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King County

Meeting Agenda

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Dr. Sandra Valenciano, Director and Health Officer, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health
Staff: Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board Administrator - KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov

1:00 PM **Thursday, November 19, 2026** **Hybrid Meeting**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**
4. **Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2026** pg 5
5. **Public Comments**



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Discussion and Possible Action

6. R&R No. BOH26-02 pg 11

A RULE AND REGULATION relating to fees for pet businesses; amending R&R 09-07, Section 44, as amended, and BOH 2.13.020, R&R 09-07, Section 45, as amended, and BOH 2.13.030, R&R 09-07, Section 47, as amended, and BOH 2.13.050, R&R 09-07, Section 48, as amended, and BOH 2.13.060, and R&R 09-07, Section 49, as amended, and BOH 2.13.070, and establishing an effective date; enacted pursuant to RCW 70.05.060, including the latest amendments or revisions thereto.

Ryan Kellogg, Environmental Health Assistant Division Director, Public Health - Seattle & King County
Michael Perez, Finance and Administrative Services Manager, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Public Hearing Required

Briefings

7. **Chair's Report**

8. **Director's Report** pg 40

9. BOH Briefing No. 26-B25

Transportation Safety pg 45

Celeste Toyofuku, Co-Traffic Safety Manager, Health Sciences Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Gurman Kaur, Co-Traffic Safety Manager, Water Safety Manager, Health Sciences Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Dr. Myduc Ta, Epidemiologist, Assessment, Policy Development & Evaluation Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Dr. Fred Rivara, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington School of Medicine
Dr. Xinyao deGrauw, Injury Epidemiologist, Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center

10. BOH Briefing No. 26-B26 pg 60

King County and Public Health - Seattle & King County 2027 Legislative Priorities

Emma Palumbo, State Relations Manager, Office of King County Executive Girmay Zahilay
Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Jessica Jeavons, Director of Policy and Strategy, Public Health – Seattle & King County



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11. Initial Discussion of 2027 Workplan pg 66

Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, King County Board of Health Administrator, Public Health -- Seattle & King County

12. Board Member Updates

13. Other Business

Adjournment

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REVISED AGENDA
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 14 - Daniels, de Castro, Dunn, Falcone, Gudgel, Lewis, Loo, Mohammed, Schroff, von Reichbauer, Garcia, Hartfield, Bowen and Gille

Excused: 10 - Archiopoli, Chew, Elkins, Foster, Juarez, Lucero, Rinck, Mosqueda, Williams and de los Angeles

3. Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

Boardmember Hartfield served in place of Boardmember Chew.

Boardmember Bowen served in place of Boardmember Williams.

Boardmember Gille served in place of Boardmember Lucero.

Boardmembers Blosse, Kaur, and Paquette were also in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2026

Boardmember Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Board member de Castro abstained from the vote, having missed the September 17, 2026, meeting.

5. Public Comments

No members of the public came forward to speak.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair briefed the Board on the upcoming agenda.

7. Director's Report

Chair Daniels briefed the Board on the Director's Report and introduced Dr. Paul Park, Medical Officer, Public Health. Dr. Paul Park briefed the Board on this year's respiratory virus season and answered questions.

Discussion and Possible Action

8. R&R No. BOH26-01

A RULE AND REGULATION for the protection of the public health against diseases and injury from pet businesses; amending R&R 09-07, Section 4, as amended, and BOH 8.03.020, R&R 09-07, Section 5, as amended, and BOH 8.03.030, R&R 09-07, Section 6, as amended, and BOH 8.03.040, R&R 09-07, Section 7, and BOH 8.03.050, R&R 09-07, Section 8, as amended, and BOH 8.03.060, R&R 09-07, Section 9, as amended, and BOH 8.03.070, R&R 09-07, Section 10, as amended, and BOH 8.03.080, R&R 09-07, Section 11, as amended, and BOH 8.03.090, R&R 09-07, Section 12, as amended, and BOH 8.03.100, R&R 09-07, Section 13, and BOH 8.03.110, R&R 09-07, Section 17, and BOH 8.03.150, R&R 09-07, Section 19, and BOH 8.03.170, R&R 09-07, Section 21, and BOH 8.03.190, R&R 09-07, Section 23, and BOH 8.03.210, R&R 09-07, Section 26, and BOH 8.03.240, R&R 09-07, Section 28, and BOH 8.03.260, R&R 09-07, Section 29, and BOH 8.03.270, R&R 09-07, Section 30, and BOH 8.03.280, R&R 09-07, Section 31, and BOH 8.03.290, R&R 09-07, Section 33, and BOH 8.03.310, R&R 09-07, Section 34, as amended, and BOH 8.03.320, R&R 09-07, Section 35, as amended, and BOH 8.03.330, R&R 09-07, Section 36, as amended, and BOH 8.03.340, R&R 09-07, Section 37, as amended, and BOH 8.03.350, R&R 09-07, Section 38, and BOH 8.03.360, R&R 09-07, Section 39, and BOH 8.03.370, R&R 09-07, Section 41, and BOH 8.03.390, adding new sections to BOH chapter 8.03, repealing R&R 09-07, Section 20, and BOH 8.03.180, R&R 09-07, Section 22, and BOH 8.03.200, R&R 09-07, Section 24, and BOH 8.03.220, R&R 09-07, Section 25, and BOH 8.03.230, R&R 09-07, Section 27, and BOH 8.03.250, and establishing an effective date; enacted pursuant to RCW 70.05.060, including the latest amendments or revisions thereto.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Boardmember Lewis that this R&R be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Daniels, de Castro, Dunn, Falcone, Gudgel, Lewis, Loo, Mohammed, Schroff, von Reichbauer, Garcia, Hartfield, Bowen and Gille

Excused: 10 - Archiopoli, Chew, Elkins, Foster, Juarez, Lucero, Rinck, Mosqueda, Williams and de los Angeles

Ryan Kellogg, Assistant Division Director, Environmental Health Services, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Dr. Jocelyn Mullins, Public Health Veterinarian, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Leah Helms, Program Manager for Solid Waste, Rodent, and Zoonotic Disease, briefed the Board and answered questions.

9. R&R No. BOH26-02

A RULE AND REGULATION relating to fees for pet businesses; amending R&R 09-07, Section 44, as amended, and BOH 2.13.020, R&R 09-07, Section 45, as amended, and BOH 2.13.030, R&R 09-07, Section 47, as amended, and BOH 2.13.050, R&R 09-07, Section 48, as amended, and BOH 2.13.060, and R&R 09-07, Section 49, as amended, and BOH 2.13.070, and establishing an effective date; enacted pursuant to RCW 70.05.060, including the latest amendments or revisions thereto.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred

The Chair announced that BOH26-02 would be deferred to the November 19, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

10. Resolution No. 26-08

A RESOLUTION identifying Karen Hartfield as the King County Board of Health's nonelected member candidate to represent public health, health care facilities, and providers for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2029.

A motion was made by Boardmember Lewis that this Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Daniels, de Castro, Dunn, Falcone, Gudgel, Lewis, Loo, Mohammed, Schroff, Garcia, Bowen and Gille

Excused: 11 - Archiopoli, Chew, Elkins, Foster, Juarez, Lucero, Rinck, Mosqueda, von Reichbauer, Williams and de los Angeles

Abstain: 1 - Hartfield

Joy Carpine Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Boardmember Hartfied made remarks and thanked the Board.

11. Resolution No. 26-09

A RESOLUTION identifying Kenisha Campbell Chung as the King County Board of Health's nonelected alternate member candidate to represent public health, health care facilities, and providers for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2029.

A motion was made by Boardmember Lewis that this Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Daniels, de Castro, Falcone, Gudgel, Lewis, Loo, Mohammed, Schroff, von Reichbauer, Garcia, Hartfield, Bowen and Gille

Excused: 11 - Archiopoli, Chew, Dunn, Elkins, Foster, Juarez, Lucero, Rinck, Mosqueda, Williams and de los Angeles

Dr. Kenisha Campbell Chung made remarks and thanked the Board.

Joy Carpine Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator, briefed the Board and answered questions.

12. Board Member Updates

No updates were given.

13. Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature

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Signature Report

R&R

Proposed No. BOH26-02.1 **Sponsors**

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BE IT ADOPTED BY THE KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

SECTION 1. R&R 09-07, Section 44, as amended, and BOH 2.13.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Permit fees.

Permit Fees.

A. The owner or operator of a pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service or pet food retail~~)) business shall pay to the director the following annual operating permit fees, as applicable:

1. Pet shop	
a. Aquarium only	$((~~270.00~~)) 468.00

b. Standard	$((~~486.00~~)) 644.00
2. ((~~Commercial kennel~~)) Pet boarding facility, pet daycare facility, or combined pet boarding and daycare facility	(($~~486.00~~))
a. Category 1: capacity for 10 or fewer animals	$585.00
b. Category 2: capacity for 11 to 44 animals	$702.00
c. Category 3: capacity for 45 to 80 animals	$819.00
d. Category 4: capacity for 81 or more animals	$936.00
3. ((~~Pet daycare facility~~	$~~486.00~~
~~4.~~)) Animal shelter	
a. Category 1: not more than 1,500 pet adoptions per calendar year except a Category 4 shelter	$((~~486.00~~)) 819.00
b. Category 2: more than 1,500 pet adoptions per calendar year	$((1,~~026.00~~)) 1,170.00
c. Category 3: Satellite pet adoption facility	$((~~162.00~~)) 468.00 per location
d. Category 4: fewer than 500 pet	$((~~324.00~~)) 468.00

adoptions per calendar year if housing and offering or distributing for adoption as pets only small, noncanine and nonfeline mammals, including, but not limited to, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, hedgehogs, gerbils, chinchillas, rats, or mice	
((~~5.~~)) 4. Pet grooming service ((~~other than a mobile grooming unit~~))	$((~~270.00~~)) 468.00
((~~6.~~)) 5. Mobile grooming units	$((~~270.00 base fee for one~~)) 468.00 per mobile grooming unit ((~~vehicle plus $270.00 for each additional vehicle owned by the same person and inspected at the same time and location as all other vehicles~~))
((~~7.~~)) 6. Poultry retail business	$((~~378.00~~)) 585.00
((~~8.~~)) 7. Pet food retail business	$((~~270.00~~)) 468.00
((~~9. Any combination of two or more permit classifications (pet shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, or poultry retail business) other than pet food retail business~~))	((~~Highest applicable permit fee plus $266.00 for one additional permit classification or $532.00 for two or more additional permit classifications at the same location~~))

B. ((~~The applicant for two or more annual operating permits at the same location for any combination of pet shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, or poultry retail business establishments shall pay to the director the highest applicable operating permit fee plus the additional permit classification fee as set forth in this section, but the pet food retail business permit fee shall be waived for any holder of a current pet shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, or poultry retail business permit.~~

~~C.~~)) The permit applicant for a pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business that is to be operated no longer than any period of six consecutive months shall pay one-half the applicable annual permit fee in subsection((~~s~~)) A. ((~~and B.~~))

C. A permit applicant for a pet business that will commence operation on or after September 1 shall pay a permit fee prorated to one-half the applicable annual permit fee for the remainder of the permit year. This proration of annual permit fees does not apply to any applicant renewing a pet business permit issued during the preceding permit year. For purposes of this section, "permit year" means the period of twelve consecutive months commencing March 1 and ending the last day of February.

SECTION 2. R&R 09-07, Section 45, as amended, and BOH 2.13.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Plan review fees.

Plan Review Fees.

The owner or operator of a standard pet shop, ((~~commercial kennel~~)) pet boarding facility, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, or pet grooming service shall pay to the

director plan review fees for reviewing plans and specifications, conducting preoperational inspections and providing consultation, as follows:

A. New construction, conversion of existing structure, or remodel of existing standard pet shop, ((~~commercial kennel~~)) pet boarding facility, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, or pet grooming service ((~~construction~~)) except for mobile grooming units	$((~~216.00~~)) 702.00 base fee plus $((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 per hour for each hour after ((~~1~~)) 3 hours
B. New construction, ((~~C~~))conversion of existing structure ((~~to standard pet shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter or pet grooming service~~)), or remodel of existing poultry retail business, pet food retail business, aquarium only pet shop, mobile grooming unit, or satellite pet adoption facility	$((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 base fee plus $((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 per hour for each hour after 1 hour
C. ((~~Remodel of existing standard pet shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter or pet grooming service~~	~~$216.00 base fee plus $216.00 per hour for each hour after 1 hour~~
~~D.~~)) Two or more plan reviews for one	$((~~216.00~~)) 702.00 base fee plus

facility	$((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 per hour for each hour after ((~~1~~)) 3 hours
((~~E.~~)) D. Plan resubmittal	$((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 per hour
((~~F.~~)) E. Subsequent preoperational inspections, on-site inspection before plan submittal, or on-site inspection when plan review is not required	$((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 base fee plus $((~~216.00~~)) 234.00 per hour for each hour after 1 hour

SECTION 3. R&R 09-07, Section 47, as amended, and BOH 2.13.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Miscellaneous fees.

A. The pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business owner or operator shall pay the following miscellaneous fees, as applicable:

1. Variance request fee	$((~~216.00~~)) 702.00 base fee plus $234.00 per hour for each hour after 3 hours
2. Reinspection fee	50 percent of applicable permit fee
3. Reinstatement of permit after suspension	100 percent of applicable permit fee

B. The director is authorized to charge a fee equal to one-half of the applicable permit fee when the director determines that a reinspection is necessary following a routine inspection or complaint investigation, and to adopt administrative policies to specify the terms and conditions upon which the reinspections are made, which must be based upon the extent and severity of violations found.

C. The pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business owner or operator shall pay fees, as applicable, for ((~~dishonored check submittal,~~)) permit replacement, permit transfer or name change, inspections outside regular department working hours, special services, and refunds, in accordance with the fee provisions of BOH chapter 2.06, and for dishonored check submittal in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.600.100.

SECTION 4. R&R 09-07, Section 48, as amended, and BOH 2.13.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Penalty for commencing operation without approval.

Any person who commences any work on or any operation of a pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business for which a permit or plan review is required under BOH Title 8 without first having obtained the permit or plan review shall upon subsequent application for the permit or plan review pay the applicable permit or plan review fee and a penalty fee equal to ((~~one-half of~~)) the applicable permit or plan review fee. The director is authorized to waive the penalty fee ((~~upon receipt of proof, to the satisfaction of~~)) if the director determines that doing so would advance compliance with this chapter, or that ((~~the~~)) unpermitted work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to obtain a permit before the commencement of the work. In all such emergency cases, the owner or operator of the pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business shall obtain a permit as soon as it is practical to do so and, if the director determines there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining the permit, a penalty fee shall be

charged as provided in this section. The penalty provided in this section shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any enforcement actions taken under BOH chapter 1.08, which may include civil penalties.

SECTION 5. R&R 09-07, Section 49, as amended, and BOH 2.13.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Refunds.

A. The director shall issue the pet ((~~shop, commercial kennel, pet daycare facility, animal shelter, pet grooming service, poultry retail business or pet food retail~~)) business owner or operator a refund of a permit fee if:

1. A permit is denied;

2. A fee has been paid where none is imposed;

3. The permit is issued where none is required;

4. The permittee never engages in permitted activity due to the denial by any governmental agency to issue a necessary license;

5. The applicant for a permit withdraws his or her application before the permit is issued; or

6. The permit fee has been overpaid by more than the amount of the refund processing fee set forth in BOH chapter 2.06.

B. Each refund shall be subject to a twenty-five-dollar deduction for the cost of administration.

SECTION 6. **Effective date.** This rule takes effect January 1, 2027.

SECTION 7. **Severability.** If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the rule or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Teresa Mosqueda, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None

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Staff Report

Agenda item No: 08	Date: November 19, 2026
Rule & Regulation No: BOH 26-02	Prepared by: Ryan Kellogg, Michael Perez

Subject

Proposed Rule & Regulation (R&R) 26-02 would amend the fees for pet businesses in the King County Board of Health Code, Chapter 2.13.

Summary

Chapter 8.03 of the King County Board of Health (KCBOH) Code, "Pet Business Regulations," establishes standards to ensure pet businesses operating in King County align with accepted practices to protect animal safety and minimize zoonotic disease transmission. The Pet Business Program in Public Health—Seattle & King County (Public Health) oversees implementation of Title 8 and regulatory oversight for about 400 pet-related businesses holding approximately 500 permits in King County, funded by fees in KCBOH Title 2, "Administration and Officers." The current fees and fee structure do not fully support the 1.5 full-time equivalent staff needed to meet current service-level expectations and must be updated to meet KCBOH policy for full cost recovery. Further, the current pet business fee structure does not align with current Environmental Health Service (EHS) practice or industry changes since the program began in 2010.

To stabilize program revenue and align with current practice, Public Health proposes changing the pet business fees and fee structure in KCBOH Title 2 starting January 1, 2027. This includes:

- Assessing the full cost of plan review up front to increase transparency and efficiency in fee collection.
- Establishing a tiered permit fee for pet boarding businesses to align with the scale and number of pets served.
- Increasing permit fees to align with the level of effort necessary to conduct routine inspections and technical assistance.
- Establishing a one-time double permit fee for unpermitted businesses.
- Updating "miscellaneous service" fees for services that are not otherwise accounted for in plan review or annual permits (e.g., variance requests and required re-inspections).

KCBOH will also be considering revisions to KCBOH Title 8 (R&R 26-01), related to permitting requirements for pet businesses. Those revisions are summarized in a separate staff

report and will be considered separately, as only elected KCBOH members vote on fees in Title 2, and all members vote on Title 8 revisions.

Background

Program History and Industry Changes

The EHS Pet Business Program was established in 2010 when the King County Board of Health (KCBOH) adopted the Pet Business Regulations in KCBOH Chapter 8.03. At the same time, KCBOH adopted the original fees in KCBOH Title 2. Since then, the program's fee schedule and structure have changed only through minor updates, including cost-of-living increases, except for two initial increases adopted in BOH24-04 based on the 2024 EHS Rate Study recommendations. EHS had not conducted a detailed review of the level of effort required to implement the program until recently and acknowledged the data gap in 2024 when KCBOH adopted revised fees for EHS programs. The EHS Rate Study staff report noted, "…the exception is the Pet Business Program, which has significant constraints and will receive additional review over the next one to two years, with the intent of proposing code and structural changes to align rates and services." The proposed R&R is the outcome of this detailed review.

Since 2010, the pet business industry has changed significantly. Business model changes show up in changes in business size and scale, as well as complexity, increasing the demand for oversight, technical assistance, and ongoing guidance.

The Pet Business Program is the smallest rate-based program in EHS, with about 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Fluctuations in service demand, as well as central costs, have a proportionally large impact on the program given its small scale. Because of the changing landscape and the program's scale, EHS is not fully recovering program costs. From 2021 to 2025, program revenue totaled about $800,000, while expenditure exceeded $1.4 million.

Full Cost Recovery Mandate

KCBOH policy requires EHS to operate under a full-cost recovery mandate, meaning the division must cover all costs of its rate-based programs through permit fees. Costs include labor, office space, equipment, software licenses, supplies, and all other business expenses, including departmental and King County overhead. KCBOH directed the full cost recovery policy through a resolution that requested the department propose, for KCBOH's consideration, reasonable fees and fee increases that fully cover the cost of the services they support.[1] KCBOH code requires that fee schedules shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any such services.[2] This is

[1] King County BOH Resolution 08-07 (paragraph H), August 8, 2008, "The Board of Health requests that the department consider possible revenue enhancements and propose for the board's consideration reasonable fees and fee increases that fully pay for the cost of services they support, in lieu of reductions in services."

[2] King County BOH 2.06.008(A)," The board shall, in accordance with RCW 70.05.060, establish fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the law and the rules of the state Board of Health. The fee schedules shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any such services, which may include the cost of building fund reserves in accordance with any applicable county fund reserve policies."

supported by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), which states that fees shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the service. Because state law prohibits Public Health from collecting more than the actual cost of providing services, costs cannot be shifted from one category of permittees to benefit another.[3]

Pet Business Program Hourly Rate History

Fees for the Pet Business Program include an annual permit fee and one-time plan review fees for new and renovated businesses. Permit fees are calculated by multiplying the hourly rate (cost/hour for providing service) by the time required for that service. The proposed changes reflected in R&R 26-02 focus on the time required to administer individual business permits; changes to the hourly rate align with other EHS programs and remain below the CPI+1 threshold.

Table 1 shows the changes in the Pet Business Program hourly rate over the past six years.

Table 1: Program Hourly Rate History

Pet Business Program Rates	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hourly Rate	**$184.80**	**$192.00**	**$198.00**	**$204.00**	**$216.00**	**$225.00**
$ Change	**0.00**	**7.20**	**6.00**	**6.00**	**12.00**	**9.00**
% Change	**0%**	**3.9%**	**3.1%**	**3.0%**	**5.9%**	**4.2%**

Interim EHS Mitigation of Pet Program Costs

Historically, Pet Business permit fees have funded only staff time spent on inspections and permit activities. Other sources have funded direct expenses for program oversight, compliance assistance, and communications, as well as paid time off, training, and administrative time for assigned staff, which is not sustainable moving forward. This includes a one-time $70,000 allocation from the Public Health Fund in 2025.

Industry Outreach and Comment Opportunities

Industry and community engagement were important elements of this code update process. Public Health designed an engagement process to provide accessible, meaningful opportunities for input from a range of groups, including currently regulated businesses, employees, industry partners, animal welfare groups, and the public. Public Health conducted both industry-specific and general engagement sessions, along with some targeted outreach to smaller industry groups as requested, to ensure input from a range of business types and sizes. The input from these outreach opportunities shaped the proposed fee structure and refined the proposed code changes,

[3] Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.05.060(7) (Powers and Duties of Local Board of Health), "Establish fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the law and the rules of the state board of health: PROVIDED, that such fees for services shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any such services."

improving clarity and usability. For example, Public Health heard concerns from smaller-scale businesses about paying the same fees as large-scale businesses, which helped to identify a tiered system proposal for the pet daycare and boarding businesses.

The full proposed fee schedule was shared in a public notice posted before the KCBOH meeting. Public Health shared the public notice with all permitted establishments and other members of the program's GovDelivery distribution list.

Analysis

The goal of the current rate evaluation is to establish a sustainable fee structure that supports baseline program capacity and allows continued, consistent, and reliable service.

Overview of proposed changes to pet business fees

EHS proposes pet business fee changes in the following areas:

- Assess full plan review fees upfront.
- Establish tiered fees for pet daycare and boarding facilities.
- Implement full cost recovery for permit fees.
- Establish a one-time unpermitted facility fee.
- Update miscellaneous service fees.

Details on each proposed change are provided below.

Assess full plan review fees upfront

A typical pet business plan review requires three hours of effort. The current plan review rate assesses a one-hour fee, with any additional hours billed and collected before final approval. As a result, the current plan review fee is inefficient for covering the cost of the service. For businesses, it does not effectively communicate the actual cost up front. It can also slow the permitting process, as final approval is contingent on all fees being paid.

Assessing the full fee upfront will result in minimal changes to the actual fees being paid. It will create greater predictability for businesses and reduce delays by ensuring that review occurs earlier in the process, rather than after issues arise. Changing to billing for three hours upfront is consistent with the practice in other EHS programs.

Establish tiered fees for pet daycare and boarding facilities

When Public Health established the initial fees in 2010, pet daycares and boarding facilities were often large-scale and located in rural and industrial areas. Today, pet daycares and boarding businesses vary widely in size, scale, and complexity. To address that variability and the effort required for inspections and follow-up, EHS is proposing a tiered fee structure based on an establishment's animal capacity. Fees are tiered based on the size of the operation, with lower fees and smaller increases for smaller operations (Tier 1: 10 or fewer animals; Tier 2: 11–44

animals) and higher fees for larger operations (Tier 3: 45–80 animals; Tier 4: more than 80 animals). As a result, the proposed tiered structure creates a more equitable system that reflects the level of impact and oversight needed and minimizes impacts on small businesses.

Implement full cost recovery of permit fees

EHS proposes updating permit fees to better reflect the time and effort required to conduct inspections and follow up on compliance issues. Permit fees are the product of the hourly rate multiplied by the average time to conduct the permit work (service hours). Public Health set initial fees based on level-of-effort/time estimates when the program was first established in 2010. Since then, EHS has evaluated the actual level of effort/time required to ensure permitted businesses meet standards. Based on an evaluation of the current level of effort required, Public Health proposes increasing service hours for most permit types, ranging from 0.25 to 1.75 hours (for larger and more complex shelter/boarding facilities). The fee schedule is also updated to match other EHS programs, in which businesses with multiple permits are charged for each permit type they have, rather than only one fee for multiple permits.

Establish a one-time unpermitted facility fee

EHS estimates approximately 100 unpermitted businesses operate in King County. Public Health becomes aware of these facilities through public complaints and, more recently, research of business records. Gaining compliance with these facilities can be complex and resource-intensive, often involving underlying land use/building code issues and/or apparent intentional non-compliance. Currently, the proposed rates cover activities directly related to plan review and permit administration. Fees charged to permitted establishments, or establishments seeking a permit, do not fund compliance activities related to unpermitted establishments. The proposed R&R would double the permit fee for unpermitted establishments, which may be budget neutral when a business promptly follows through with a permit application. This change is most prudent at this time; EHS's experience indicates that broader success is more likely with progressive enforcement that would ultimately require additional revenue and staff resources in the future.

Update miscellaneous service fees

Finally, EHS proposes updating and clarifying fees for activities not covered by the base permit fee, including variances, re-inspections, and return field visits. This aligns with other business permit fees in the EHS Food and Facilities Program and helps ensure businesses requiring additional service pay for it, rather than distributing those costs broadly across all permittees.

Proposed permit fees

Table 2 shows the change in permit fees based on the above proposals. Public Health determined these fees by multiplying the 2027 hourly rate by the revised service-hour data. Increases range from $79 to $430/year.

Table 2: Permit Fee Changes

Permit	Proposed Price	$ Increase	# of Permits (2026)
Animal Shelter Categ 1 < 1,500 adoption/yr	**$819**	**$313**	**12**
Animal Shelter Categ 2 >= 1,500	**$1,170**	**$101**	**4**
Animal Shelter Categ 3 Satellite adoption	**$468**	**$299**	**18**
Animal Shelter Categ 4 Non-feline/Non-canine	**$468**	**$130**	**1**
Pet Daycare/Boarding Tier 1	**$585**	**$79**	**10**
Pet Daycare/Boarding Tier 2	**$702**	**$196**	**35**
Pet Daycare/Boarding Tier 3	**$819**	**$313**	**35**
Pet Daycare/Boarding Tier 4	**$936**	**$430**	**20**
Pet Food Retailer	**$468**	**$187**	**115**
Pet Grooming Service	**$468**	**$187**	**167**
Pet Mobile Grooming Service	**$468**	**$187**	**48**
Pet Shop – Standard	**$644**	**$138**	**30**
Pet Shop Aquarium only	**$468**	**$187**	**5**
Poultry Retailer	**$585**	**$191**	**9**

These proposed rates are not dissimilar to the range of rates for other EHS programs, namely the Food & Facilities Program (ranging from $441 to $1,386).

Budget projection

The projected forecast for the Pet Business Program over the next six years is as shown in Table 3. This projection assumes the proposed changes to the fee structure and covers the costs of the program's 1.5 FTEs, as well as the other assumptions described below.

Table 3: Program Budget Forecast

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Revenue	$337,561	$363,905	$390,586	$418,097	$446,439	$470,776
Expenditure	$343,632	$358,153	$373,629	$392,316	$409,640	$448,338
Net	($6,071)	$5,752	$16,956	$25,781	$36,799	$22,438
Fund Balance	($4,496)	$1,256	$18,212	$43,993	$80,792	$103,230
60 Day reserve	$57,272	$59,692	$62,272	$65,386	$68,273	$74,723
Reserve Surplus (Deficit)	($61,768)	($58,436)	($44,060)	($21,393)	$12,518	$28,507

Revenue Assumptions

The forecast assumes annual hourly rate increases of CPI + 1%.[4]. The revenue forecast assumes very conservative permit volume growth, with no growth forecast for any permit types except mobile grooming permits, which are assumed to increase by 1 to 2 permits per year. This is consistent with recent permit-volume data, which has been relatively stable except for mobile grooming permits.

Expenditure Assumptions

The expenditure forecast assumes that the program will cover the costs of the 1.5 FTEs. The program currently funds only 1.0 FTE of a HEI II. The program would now cover plan review and program management with 0.25 FTE for a HEI III (lead) and 0.25 FTE for a HEI IV (manager), respectively. Public Health does not expect revisions to the pet business requirements proposed in Title 8 (R&R 26-01) to increase the level of required staff effort. The annual cost growth is based on the Budget and Financial Planning Assumptions (BFPA) provided by the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB).

[4] King County BOH 2.06.008 (C) states the Director shall annually adjust any or all fees up or down to reflect actual costs up to an amount that represents the most recently adopted Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) inflation forecast for the subsequent year prepared by the Office of Economic and Financial Analysis (OEFA) plus one percentage point, up to a maximum of five percent over the current fee, plus the cost of building rate reserves in accordance with any applicable county fund reserve policies.

Pet Businesses & Public Health
Proposed Title 2 Pet Business Fee Update:
R&R BOH26-02

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Agenda

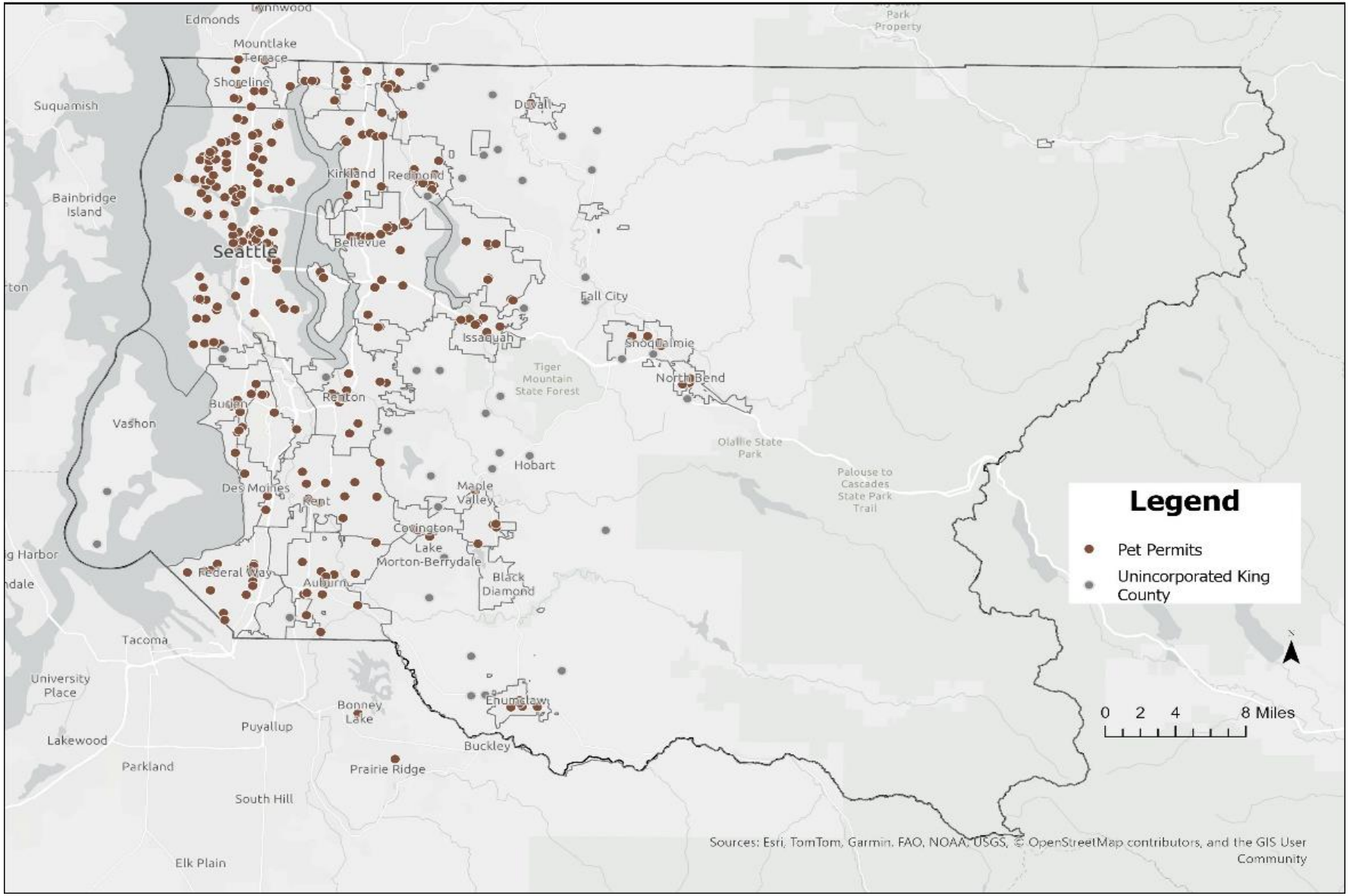
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- **What pet businesses are paying for**
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- **Customer engagement**



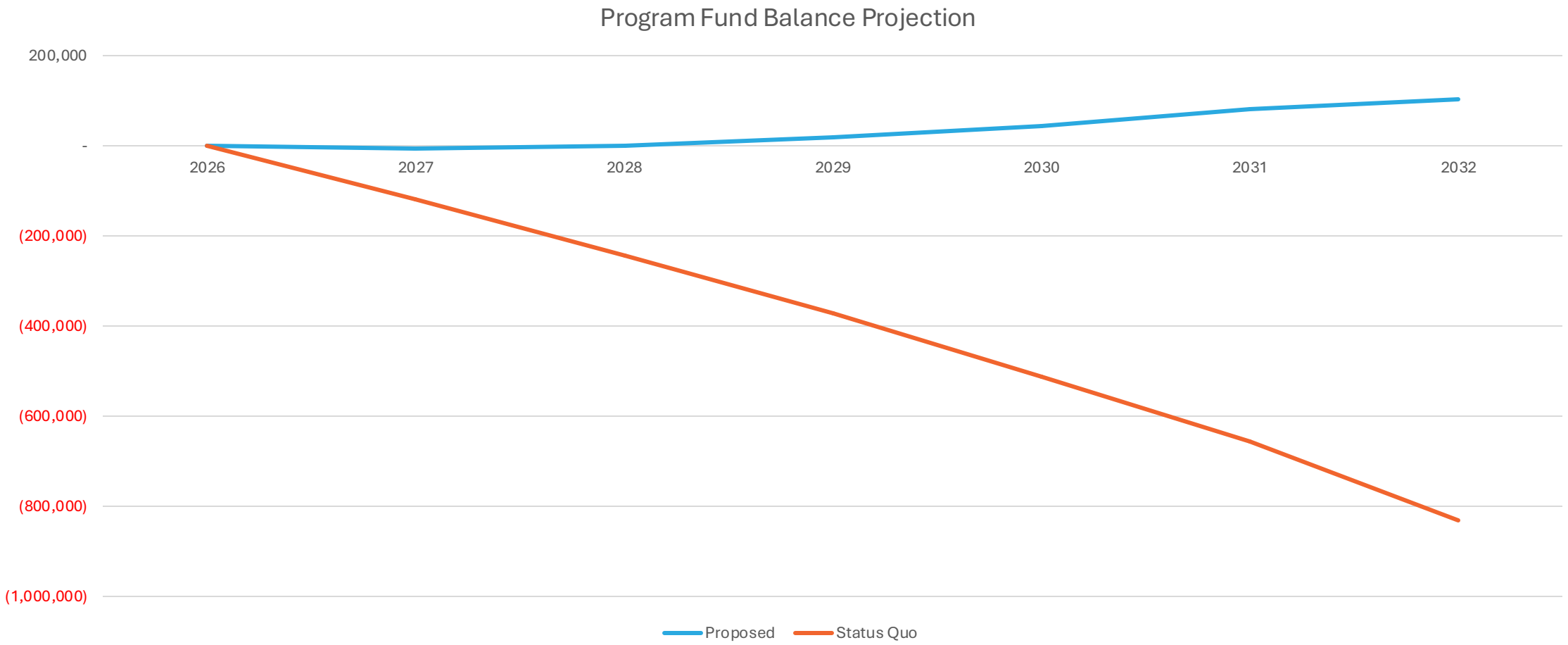
Why update the fees now?

- Commitment to return to BOH with recommended rates
  - Part of the 2024 EHS rate study presentation
- Stabilize the Pet Business Program revenue
  - Small program scale – 1.5 FTE in total
- Increase program fees to reflect actual service costs
  - Consistent with BOH's policy for full cost recovery
  - So that services are not reduced

Pet Businesses throughout King County



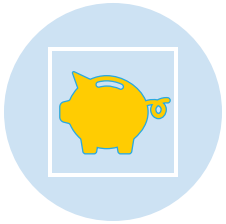
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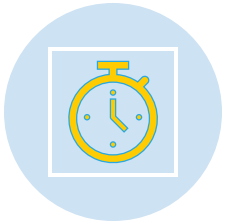
What are pet businesses paying for?

- **The fees are the costs businesses pay for Environmental Health Services (EHS):**
  - Annual inspections
  - Plan review for new or remodeled facilities
  - Education and technical assistance
  - Follow-up on compliance issues
- **Permitted pet businesses include:**
  - Pet daycares/boarding
  - Pet shops
  - Animal shelters
  - Pet grooming services
  - Pet food retailers
  - Poultry retailers

Title 2 proposed changes: Overview



Upfront Plan Review Fee
Predictable, reduces delays



Adjusted Inspection/ Permit Fees Time
Reflects actual level of effort

Increases service hours by .25—1.75 x



Tiered Pet Daycare/Boarding Permits

Based on size/animal capacity



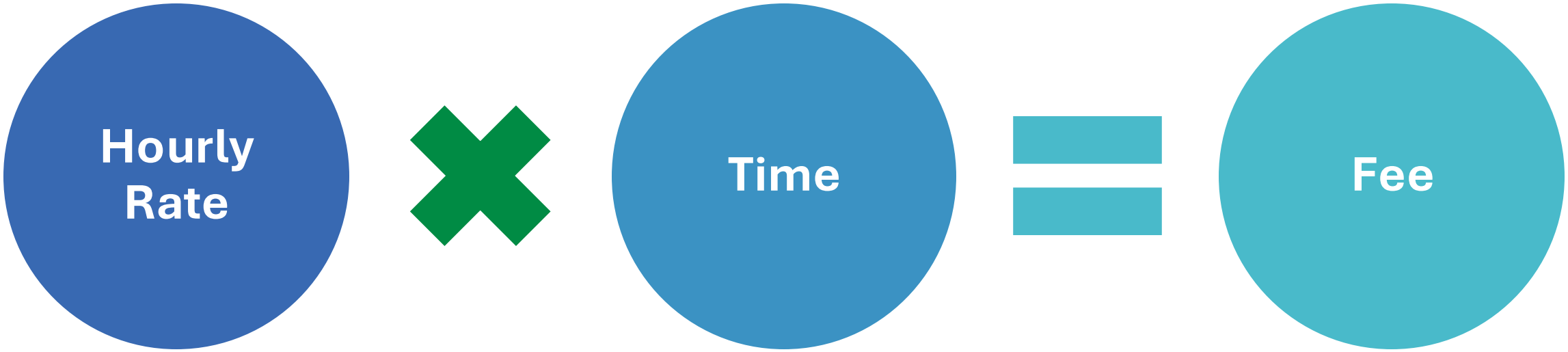
Unpermitted businesses

New one-time 2x fee



Updated Service Fees
Variances, re-inspections, return field visits

How is a permit fee determined?



Cost per hour for providing our services

Amount of time needed for the permit services

Cost paid by business for a permit/plan review

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How will changes impact pet businesses?

Example 1:

- Annual permit for a pet grooming service (common permit type):
- Current service hours: 1.25; New service hours: 2.0
  - **Current**: $281
  - **Proposed**: $468

Example 2:

- Annual permit for pet daycare/boarding facilities:
- Current service hours for all tiers: 2.25
- Tier 1 (smallest, 10 or fewer animals): New service hours: 2.5
  - **Current**: $506
  - **Proposed**: $585
- Tier 4 (largest, 81 or more animals): New service hours: 4.0
  - **Current**: $506
  - **Proposed**: $936

Industry and public engagement



Learn & Discuss

Webinars, meetings with organizations, focus groups, online surveys

Communicated the need to update/increase fees to ensure program stability and better match pet business models and the actual effort/time providing services



Stay informed

Full rate schedule published 3 weeks prior to the BOH meeting on the project website

Notice sent to Pet Business GovDelivery list (including all permitted businesses)

Industry and public engagement: What we heard

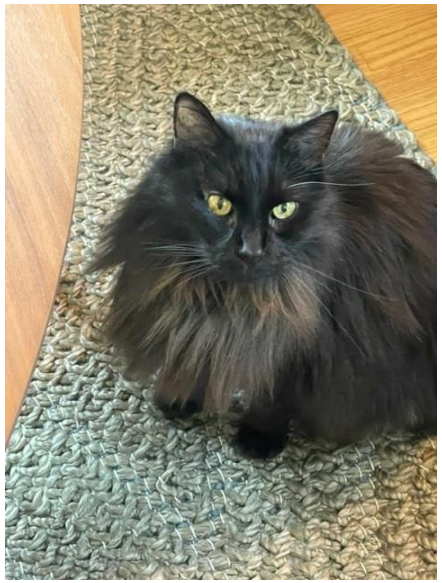
- Community members appreciate the role in establishing and ensuring that health and safety standards are met.
- Understand the need to align fees with the actual effort required to provide Public Health services.
- Customers/business models are sensitive to fee increases.
- Interest in minimizing impacts to small businesses.
- Appreciate having advance notice of changes so they can budget accordingly.

Thank you!
Questions & Discussion

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Director's Report

Date: November 19, 2026

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Stay current on Public Health trends and news:

I invite King County Board of Health Members and Alternates to stay updated on important news, local health trends and funding opportunities through Public Health – Seattle & King County's blog, social media and online dashboards:

The Public Health Insider blog:
PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER – Official insights from Public Health - Seattle & King County staff
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Social media:
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Data dashboards:

- Public Health data - King County, Washington – Explore population-level health outcomes, communicable disease data and more
- Data dashboard: The impact of firearms in King County - King County, Washington
- Overdose data dashboards - King County, Washington
- Medical Examiner's Office data
- Climate Impacts on Health - King County, Washington
- Food inspections and safety rating system - King County, Washington
- Search restaurant safety ratings - King County, Washington
- Food establishment closures by area in King County - King County, Washington
- Unpermitted food businesses - King County, Washington
- Foodborne illness outbreaks - King County, Washington

Funding opportunities – RFPs, RFQs, RFAs and others:
Funding opportunities - King County, Washington

King County Launches Reentry Initiative to Help Break the Cycle of Repeated Incarceration, Improving Public Safety and Community Well-Being

King County's new reentry initiative will help people transition from custody back into the community by connecting them with accessible healthcare, behavioral health and substance use treatment, and other supportive services, advancing Executive Zahilay's Breaking the Cycle goal and reducing recidivism to create safer, healthier communities.

Public Health – Seattle & King County's Jail Health Services Division is leading this work at two adult detention facilities: the King County Correctional Facility in Seattle and the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent. The Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention is leading initiative work at the Judge Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center in Seattle. Over 40 incarceration facilities in Washington state are participating.

Read news release: King County Launches Reentry Initiative to Help Break the Cycle of Repeated Incarceration, Improving Public Safety and Community Well-Being

KUOW story: People leaving King County jail need 'a lifeline.' Now Medicaid will pay for one

Instagram: King County Executive Girmay Zahilay (@executive.zahilay) • Instagram photos and videos

Washington State Public Health Association President's Award

At the 2026 Washington State Environmental Health Association (WSEHA) and Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA) Joint Conference, Public Health received the WSPHA President's Award for the department's World Cup/FIFA response. PHSKC was nominated by Lauren Jenks, Washington State Dept. of Health Assistant Secretary Environmental Public Health, due in large part to King County not having any food borne outbreaks during the World Cup!

Pictured below (left to right): Sam Lovell, Carina Elsenboss, Lauren Jenks (WA DOH), Ryan Kellogg



Free breast and cervical cancer screenings break down barriers

For many people across King County, especially those who are uninsured, underinsured, or navigating care in another language, getting a cancer screening can feel intimidating. Worries about cost, discomfort, or communication barriers often lead people to delay routine mammograms and Pap/HPV tests that can detect cancer early.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in September, we took a moment to remind people that free, in-language breast and cervical cancer screenings are available through Public Health – Seattle & King County and our community partners.

To reach patients directly in the places they seek care, the King County Breast, Cervical, and Colon Health Program (BCCHP) teamed up with International Community Health Services (ICHS) to create a four-part video series in Cantonese, Mandarin, English, and Vietnamese. The videos play in ICHS clinic waiting rooms, offering warm, in-language encouragement right at the point of care.

View the videos and learn more online: Free breast and cervical cancer screenings break down barriers – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER

Vashon-Maury Island Marine Recovery Area and Septic Planning Updates

In response to community feedback and additional legal analysis and data review, Public Health is making big changes to the proposed update for the Vashon-Maury Island Marine Recovery Area (MRA). We are no longer proposing to include all shoreline properties, and we are evaluating about 75 additional properties to include in the MRA expansion.

As part of this process, Public Health will work with community members to develop a plan to have septic systems across the island inspected to meet state law requirements. State rules have required septic inspections at least every three years since 2006. By April 2028, King County must update its septic maintenance plan (called the Local Management Plan), and that plan must show how inspections will happen in high-priority areas.

Public Health is seeking input from community members on this plan:

- Sign up for regular email updates: Marine Recovery Area updates
- Apply for the Community Member Septic Maintenance Subcommittee (see link below)
- **Meet Public Health staff on the island** to discuss questions and answers: every fourth Tuesday, 10 am to 2 pm at Vashon Chamber of Commerce, 17141 Vashon Hwy SW #101, Vashon, WA 98070

During early- to mid-November, Public Health also held four community meetings (three in person) to discuss updates to the MRA and next steps and get feedback from community members.

More information about the updated plan and ways to get involved: kingcounty.gov/MRA

Budget and Policy Summit in White Center organized by HEARCAG participants

On November 6, the King County Health Equity and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group (HEARCAG) brought together approximately 100 community leaders, partners from different sectors, and Public Health staff as part of the convening, “Budget & Policy Summit: Our Communities, Our Power, Our Health” at the White Center HUB.

HEARCAG recently completed a new Policy Brown Paper, "Centering community-led solutions to create a virtuous cycle of investments in health: A vision for improved budgeting in King County and Washington State." This policy brown paper was the basis for summit discussions. HEARCAG is aiming to build shared understanding and momentum for shifting funding away from systems that cause harm, like the criminal legal system, and focusing on and prioritizing community-led approaches and solutions for health in budgets.

The convening featured Abigail Echo-Hawk and Dr. Ben Danielson, who previously co-chaired the Gathering Collaborative for King County that led to the County’s declaration that racism is a public health crisis. In addition, a Carceral Health Equity Team talked about the harms of the carceral system.

HEARCAG aims to do further convenings and work on these budget topics. More information on HEARCAG: Health Equity and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group - King County, Washington.

It's time to call the plumber: Portraits of Public Health

Most people only think about plumbing when something goes wrong. Public Health's plumbing team works to minimize these problems in King County by making sure plumbing and gas piping is installed safely and correctly, whether it's for a small house remodel, new multistory apartments, a hospital, or a restaurant. Plumbing plays a vital role in protecting public health.

Meet Eric, who leads our team of approximately 20 plumbing professionals: It's time to call the plumber: Portraits of Public Health – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER

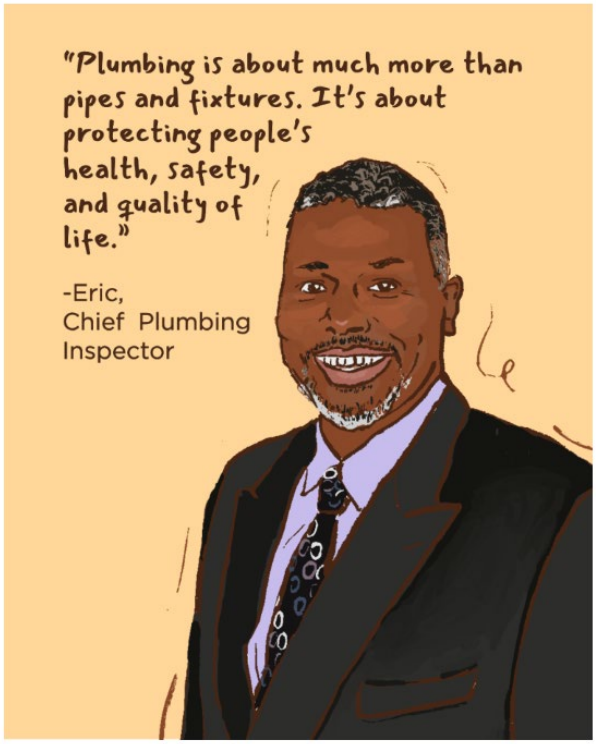


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Changes are coming: Impacts to Apple Health/Medicaid and what you need to know

The health care coverage and access landscape is facing one of its most significant shifts in a decade, and here in King County, a mighty team of health insurance experts have been preparing for the impacts.

As King County's Lead Navigator Organization, Public Health's Access & Outreach program works with state agencies, health care providers, and community partners to help residents maintain access to health coverage and care, including finding solutions for people impacted by changes to coverage eligibility or enrollment.

Learn more online: Changes are coming: Impacts to Apple Health/Medicaid and what you need to know – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER

Listen to the KUOW Seattle Now interview with Daphne Pie, Regional Health Administrator at Public Health: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlCbSXRVM6M

Dyno Battery Lead Exposure and Contamination Response

Public Health – Seattle & King County has supported the interagency response to lead exposure and environmental contamination at Dyno Battery in Seattle's Magnolia/Interbay neighborhood. King5 recently highlighted violations issued by Washington Department of Labor & Industries to Dyno Battery in its investigation: *Seattle battery maker repeatedly cited for lead violations; L&I confirms workers became ill*.

Public Health focused on assessing health risks to children, particularly children of Dyno employees and those attending the nearby KinderCare facility. Staff met with employees, using interpreters as needed, to explain lead exposure risks, blood lead test results, and potential take-home exposure to families. Public Health also recommended hazard signage around the facility, engaged neighboring businesses, and conducted a lead hazard assessment at KinderCare.

To address community concerns, Public Health and community partners hosted a community health fair on November 7. Representatives from Seattle and the Department of Ecology were available to discuss their respective response efforts.

Given the extent of site contamination and the need for long-term cleanup, Public Health will continue to monitor conditions and provide guidance on ongoing risk communication and protective signage in the surrounding area.

More information:

- Public Health Insider: *Elevated lead contamination found on 23rd Avenue W in Interbay; pedestrians advised to avoid this block – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER*
- Washington Department of Ecology: *Dyno Battery - (1212)*
- City of Seattle: *Responding to lead contamination on 23rd Ave W - At Your Service*

Respiratory Illness Season and Vaccines (in response to Boardmember Hartfield's question on October 15)

In a typical year, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes updated seasonal respiratory vaccine recommendations in August, with federal vaccine distribution, e.g., through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, occurring shortly thereafter. This year, vaccine recommendations have been challenged in court and the ACIP hasn't met all year. In the absence of federal vaccine guidance, US medical societies released their own 2026-27 COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccine recommendations on September 1, 2026, however COVID-19 vaccines for children and uninsured adults did not become available until the end of September.

Despite confusion caused by federal vaccine policy shifts and delayed vaccine availability, COVID-19 and influenza vaccination uptake this fall is higher compared to the same time last year. At the end of October, 15.1% of King County residents have received COVID-19 vaccine and 25.5% have received influenza vaccine, compared to 13.8% and 23.4% respectively at the end of October 2025. At the end of the 2025-2026 vaccination season, coverage rates were 22.6% for COVID-19 and 37.1% for influenza, with coverage rates highest among older adults. As of the end of October 2026, 34.9% of older adults 65+ have received the COVID-19 vaccine and 50.4% have received influenza vaccine. RSV immunization coverage for King County infants as of the end of October 2026 is estimated at 37.0%, slightly higher than the 36.3% of infants immunized at the same time last year. At the end of the 2025-2026 season, immunization coverage for infants was 78.3%. A single lifetime dose of RSV vaccine is also recommended for older adults aged 75+. Since it was introduced in 2023, 58.7% of King County residents 75+ years old have received the RSV vaccine.

Multiple factors contribute to vaccine uptake such as vaccine availability, accessibility, and affordability; trust in the effectiveness and safety of vaccines and the system that delivers them; and individuals' perceived risk of illness. During the pandemic, COVID-19 and flu vaccine uptake steadily declined each season between 2022 and 2026. Public Health continues to combat widespread vaccine fatigue, misinformation and confusion by sharing timely and accurate information through social media, blog posts, local media interviews, and community engagement led by trusted messengers such as Public Health Community Navigators. We also work to sustain access with a focus on marginalized communities that experience barriers to vaccination by bringing no-cost mobile vaccination services in safe and familiar places like shelters, food banks, schools and community centers.

Target Zero Overview

Celeste Toyofuku, Co-Target Zero Manager

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King County Target Zero's Vision & Mission

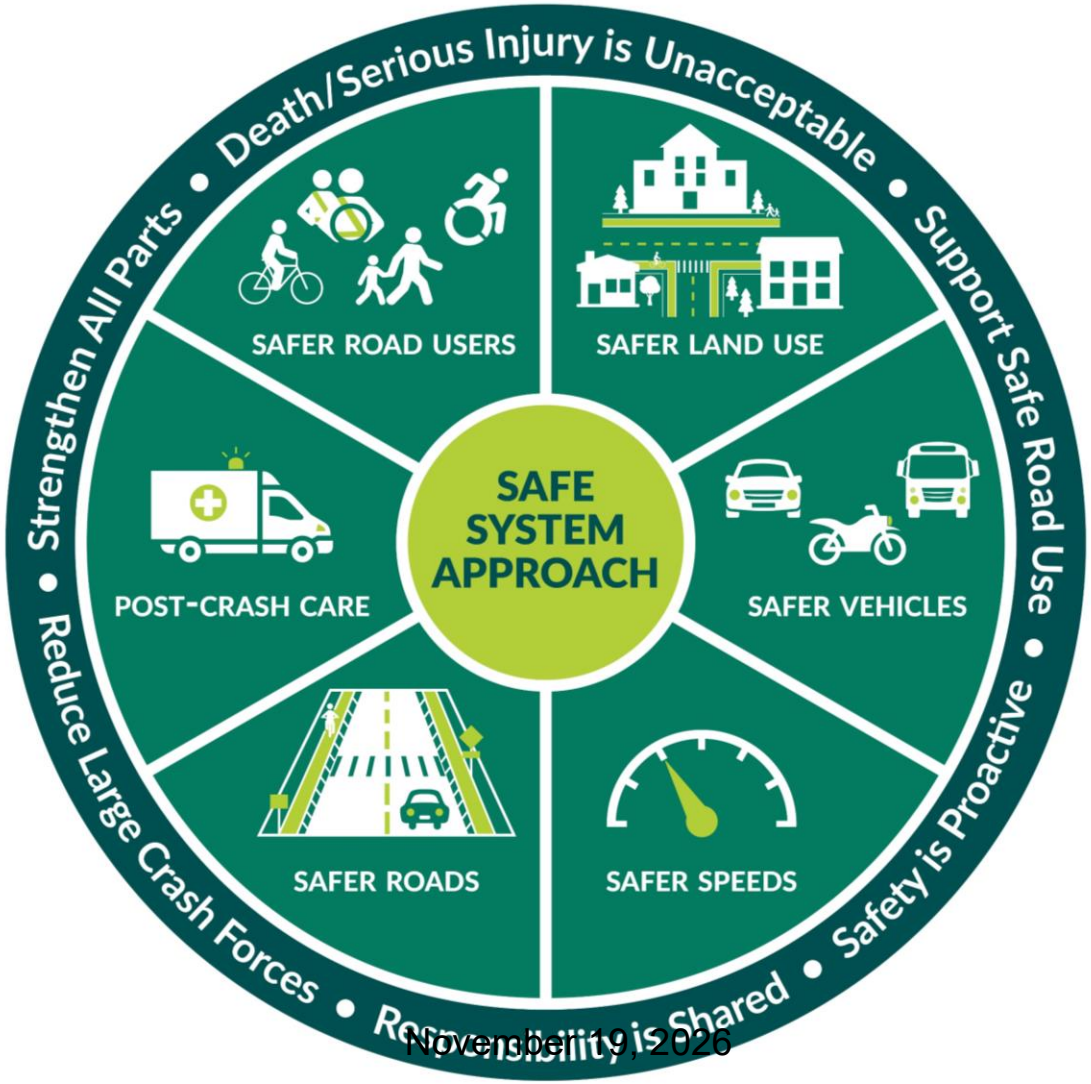
Vision

A future without serious injuries and fatalities and all people can get where they need to safely and securely

Mission

Work collaboratively with traffic safety and community partners to create equitable traffic safety programs to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities

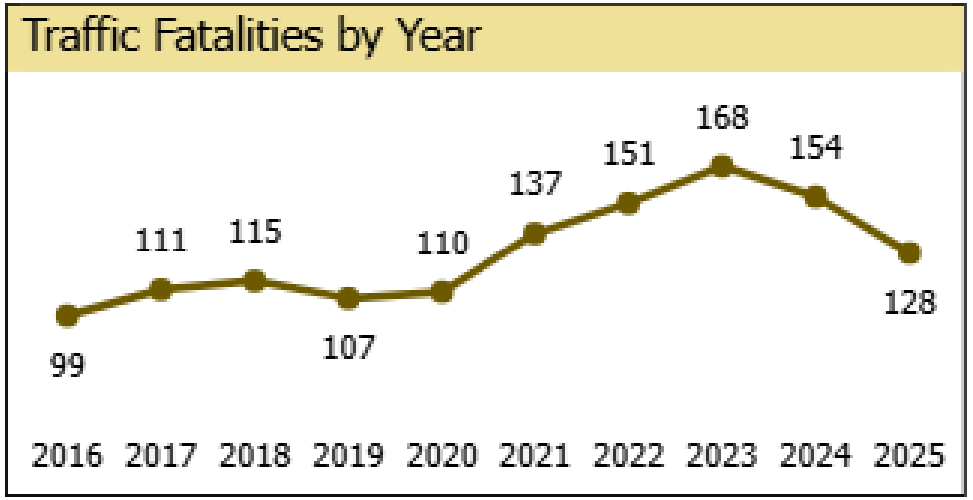
Target Zero follows the Safe System Approach to Injury Prevention



Top Contributing Factors of Fatalities, King County

Fatality Crashes (2021-2025*)

1. Impairment involved (65%)
2. Walkers and Bicyclists (35%)
3. Speeding Involved (33%)
4. Lane Departures (29%)
5. Young Driver (15-24) Involved (26%)



*2025 data are preliminary
†Includes driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist
Data from Washington Traffic Safety Commission & Washington Department of Transportation
Contributing Factors are Not Mutually Exclusive

Motor vehicle occupant injuries are a significant contributor to injury-related hospitalizations in King County, ranking third overall and across most racial groups, and fourth among Black residents.

Top 6 leading causes of injury, King County (average: 2020-2024)

Rate per 100,00 and average annual count

Ranking	All	AIAN	Asian	Black	Hispanic	NHPI	White
1	Fall 187.5 (5,115)	Poisoning 292.8 (39)	Fall 105.0 (451)	Poisoning 186.4 (314)	Fall 132.0 (187)	Fall 191.8 (23)	Fall 203.6 (3952)
2	Poisoning 74.8 (1,961)	Fall 249.2 (32)	Poisoning 20.4 (107)	Fall 156.8 (209)	Poisoning 69.5 (184)	Poisoning 104.9 (23)	Poisoning 76.5 (1114)
3	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 18.6 (501)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 57.3 (8)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 9.0 (48)	Firearm 70.9 (120)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 26.9 (74)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 47.3 (9)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 16.3 (252)
4	Firearm 16.1 (407)	Unspecified 43.1 (5)	Unspecified 5.9 (28)	Motor vehicle traffic: Occupant 39.6 (68)	Firearm 20.0 (61)	Firearm 35.3 (9)	Unspecified 14.4 (245)
5	Unspecified 13.8 (376)	Cut/pierce 39.8 (5)	Motor vehicle traffic: Pedestrian 5.3 (26)	Unspecified 24.3 (40)	Unspecified 12.3 (28)	Unspecified 24.0 (4)	Firearm 10.5 (151)
6	Struck by or against 8.4 (232)	Motor vehicle traffic: Pedestrian 31.9 (4)	Firearm 5.0 (27)	Motor vehicle traffic: Pedestrian 22.9 (39)	Motor vehicle traffic: Pedestrian 9.8 (23)	Other specified 15.1 (3)	Struck by or against 8.9 (148)

Note: race groups are mutually exclusive and Hispanics are counted only once

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We **convene**, **educate** and **summarize data**



500 Member Coalition
6 Sub-Committees
Training Opportunities
Resource Sharing
Networking
Provide Subject Matter Expertise



Community Outreach
Car Seat Check Events
Public Presentations
Teens in the Drivers Seat
Teen Target Zero
Social Media
Newsletter



8 Data Sources
Data Analysis & Comparison
Annual Fact Sheet
Societal Cost Burden
Child Death Review

Cities Involved with King County Target Zero

- Algona
- Auburn
- Bellevue
- Black Diamond
- Bothell
- Burien
- Clyde Hill
- Covington
- Des Moines
- Duvall
- Enumclaw
- Federal Way
- Issaquah
- Kenmore
- Kent
- Kirkland
- Lake Forest Park
- Maple Valley
- Mercer Island
- Newcastle
- Normandy Park
- North Bend
- Pacific
- Redmond
- Renton
- Sammamish
- SeaTac
- Seattle
- Shoreline
- Snoqualmie
- Tukwila
- Unincorporated King County
- Woodinville

How can you be involved in traffic safety?

Reach out to us if you have traffic safety questions, want a presentation or resources, and/or to hear updates on our committees or work.

- Website: kingcountytargetzero.com
- Instagram or Facebook
- Email: trafficsafety@kingcounty.gov
- Newsletter sign-up: Stay Informed – King County Target Zero
- WA Traffic Safety Commission 2027 Traffic Safety Summit

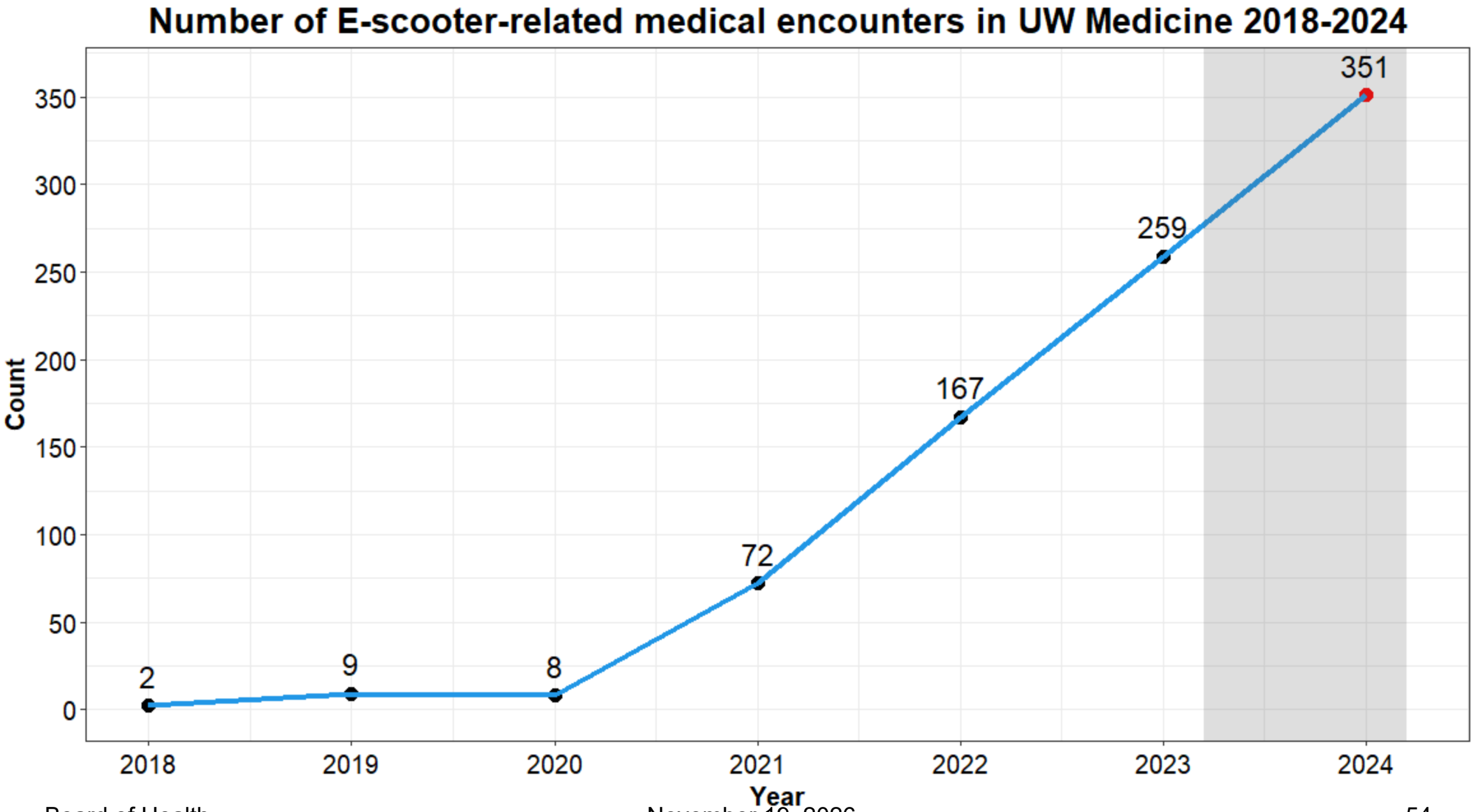
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E-scooter Injury in Seattle

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- The 2024 number of e-scooter injuries was identified using ICD-10-CM codes only.

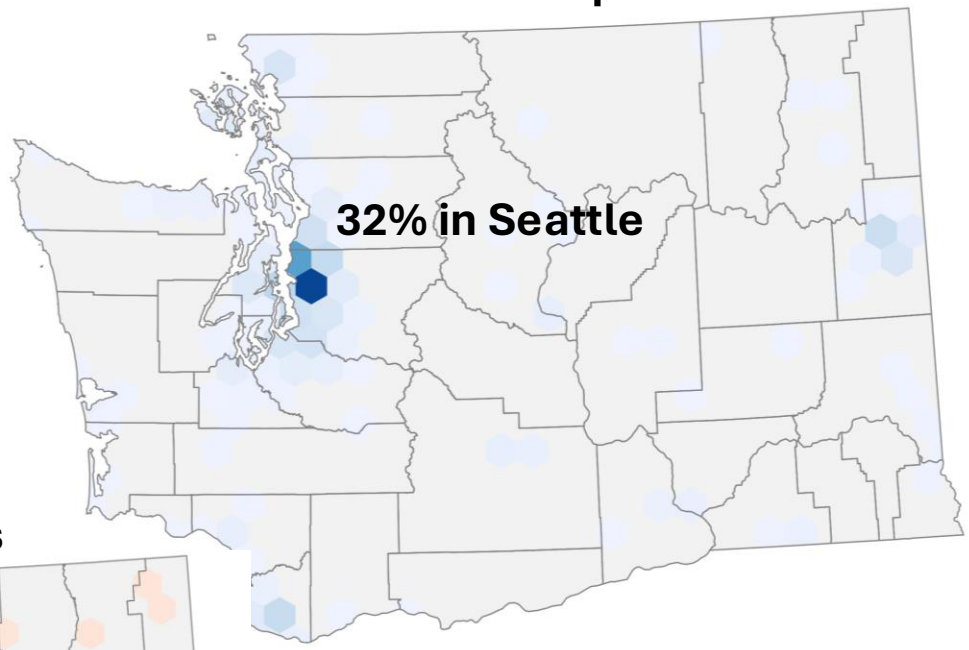
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E-scooter EMS responses



E-bike EMS responses

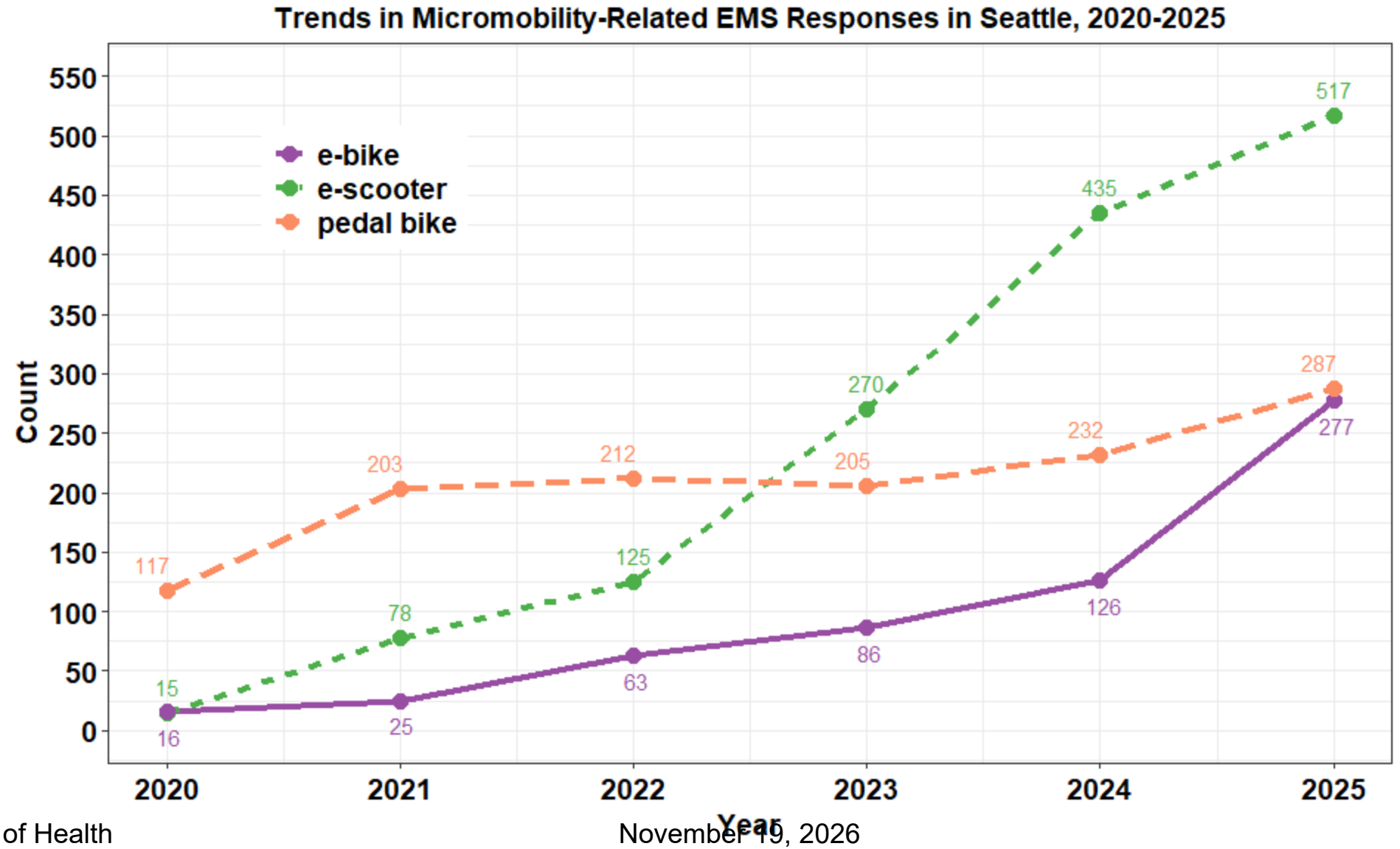


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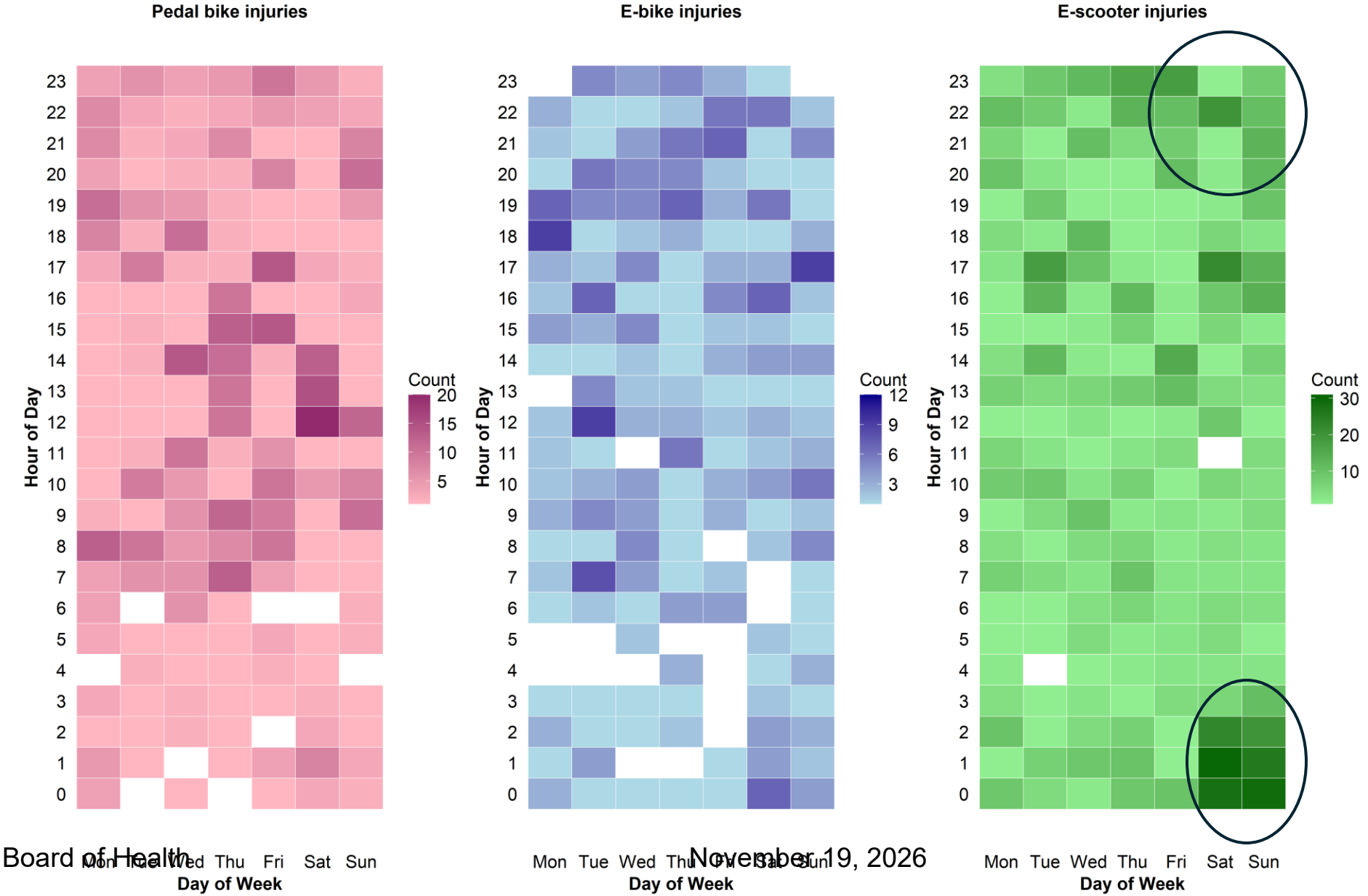


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Proposed actions by KCBoH

Enact a nighttime curfew on rental devices

- E-scooter injuries peak in the nighttime hours, especially on the weekends.
- Studies from Atlanta and Helsinki have found ~ 50% reduction in injuries during a curfew.
- Lime can turn off use of the devices remotely.

- We recommend a curfew on rental devices 9pm-5am. This should minimally impact use of devices for commuting to work.

Proposed actions by KCBoH

Require age verification for rental devices

- Lime requires users to be 16+ to rent a device but there is no age verification.
- Youth account for ~15% of trauma center admissions for micromobility injuries.
- NYC, Austin, LA, San Diego require age verification for rental of devices.

- Require that Lime require age verification using ID such as a student ID, driver's license, other ID

2027 State Legislative Session

Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer
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King County Board of Health
November 19, 2026

Upcoming: 2027 Legislative Session

State Agency Decision Package Summary

Governor's Budget Proposal

Start of Session – January 11th, 2027

Public Health Issues We're Watching

Access to healthcare

Access to healthy food

Gun violence prevention

Safer options for medical sharps disposal

Safe and accessible reproductive healthcare including contraceptive care

6PPD, PFAS, and other toxics

Kratom

Traffic Safety

Tobacco

Cannabis

Funding for public health, for example: Foundational Public Health Services, Climate Commitment Act, Street Medicine, and preventing gun violence

Q & A

Thank you

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Preparing the 2027 Board of Health Workplan

Joy Carpine-Cazzanti
Board of Health Administrator

November 19, 2026

Workplan process

- **November and January:** Briefing and Discussion
- **February:** Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution adopting the workplan

Please note:

- The Chair sets the monthly meeting agendas.
- Agenda items may change as needed throughout the year.
- The Board typically meets ten times each year, as the August and December meetings are usually cancelled.

Board Organization in January

- Election of Chair and Vice Chairs
- Discussion and Possible Action:
  - A RESOLUTION designating the order in which the vice chairs of the King County Board of Health may act in the absence of the chair in 2027
- Briefing and Discussion:
  - Board Authority - Roles and Responsibilities

Potential Briefings

- Washington State Legislative Session Updates, Wrap-up after session ends
- King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention
- Overdose Prevention and Response
- Life expectancy and Mortality Rates of Black Males and Supporting Healthy Lives
- PHSKC Environmental Health Solid Waste Functions and Funding
- On-site Septic Systems in King County and Local Management Plan Update
- 2028 Workplan Discussion
- 2028 Legislative Priorities

Potential Rules & Regulations

- Winter briefing / Spring vote: Proposed Hazardous Waste Management Program Rates
- Fall briefing / Fall vote: Proposed Food Code changes to reduce financial barriers and expand permitting categories for new street food businesses

Potential Resolutions

- Winter: In support of protecting Foundational Health Services
- Winter briefing / Spring vote: Maternal and Perinatal Health
- Spring: Recognition of World Tuberculosis Day on March 24
- Spring and Fall briefings / Fall vote: Adopt an updated On-site Septic System Local Management Plan for King County

2028 Board Membership

- Positions expiring at the end of 2027:
  - One member representing public health facilities and providers
  - One member representing consumers of public health
  - One alternate representing consumers of public health
- Summer: If any members or the alternate don't opt to continue in 2028, Public Health will recruit to fill the position(s).
- Briefings: June, July, September, October
- October: Board will consider resolutions identifying candidates for re/appointment.

Suggestions or questions?

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