



Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting the Regional Animal Services 2014 Operational Strategic Plan and Technical Report in response to the 2013/2014 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17476, Section 99, Proviso P1; and authorizing the release of \$500,000 currently held in reserve.

WHEREAS, the 2013/2014 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17476 contains Proviso P1 in Section 99, animal service fund, stating \$500,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits an operational strategic plan for regional animal services of King County and the council adopts a motion that accepts the operational strategic plan and references the proviso's ordinance number, section number, proviso number and subject matter, and

WHEREAS, the county executive has transmitted to the council a response that contains the required information responding to the proviso, specifically to provide:

1. An operational strategic plan for regional animal services of King County, intended to "further the goal of developing a sustainable program for regional animal services with sustainable funding resources, while preserving the county's commitment to maintain levels of animal care and control that will protect animal and human health and safety and, to the greatest degree practicable, prevent injury to property and cruelty to animal life," and
2. A technical report on at least the following issues:
 - a. Analysis of the factors driving high animal care and control costs in the South animal district and unincorporated King County, including but not limited to societal, behavioral, geographic and demographic influences;

b. Identification of the direct and indirect fiscal impacts of euthanasia, licensing, fees and fines on the regional system, including analysis of how these factors affect pet owner behavior;

c. An analysis of societal and behavioral factors that reduce shelter usage and that increase pet licensing; and

d. An analysis of efficiencies that could be or have been achieved in canvassing techniques and identification of alternative canvassing approaches that strategically enhance licensing rates in partner jurisdictions experiencing low licensing rates, and

WHEREAS, the council has reviewed the department of executive services regional animal service operational strategic plan and technical report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The proviso response, in Attachments A and B of this motion, is hereby accepted and the \$500,000 currently held in reserve in accordance with Ordinance 17476, Section 99, Proviso P1, animal services fund, is hereby released.