

# Animal Services

## Regular Council Meeting

April 24, 2012

# Introduction

- ▶ Today's Presentation
  - Overview of proposed ILA with King County
  - Timeline and process to reach final agreement by July 1

# Background

- ▶ Current ILA terminates Dec. 31, 2012
- ▶ Proposed ILA continues core services Jan. 1, 2013–Dec. 31, 2015
  - **Shelter**
  - **Animal control**
  - **Licensing**

# Benefits of Regional System

- ▶ 24/7/365 On-call field response for immediate life, health and safety of a person or animal
  - ▶ Animal control officer schedules now include weekends
  - ▶ Consistent level of service, humane animal care, and regulatory approach countywide
  - ▶ Ability to customize service levels to meet local needs
  - ▶ Regional licensing system and central location for citizens find lost pets
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# Benefits of Regional System, cont'd.

- ▶ County support to increase licensing participation
- ▶ Pet Adoption Shelter open to the public 7 days a week; 24/7/365 on-call response to owners looking for lost pets
- ▶ Ancillary Services
  - Animal cruelty investigations
  - Civil offenses handled by King County Board of Appeals (not local law enforcement or courts)
  - Respond to Public Disclosure Requests (PDR's) annually
  - Disaster preparedness planning

# Cost Issues

## Cost Issues

- ▶ Cost is major issue for all cities
- ▶ Reallocation of existing costs is not sufficient
- ▶ Costs must be reduced, by additional savings, efficiencies and credits for high-use cities

## 2013–2015 Draft ILA

- ▶ County has significantly reduced costs:
  - \$148k (2013) transition funding — continues
  - \$750k/year additional credits to high-use cities
  - \$235k more in shelter staffing will be fully funded by County
  - \$470k downsize operations dependent on potential departure of cities
- ▶ Shift in cost allocation: from 50% usage / 50% population to 80% usage / 20% population

# Revenue Issues

## Revenue issues

- ▶ Additional effort is needed to bring in new revenues from other sources
- ▶ Licensing revenues need to be increased; lower than forecast in 2010

## 2013–2015 Draft ILA

- ▶ Increased focus on revenue generation: “bridge to sustainability”
- ▶ Aggressively pursue revenue generating ideas (enhanced marketing, donations, new regional revenue streams)
- ▶ Increase support for licensing – Better tools for marketing and ongoing canvassing support

# Service Issues

## Services issues

- ▶ Cities want services to be efficient and effective
- ▶ Cities want input into response protocols
- ▶ With potential for several cities departure, the control district boundaries need to be adjusted to re-balance cost, service demand

## 2013–2015 Draft ILA

- ▶ Service levels retained, costs reduced
- ▶ Joint City–County Committee collaborate on issues (response protocols, efficiency & revenue ideas)
- ▶ Increased efficiency through new district boundaries (combine four districts into two and reduce one ACO) and local hosting of ACO's

# Summary

	2012– Current ILA	<u>2013–2015 Draft ILA</u>
Cost allocation	50% use / 50% pop.	80% use / 20% pop.
Countywide support and mitigation payments (does not include license support)	\$1.37M	\$1.76M
Term	2.5 years, 2 yr extension	3 years, re-opener for possible 2 yr. ext.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current service levels maintained</li><li>• Weekend coverage – starts in 2012</li><li>• Cities engaged in shaping response protocols</li><li>• Bridge to Sustainability: focus on new system revenue generation</li></ul>		

# SeaTac

	Estimated 2013	Estimated 2012
Net Cost *	\$110,000	\$145,361
Credit	\$124,000	\$19,529

\*after licensing revenue and credits applied

# Timeline

- May 1, 2012 – Cities provide County 2<sup>nd</sup> nonbinding statement of interest
- May 10, 2012 – Final cost estimates circulated
- Second half of May 2012 – Final ILA distribution to City Council
- June 12, 2013 – Request for Council approval to execute agreement
- July 1, 2012 – Formal adoption *and execution* of Agreement by King county
- If approved, the successor ILA will take effect January 1, 2013 and run for 3 years through December 31, 2015, with option to extend an additional 2 years

# Request for Council Direction

- ▶ Direct City Manager to provide 2<sup>nd</sup> nonbinding statement of interest to King County by May 1, 2012
  - ▶ Direct staff on whether additional briefings are needed prior to June 12, 2012
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**End of Presentation**

