

**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*

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE

BY: *Debra Courmoyer*  
Debra Courmoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above ordinance is approved as introduced with waiver of the reading and setting the matter for public hearing on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Wilson and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: November 20, 2007  
xc: CHA/Animal Svcs., COB(2)

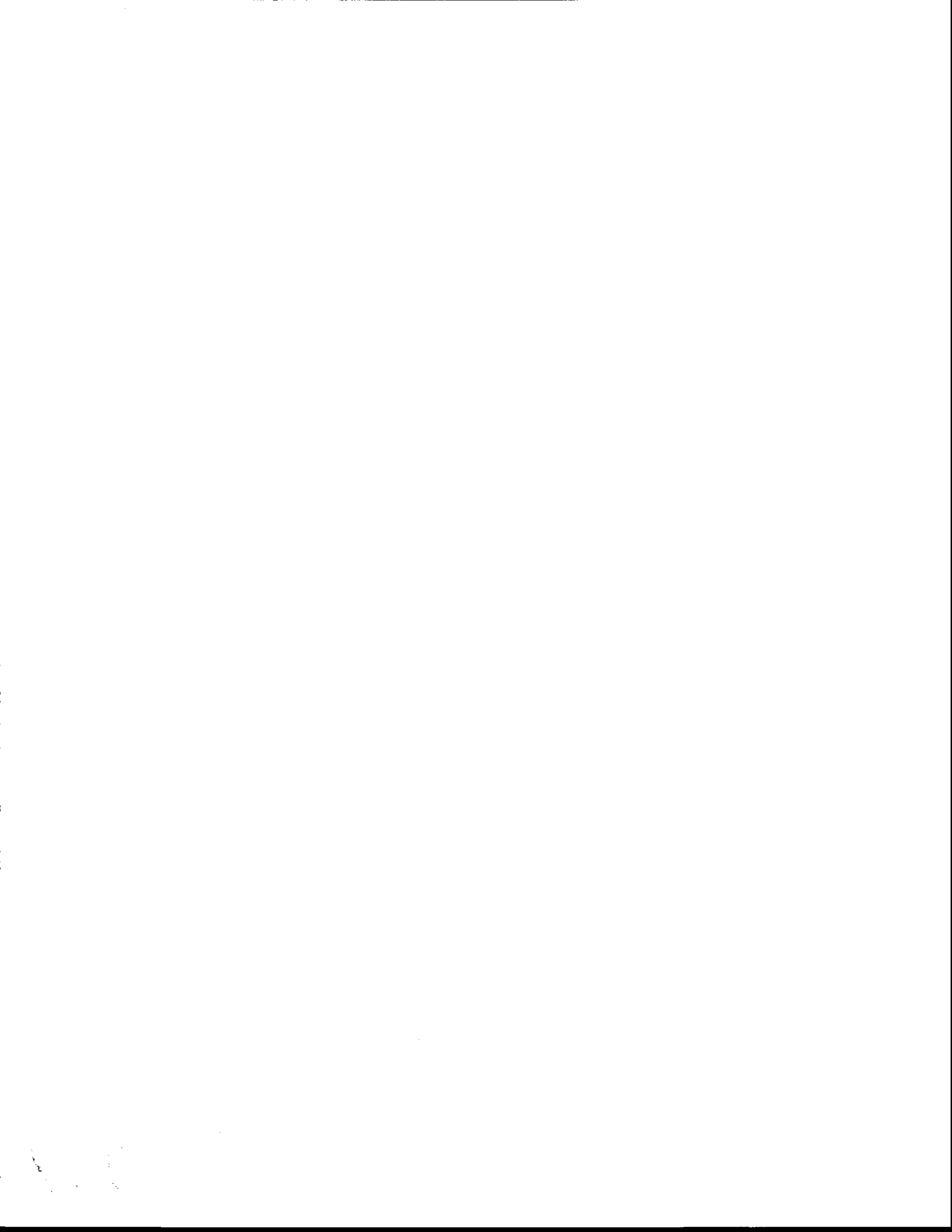
Nancy Romero  
Clerk of the Board  
BY: *Nancy Romero*  
Deputy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED BY ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL BY: TIFANY N. NORTH  
 DATE: 11/8/07  
 DEPARTMENT: Community Health Agency  
 BY: *Michael G. Alexander*  
 MICHAEL G. ALEXANDER

Policy  Policy  
 Consent  Consent  
 Dept's Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:



**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.

