

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Discussion on Animal Control Services for Burien		Meeting Date: June 14, 2010
Department: City Manager	Attachments: 1. Ordinance 543 amending BMC Title 6 2. Draft Animal Control Services contract	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
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Adopted Initiative: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Initiative Description: Develop Animal Control Plan for Burien	
<p>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION: The purpose of this agenda item is to review and discuss the staff recommendations for providing animal control services in Burien.</p> <p>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion): Since the mid-1980's King County has been providing animal control, sheltering and licensing functions on behalf of cities on a regional basis, in exchange for keeping all pet licensing revenue. In April 2010 a Joint Cities-County Work Group released a new proposed regional animal control system that would have cost the City of Burien significantly more than the pet licensing revenue collected. On April 26, 2010 the Burien City Council chose not to participate in King County's proposed regional animal control system and directed staff to develop an alternative animal control program. The prior interlocal agreement will terminate on July 1, 2010.</p> <p>Staff then engaged in outlining a plan for providing animal control services in Burien and contracted with Nancy McKenney to assist in this effort. Ms. McKenney has 27 years of experience in the field of animal welfare. With her assistance, staff created the recommended program that includes bringing pet licensing in-house and contracting for sheltering and field services. The recommended program will require the Burien City Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modify BMC Title 6 relating to animals. For consistency, most of the King County Title 11 regulations that Burien adopted by reference will remain the same. The proposed changes include modifying the appointment of the animal control authority and lowering pet license fees. This change will promote responsible pet ownership and increase the number of dogs and cats wearing identification. This should also result a reduction in animals needing to be housed at the shelter. 2. Approve the animal control services contract. Staff has worked with Ms. McKenney and Dr. Leslie Kasper, a local veterinarian, to craft an animal care and control program that preserves and protects public and animal safety, provides for the humane care and treatment for animals in Burien and encourages responsible pet ownership. <p>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve staff recommendations for providing animal control services by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Placing Proposed Ordinance No. 543 as presented on the June, 2010 Consent Agenda for approval b. Approving the Animal Control Services contract 2. Modify Proposed Ordinance No. 543 and place on a future agenda for approval and/or modify the contract for animal control services. 		
Administrative Recommendation: Hold discussion and consider placing Ordinance No. 543 on the June 21, 2010 Consent Agenda and approving the Animal Control Services contract.		
Committee Recommendation: n/a		
Advisory Board Recommendation: n/a		
Suggested Motion: none required		
Submitted by: Administration _____ City Manager _____		
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