

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMISSION**

*Regular Meeting*



*May 12, 2014*



# AGENDA ITEM 1



CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WA  
**REPORT TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
17301 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98072

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**To:** Honorable Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission **Date:** 05/12/2014  
**From:** Alexandra Sheeks, Assistant to the City Manager AS  
**Subject:** Dog Leash Laws

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**ISSUE:** Shall the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission review the City of Woodinville's current dog leash laws and provide comments to the City Council about possible changes to the code?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review information presented and provide comments.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The City of Woodinville contracts with King County to provide animal services within the City limits; the service includes pet licensing and responding to animal complaints and reports of stray or endangered animals.

As a provision of the agreement with the County, the City is required to update its relevant animal control codes to match with King County's code. A review of the City's animal code revealed several discrepancies between the City's code as adopted and the County's code, including provisions related to dog leash laws. City code currently requires dogs to be on leashes when not on an owner's premises in City parks. In all other areas of the City, it is prohibited to allow an animal to "run at large" without being controlled by leash, voice, or signal command.

Staff is requesting the Commission's comments on whether or not a leash requirement should be extended to the entire City; this would also be an appropriate time to consider other amendments to the City's animal code if desired.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**  
For Discussion Only