



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, June 22, 2026

Subject/Topic: ILA for Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) Dept. Origin: Police Category: Consent Prepared by: Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney Attachments: 2026 Addendum to 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement Adding the City of Medina as a Latecomer City.	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. King County and certain contracting cities entered into the 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement (“2018 RASKC ILA”) for the provision of these services. The 2018 RASKC ILA is currently in effect through December 31, 2027.

The 2018 RASKC ILA includes a provision allowing additional cities to join as “Latecomer Cities” before the agreement terminates or expires, provided that the later agreement does not decrease the level of services provided to existing contracting cities or increase the costs payable by existing contracting cities. The proposed motion authorizes the City of Medina to enter into an addendum with King County to join the regional animal services program as a Latecomer City for the remainder of the current term, ending December 31, 2027.

Under the addendum, King County would provide animal control, sheltering, and licensing services to the City consistent with the 2018 RASKC ILA and the Medina-specific addendum. The addendum incorporates the 2018 RASKC ILA by reference but clarifies that Medina’s participation begins on the effective date of the addendum and does not create retroactive obligations for prior service years. The addendum also allows updated Medina-specific exhibits or implementation details to address notice information, payment and reconciliation procedures, service coordination, and licensing implementation.

Participation in RASKC would allow the City to rely on a regional animal services system for licensing, animal control, sheltering, and certain appeal functions. This would reduce the administrative burden on City staff by allowing pet licensing to be handled through RASKC rather than requiring the City to process license applications. It would also allow animal and owner information to be maintained through a broader regional system, supporting licensing compliance,

enforcement history, ownership responsibility, and the return of lost animals. Dedicated animal control officers and regional sheltering resources would provide a more specialized response, allowing patrol officers to focus on other City needs.

This action does not extend the 2018 RASKC ILA beyond December 31, 2027. Any future participation after that date would require separate Council approval or other authorization as provided by law.

This action meets and supports Council's priorities 3, 4, and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1: 2026 Addendum to 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement Adding the City of Medina as a Latecomer City. Attached to this Exhibit includes a reference copy of the 2018 Regional animal Services Interlocal Agreement and Medina-specific exhibits, if any.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: The City's payment obligations will be determined under the payment and reconciliation provisions of the 2018 RASKC ILA, as applied to Medina through the addendum and any Medina-specific exhibits. Any payment obligation for the first service year will be prorated as necessary to reflect the portion of the year during which the City receives services. The addendum does not create any retroactive payment obligation for periods before the effective date of the addendum.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Addendum to the 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement with King County, adding the City of Medina as a Latecomer City to the regional animal services program through December 31, 2027.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motions:

MOTION: "I move to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Addendum to the 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement with King County for the provision of regional animal services and take such other actions as necessary to implement the agreement.