

# Update on King County Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement

Bellevue City Council

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# Council Direction Needed

- Council interest in a five year interlocal agreement (ILA) for regional animal services from 2018-2022
- Current contract began in 2013, extended until the end of 2017



# System Benefits

- Protects health and safety of the public
- Humane care and treatment of animals
- Specific owner benefits from licensing of pets



# Services Provided

- Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) provides animal services to 25 cities in King County:
  - Animal control/field services
  - Shelter/adoption services
  - Pet Licensing
  - Ancillary services such as cruelty investigations



# Interlocal Agreement (ILA) – Key Provisions

- Five year term (2018-2022)
- Five year extension option, with limited reopener
- Services remain the same
- Beneficial cost model
- Latecomers allowed, subject to conditions
- Cost estimates do not include Kirkland



# Accomplishments

- Stable and predictable city costs
- Improved licensing revenues for Bellevue
- Increased animal “save” rate at shelter (90%)
- Improvements to increase service to diverse residents





# Bellevue's Cost Estimate

- License revenue has grown from \$275,000 in 2011 to over \$370,000 in 2016
- Focus on multifamily units
- Net cost to City is estimated at about \$73,000 for 2018
- Increases each year are capped in ILA
- Estimates are conservative



# Next Steps

- Provide direction to staff to bring the proposed ILA forward as a consent item for formal Council action

