

**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. 534.6 amending Ordinance 534.5 regarding animal services fees

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 534.6 amending Ordinance No. 534.5 relating to Animal Services fees for domestic animals other than dogs or 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 534.6.

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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

- Consent
- Policy
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Prev. Agn. Ref.: January 10, 1991. District: All Agenda Number:

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: *MA* 11/9/07
 MICHAEL G. ALEXANDER
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *MA* 11/8/07
 TIFANY N. NORTH, Departmental Counsel

BACKGROUND: On August 17, 1971, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 534 establishing fee schedules for animals in general for the Department of Animal Services. 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 of Animal Services ("Department") last updated these rates on January 10, 1991. The Department has reviewed the impact of the cost of providing services relative to the current rate structure and is proposing changes to certain services provided by the Department of Animal Services.

The proposed rates are based on actual cost data, projected increases for the upcoming fiscal year and comparison with six (6) Southern California counties. The major impact of the fee changes that the Department is proposing stem from the addition of an after-hours charge for emergency services, changes to the daily boarding fee during impoundment, and increasing the animal redemption rate for an unaltered animal to be in compliance with California State law.

Within the past four (4) years, the number of after-hours emergency calls has increased from an average of 31.42 calls per month to an average of 81 calls per month, more than 2 ½ times the call volume. Moreover, the cost of boarding and impounding domestic animals has increased. In the case of large domestic animals, such as horses, the Department has to contract with other entities or individuals for such boarding during impoundment. The current rates do not adequately cover the actual costs incurred by the Department.

Therefore, we are requesting that the Board of Supervisors introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance No. 534.6 and at the conclusion of the public hearing, adopt Ordinance 534.6.

FINANCIAL DATA

These proposed fees have been reviewed and approved by the County Auditor/Controller. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the fee adjustments will result in revenue to the Department of approximately \$12,980 annually. No budget adjustment is requested at this time.

EXHIBIT A**Riverside County Community Health Agency
Department of Animal Services****Ordinance 534 - Animals Generally**

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase/(Decrease)
Animal Redemption Fee - 1st impound (unaltered animal) [to comply with State law]	\$20	\$35	\$15
Animal Redemption Fee - 1st impound (altered animal)	\$20	\$25	\$5
Animal Redemption Fee - 2nd impound (unaltered animal) [to comply with State law]	\$20	\$50	\$30
Animal Redemption Fee - 2nd impound (altered animal)	\$20	\$40	\$20
Animal Redemption Fee - 3rd impound (unaltered animal) [to comply with State law]	\$20	\$100	\$80
Animal Redemption Fee - 3rd impound (altered animal)	\$20	\$90	\$70
Maintenance of swine, goats & sheep per day	\$5	\$12	\$7
Maintenance of horses & cattle per day	\$5	\$20	\$15
Maintenance of ponies per day	\$5	\$20	\$15
Maintenance of fowl per day	\$1	\$5	\$4
Impoundment fee - horses, cattle, ponies, sheep, goats & adult swine.			
Large animal (horse, cow, etc.)	\$20	\$75	\$55
After-Hours Charge		\$90/hour	\$90
Medium animal (pig, sheep, etc.)	\$20	\$60	\$40
After-Hours Charge		\$90/hour	\$90
Small animal		\$5	\$5
After-Hours Charge		\$90/hour	\$90

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The Health Officer shall charge and collect from each person redeeming an altered impounded animal an impounding fee of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$40.00 for the second offense and \$90.00 for the third offense, plus the actual costs of transporting the animal to impound, the actual costs of veterinary and related services rendered to the animal, the actual costs of sale incurred, and the actual costs of any extraordinary measures required in or for the handling and maintenance of the animal while impounded, and in addition thereto, the following fees set forth in 1 through 8 below:

1. For the maintenance of swine, goats and sheep: per animal, for each day of impoundment - \$12.00
2. For the maintenance of horses and cattle: per animal, for each day of impoundment - \$20.00
3. For the maintenance of ponies: per animal, for each day of impoundment - \$20.00
4. For the maintenance of fowl: per animal, for each day of impoundment - \$5.00
5. For the taking up of large sized animals, such as horses, cattle, and ponies: per animal - \$75.00
6. For the taking up of medium sized animals, such as swine, goats, and sheep: per animal - \$60.00
7. For the taking up of small sized animals, such as rabbits and guinea pigs: per animal - \$5.00
8. For the taking up of animals after normal business hours - \$90.00 per hour.
This after hours fee is in addition to any other applicable fees set forth in this ordinance.

The fees set forth in this section shall be in effect until the Board of Supervisors shall by ordinance fix some other fee upon the basis of a cost analysis as determined by the County Auditor- Controller.”

