

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 560.1 amending Ordinance 560 regarding spay and neuter fees.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 560.1 amending Ordinance No. 560 providing for low-cost, non-profit, public spay and neuter clinics for dogs and cats and set it for a public hearing;
- 2) Authorize the Clerk of the Board to place an advertisement for the public hearing in the appropriate local publications.
- 3) Upon the close of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors adopt Ordinance No. 560.1

BACKGROUND: On November 2, 1976, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 560 providing for low-cost, non-profit, public spay and neuter clinics for dogs and cats. Under Section 1 of Ordinance 560, the fees for services provided by such clinics shall be determined in a (Continued)

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Paige M. Hamtil for
Robert Miller, Director for Animal Services
Paige M. Hamtil, Division Director

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	07/08

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
BY: *[Signature]* 11/9/07
MICHAEL G. ALEXANDER

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
DATE: 11/8/07
BY: *[Signature]*
TIFFANY N. NORTH, Department Counsel

BACKGROUND:

minimum amount, to offset costs of operation of such clinics and shall be consistent with the intent of the ordinance for providing low-cost, nonprofit public spay and neuter services. Section 1 of Ordinance 560 further states that such fees shall be established by the Board of Supervisors. In accordance with Board of Supervisors policy number B-4, County departments may evaluate existing rates for services on an annual basis, and make recommendations for changes. The Department has reviewed the impact of the cost of providing such spay and neuter services and is recommending changes.

The proposed rates are based on actual cost data, projected increases for the upcoming fiscal year and comparison with six (6) Southern California counties. Currently, the Department charges \$26.50 to spay a female cat and \$14.00 to neuter a male cat. With regard to spaying and neutering dogs, the rate varies between \$25.00 and \$86.00 depending upon the weight and sex of the dog. The proposed rate is a flat rate of \$50.00 for spaying or neutering any dog and \$25.00 for spaying or neutering any cat. The proposed flat rates will allow the Department to continue providing the community with low cost spay/neuter options and education. It is the Department's goal that the message of the importance of spaying and neutering will become commonplace and, thus, drastically reduce the number of unwanted animals, the number of stray animals that run at large and the number of animal bites that occur.

The proposed spay and neuter fees will be included in the flat-rate adoption fee at the time of adoption if the dog or cat is adopted from a County animal shelter.

Therefore, we are requesting that the Board of Supervisors introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance No. 560.1 and at the conclusion of the public hearing, adopt Ordinance 560.1.

FINANCIAL DATA

These proposed fees have been reviewed and approved by the County Auditor/Controller. No budget adjustment is requested at this time.

