

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8409

A RESOLUTION declaring City Council interests regarding funding mechanisms for animal control services; and directing the City Manager to execute an Animal Services Interlocal Agreement with King County in substantially the form as that contained in Clerk's Receiving No. 49175 and to work with neighboring cities, partners and King County to formulate alternative service delivery models.

WHEREAS, providing animal control services is an important function in protecting life, health and safety of citizens and their animals;

WHEREAS, King County provided this service to Bellevue and other local municipalities for many years without charge, and then through Interlocal Agreements since 2010; and

WHEREAS, King County has implemented some efficiency and cost saving measures and improved shelter services, which have contributed to the increased long term viability of the system, and

WHEREAS, one option under consideration by the County to fund the animal control system is the use of a regional levy that would not differentiate between residents of municipalities that do contract with the County for services and those that do not; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has serious concerns that a regional levy of this scope and nature, if proposed, would be inconsistent with the City's goals of being part of a sustainable and affordable system which reflects a nexus between what citizens pay and the services they receive; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the County's General Fund is the appropriate source of funding for regional animal services; and

WHEREAS, other models for service delivery, including regional and sub-regional partnerships or interlocal agreements between local municipalities may be more cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, developing those alternative models for service delivery will take time and effort and the existing Interlocal Agreement between Bellevue and King County will expire prior to such time as local municipalities can fully design alternative models for service delivery; now, therefore,

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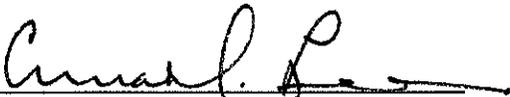
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to finalize and execute an Animal Services interlocal agreement with King County for the provision of field, shelter and licensing services substantially in the form contained in Clerk's Receiving No. 49175.

Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to work with neighboring cities, partners and King County to formulate subregional service delivery options and present them to City Council no later than 18 months before the expiration of the term of the new ILA.

Passed by the City Council this 4th day of June, 2012,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 4th day of June,
2012.

(SEAL)


Conrad Lee, Mayor

Attest:


Myrha L. Basich, City Clerk