

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: King County Animal Control Agreement Amendment DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services PRESENTED BY: Dick Deal, PRCS Director</p>

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline currently has an Interlocal Agreement with King County to provide animal control services in Shoreline. King County is allowed to collect all license fees, with a small amount retained by the City for each license the City sells, and in return • King County Animal Control will provide services to include the collection and boarding of stray animals, the handling of dangerous dog complaints, educational services to animal owners, and enforcement of regulations as adopted in City of Shoreline Ordinance No. 25, approved July 10, 1995. Most cities in King County have similar agreements.

On April 6, 2006 the City of Shoreline executed Amendment number 3727 to the Interlocal Agreement, which provided the City a KCAC officer to patrol the Shoreline park system. The officer worked for approximately six months in 2006 and was responsible for educating park users about the leash law, which brought more public attention to the problem of off-leash activity in Shoreline Parks. Through regular reports made by this officer in the field, the educational effort reached over 1000 park users and resulted in reduced off-leash activity.

This revised amendment to the Interlocal Agreement will allow the City of Shoreline to address the off-leash dog issue in our parks again this year by paying for approximately 20 additional hours of patrol each week for off-leash enforcement. If approved, this amendment would allow the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to schedule a KCAC employee to help manage off-leash activity in Shoreline parks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- The approval of this amendment to the Interlocal agreement would be in effect for the remainder of 2007 and be limited to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000. Funds are available in the 2007 Parks budget for this expenditure.

BACKGROUND

This issue was last presented before Council on January 9, 2006. Council approved the first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to provide educational enforcement of the leash law in Shoreline parks. Since the last amendment was made, the KCAC officer contracted has made contact with more than a thousand dog owners who bring their pets to Shoreline parks off-leash. Staff spends a significant amount of time in contact with park users who have had concerns in the past about their own level of comfort and personal safety while using a park.

It is our intent to continue educating off-leash violators in our park system, but the Park Board at the January meeting recommended that staff direct the Animal Control officer to ticket repeat offenders that have previously been warned. It became evident that this increased enforcement would be necessary as last year several people were repeatedly warned yet continued to violate the park leash regulations. We will continue to pursue the development of an off-leash area and staff will convene a new Off-leash Study Group later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to sign this addendum, attached at Exhibit A, to the King County Animal Control services agreement that would provide funding for the enforcement of off-leash dog activity in Shoreline parks.

Approved By:

City Manager



City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement, number 4203

INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT

Between the City of Shoreline and King County Regarding Animal Services and Programs

This is an Amendment to the standing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shoreline and King County. The Amendment is for supplemental animal control services between the City of Shoreline, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as the “City”, and King County, a home-rule charter county, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as the “County”.

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline (City) and King County (County) entered into an Interlocal Agreement dated August 31, 1995 (“the Interlocal Agreement”) relating to the provision of animal control services within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and County amended the Interlocal Agreement on April 3, 2006 relating to the provision of animal control services to enable the County to provide Shoreline with additional animal control services under a pilot program for 2006 for a maximum of \$7,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City and County wish to amend the Interlocal Agreement to enable the County to continue to provide Shoreline with additional animal control services under an extended pilot program;

NOW, in consideration of mutual covenants, the City and County hereby agree to amend the Interlocal Agreement as follows:

Section 1. Service Obligation

- A. The County shall provide supplemental animal control services in the form of an additional animal control officer dedicated to the City for no less than two eight-hour work days per week during the period of this extended pilot program which shall continue for ten months from the approval of this amendment. The scheduling of these additional service days will be determined by mutual agreement of the contract administrators of this supplemental service.
- B. The additional animal control officer will be stationed within the City limits to respond to specific calls for service, perform routine patrols, communicate with Shoreline Parks officials, and handle other related tasks as agreed to by the contract administrators of this supplemental service.
- C. The additional animal control officer will issue written warnings and citations at the discretion of City staff.
- D. The County shall provide the City with a general monthly calendar of scheduled service in Shoreline, and a monthly report of the types of services offered and performed.

- E. The County shall submit to the City an invoice and billing voucher at the end of each quarter. During the 4th quarter of 2007, a final invoice shall be submitted to the City no later than December 15, 2007.

Section 2. Compensation. In consideration for the supplemental services provided by the County as set forth herein, the City promises to pay the County for the hours of animal control officer work at the rate of \$30/hour. This rate per hour shall only apply to this extended pilot program and is not intended to set any precedent for additional services costs in the future. The contract amount is \$20,000.00 and will be charged to City budget number 2409038-5410.

Section 3. Contract Administrators. For purposes of these supplemental services, the contract administrators shall be the Parks Director or a designee and the King County Animal Services and Programs Manager or designee.

Section 4. Other Portions of the Agreement Unaffected. Except as specifically stated herein, all other portions of the Interlocal Agreement shall remain in place and are unaffected by this Amendment.

Section 5. Discontinuation of Supplemental Services. The County or City may discontinue the provision of supplemental services authorized by this agreement with or without cause upon providing thirty-days written notice.

Section 6. No Third Party Beneficiaries. The Interlocal Agreement and this Amendment have been entered into for the sole benefit of the City and County. Nothing in the Interlocal Agreement or this Amendment is intended to create any rights for or obligations owing to third parties.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Amendment shall be effective upon the date last signed below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement.

CITY OF SHORELINE

KING COUNTY

Robert L. Olander Date
City Manager

Ron Sims Date
King County Executive

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney Date

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Date