Animal Services Study Session

June 12, 2012

Background

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

Key Terms of ILA

- King County will continue to operate Kent animal shelter, open to the public 7 days/week.
- King County will provide dedicated animal control officers to each of three districts
- County to respond to all high priority calls for service on the day received
- Animal control officers now scheduled in field 7 days/week
- Animal control officers available on an emergency basis 24/7/365

Key Terms of ILA

- King County will continue to operate licensing system
- King County will convene City-County Advisory Committee to provide input on issues including service delivery efficiencies
- SeaTac will not need to adopt any code updates as our codes are already consistent with the County
- Cities cannot terminate for convenience because each city that withdraws triggers cost increases for the remaining cities

Costs

- SeaTac net cost for 2013 animal services \$107,000
 - Includes \$124K subsidy to SeaTac as high shelter user
 - Subsidy provided for each of three years
- Costs for 2014-2015 will be adjusted based on population growth and inflation
- For predictability, costs will not be adjusted (up or down) for changes in usage or workload
- County pursuing new regional revenue options to provide greater financial stability for Animal Services
 - County will develop proposals to support this goal
 - County will consult with Joint City-County Committee before proceeding

Timeline

- June 12, 2012 Council Briefing at Study Session
- June 26, 2012 Motion requesting 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

Comments or Questions?