



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, July 27, 2026

Subject/Topic: Title 6 Amendments Dept. Origin: Police Category: Consent Prepared by: Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney Attachments: • Ordinance No. 1060	Proposed Council Action/Motion: ☐ Information Only ☐ Receive and File ☐ Discuss ☐ Provide Direction ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Adopt/Approve ☐ Other:
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Summary:

Regional Animal Services of King County (“RASKC”) provides regional animal control, sheltering, and licensing services through interlocal agreements with King County and participating cities. The City Council has considered participation in RASKC to allow the City to rely on a regional animal services system for licensing, animal control, sheltering, and certain appeal functions.

Chapter 6.04 of the Medina Municipal Code (“MMC”) currently regulates animal control within the City. MMC Section 6.04.010 adopted Chapter 11.04 of the King County Code (“KCC”), entitled “Animal Care and Control Regulations,” by reference as a portion of the MMC, including subsequent modifications to those County code provisions. KCC Chapter 11.04 includes animal control enforcement procedures and the designation and regulation of potentially dangerous and dangerous animals.

The proposed ordinance clarifies and conforms MMC Chapter 6.04 by expressly adopting KCC Title 11, entitled “Animal Care and Control,” in its current structure, subject to local modifications and exclusions. The ordinance is intended to support consistent administration, licensing, appeal processing, and enforcement by the City and RASKC.

The ordinance also clarifies the relationship between KCC Title 11 and Medina’s local animal regulations. For RASKC and KCC Title 11 enforcement purposes, KCC Title 11 definitions will apply unless expressly modified by MMC Chapter 6.04.

The ordinance updates several existing MMC provisions to conform to the current RASKC/KCC structure. These updates include amendments to redemption procedures and fees, dog and cat licensing, violations and penalties, and enforcement authority. Animal licenses required under MMC Chapter 6.04 would be administered through King County or RASKC, rather than through a separate City animal licensing program.

The ordinance includes continuity language providing that the ordinance shall not be construed to invalidate, reopen, waive, or otherwise affect prior or pending animal control notices, orders, infractions, declarations, designations, enforcement actions, or other animal control matters. The

ordinance also provides that nothing in the ordinance shall be construed as an admission that any prior or pending animal control action was invalid, unauthorized, or unsupported by the MMC or other applicable law.

Adoption of the ordinance will promote public health and safety, animal welfare, regional coordination, consistent licensing and enforcement, and efficient delivery of animal services within the City.

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1: Ordinance No. 1060 clarifying and amending MMC Chapter 6.04 relating to animal control; expressly adopting by reference KCC Title 11, entitled “Animal Care and Control,” subject to local modifications and exclusions; authorizing enforcement by the City Manager or designee and RASKC; providing for continuity of prior and pending animal control actions; and providing for severability, corrections, publication, and an effective date.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: The proposed ordinance itself does not create a new standalone payment obligation to King County. Any payment obligations for RASKC services are addressed through the City’s participation in the regional animal services program and the applicable interlocal agreement or addendum.

The ordinance may reduce City administrative burden by allowing animal licensing to be administered through King County or RASKC rather than through a separate City licensing program.

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 1060 clarifying and amending MMC Chapter 6.04 relating to animal control and expressly adopting King County Code Title 11, entitled “Animal Care and Control,” subject to local modifications and exclusions.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motions:

MOTION: “I move to adopt Ordinance No. 1060, clarifying and amending Chapter 6.04 of the Medina Municipal Code relating to animal control; expressly adopting by reference Title 11 of the King County Code, entitled ‘Animal Care and Control,’ subject to local modifications and exclusions; authorizing enforcement by the City Manager or designee and Regional Animal Services of King County; providing for continuity of prior and pending animal control actions; providing for severability, corrections, publication, and an effective date.”