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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 11-014

RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL COSTS AND FEES;
AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.01, AND 9.12 SCC.

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.01.050, added by Amended Ordinance No. 10-070 on September 8, 2010, is amended to read:

9.01.050 – Financial responsibility of animal owner.

The owner of any animal confiscated or impounded under Title 9 SCC shall pay the county assessed penalties and all fees and costs associated with apprehension, transportation, ~~((and))~~ impoundment ~~((specified in SCC 9.12.110))~~, care, boarding, and any veterinary costs incurred including euthanasia and disposal if applicable, as a result of the confiscation or impoundment whether or not the animal is redeemed. Relinquishment of the animal by its owner does not constitute a waiver of the fees or costs incurred under this section or fines otherwise imposed. The county may collect the penalties, fees and expenses by use of appropriate legal remedies.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 9.12.055, added by Amended Ordinance No. 08-151 on December 10, 2008, is amended to read:

9.12.055 Animal relinquishment fee.

(1) Residents of unincorporated Snohomish County may for a fee of ~~(((\$15.00))~~ \$25.00 per animal deliver and relinquish ownership of unwanted dogs or cats owned by them to any animal shelter providing that service pursuant to a contract with the County. Residents may deliver stray dogs or cats without payment of a fee to any animal shelter providing that service pursuant to a contract with the County.

1 (2) The fee shall be paid directly to the animal shelter by the person relinquishing
2 the animal at the time of release.
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4 (3) All fees become the property of Snohomish County and shall be transmitted to
5 the county in the same manner as ~~((apprehension and transportation))~~ other fees ~~((are))~~
6 collected ~~((under SCC 9.12.110))~~ and remitted according to the process specified in the
7 current shelter services contract.
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9 Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 9.12.110, last amended by Amended Ordinance No.
10 06-133 on February 28, 2007, is amended to read:

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12 **9.12.110 Redemption – cost recovery.**
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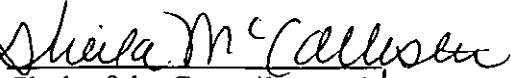
14 Any animal impounded or confiscated pursuant to the provisions of this title may
15 be redeemed upon payment of the ~~((redemption fee))~~ fees as herein provided and
16 demonstration that the violation has been corrected. The correction of a violation includes
17 the licensing of any unlicensed animal required by this title to be licensed. The
18 redemption fee for an animal shall be established by the director of the animal control
19 agency not later than January 1st each year, subject to approval by the county council by
20 motion. The redemption fee shall include(s) all fees and costs associated with
21 apprehension, transportation, impoundment, care, boarding, shelter capital facilities and
22 any veterinary costs incurred including euthanasia and disposal of the animal, if
23 applicable. ~~((assessments for apprehension, transportation, impoundment, and care of the~~
24 animal. ~~The amounts assessed by contracting shelters for impoundment and care of a dog~~
25 or cat shall be \$50.00 for impoundment and \$15.00 per day for care. The amount assessed
26 for apprehension of a dog or cat shall be \$50.00, except that if the animal was previously
27 impounded within one year the amount shall be \$100.00. ~~The amount assessed for~~
28 transportation shall be \$25.00 for dogs or cats.)) The ~~((cost of apprehension, care,~~
29 ~~impoundment, and transportation))~~ fees for all ~~((other))~~ animals shall be based on the
30 direct cost to the County as determined by the director of the animal control agency.
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33 PASSED this th 25 day of May, 2011.
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36 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
37 Snohomish County, Washington

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40 Brian Sullivan, Vice-Chair
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42 ATTEST:

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44 Sheila McCallister
45 Clerk of the Council, asst.

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DATE: *[Signature]*
5/3/11
for: County Executive

ATTEST:

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GARY HAAKENSEN
Deputy County Executive

Approved as to form only:

[Signature] 3/4/11
 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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