The King County animal shelters in Kent and Bellevue house approximately thirteen thousand stray, abandoned and neglected animals each year.

C. The animal care and control citizen’s advisory committee and outside consultants have recommended taking immediate action to improve the condition of the shelters to relieve overcrowding and reduce the potential for disease among animals.

E. Immediate facility and operational improvements will provide some immediate relief for the reduction of animal crowding and the spread of disease at the shelters.

F. Animal overcrowding and unmet facility needs threaten the usefulness of the shelters, undermine the ability to perform essential functions, and will result in financial loss to the county if not immediately addressed.

G. On _____, the King County executive issued a determination of emergency and waiver from procurement requirements for immediate facility and operational improvements and planning needs for the shelters

H. Ordinance _____ provides funding for some immediate facility and operational improvements and planning needs ("the projects") for the shelters that will provide some relief to animal crowding, reduce the potential for the spread of disease among animals and begin to address facility needs.

I. An emergency waiver of competitive bidding and formal solicitation requirements of state and county law is necessary to assure the timely availability and acquisition of any design, construction, services, materials and equipment for the performance of the projects.

SECTION 2. The requirements for competitive bidding and formal solicitation of construction, design and other services, materials and equipment under chapters 36.32, 39.80 and 39.10 RCW and K.C.C. chapters 4.04, 4.16, 4.18, 12.16 and 12.18 and all otherwise applicable executive policies and procedures are hereby waived with reference to any contracts relating to the projects. This waiver expires upon the completion of the projects.

SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county council finds as fact and declares that an emergency exists and this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and welfare of the public or and for the restoration to a condition of usefulness of public property, the usefulness of which has been destroyed or where delay will result in financial loss to the county.