

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.

The King County Animal Control (KCAC) staff is responsible for covering the majority of King County and as a result they are able to spend little time in each community, usually dealing only with stray and dangerous animal issues. Issues such as off leash dogs are a lower priority and as a result there is very little enforcement of illegal off leash activity. City regulations require all dogs to be on leash and under control of the handler when in Shoreline parks. However, since there is such limited enforcement the number of off leash dog complaints has increased dramatically in the past few years. There is currently a citizen committee appointed by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board to evaluate the need for an off leash area and determine potential sites to be considered for development into a future off leash dog site in Shoreline. The work of this committee is on-going.

This amendment will allow the City of Shoreline to address the off leash dog issue in our parks by paying for an additional 16 hours a week at \$30 per hour for off leash enforcement. This agreement is only being extended to the cities of Shoreline and Kirkland as test sites for off leash enforcement. If approved this amendment would allow the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to schedule a KCAC employee up to twenty hours a week 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 a maximum of six months and be limited to a maximum expenditure of \$7,000. Funds are available in the 2006 Parks budget for this expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the 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 

Attachment

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 wish to amend the Interlocal Agreement to enable the County to provide Shoreline with additional animal control services under a 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 pilot program which shall continue for six 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 County shall provide the City with a general monthly calendar of scheduled service in Shoreline, and a quarterly report of the types of services offered and performed.

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 pilot program and is not intended to set any precedent for additional services costs in the future.

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
Acting City Manager

Ron Sims Date
King County Executive

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney Date

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Date