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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
June 12, 2023

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers. A quorum was present at 6:40pm.

Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors John Hanlon and Darren Costa. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Smith.

Communication received from Councilor Smith that she had a family commitment and would be unable to attend.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Vivian Nguyen: An Ordinance regulating animal breeding within the City of Everett.

Animal Control Officer Stacia Gorgone and Councilor Vivian Nguyen, the Sponsor were also present.

Councilor Hanlon informed the Committee that he had read the document again and would like to move favorable action and if needed further changes could be made at later dates. Councilor Costa inquired if there were four known breeders within the City and Ms. Gorgone referenced a few situations in which she had found breeding going on but had no authority to do much. Ms. Gorgone stated that the City of Everett is doing what other major cities are doing. Chairman Marchese asked how this new ordinance would help landlords who have tenants that are involved in breeding and Ms. Gorgone noted that it now involves licensing as well as the involvement of the Animal Control Officer and City Clerk in authorizing this type of activity. Councilor Nguyen noted that regulations could be put in place once the Ordinance has passed.

The Committee voted 2-1 with Chairman Marchese in opposition: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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