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Departmental Concurrence

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

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FROM: Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 August 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Initiation of an Amendment to Ordinance No. 630 Regulating the Keeping and Control of Dogs, Cats and Other Animals and Providing for the Control and Suppression of Rabies

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order to initiate amendment to Ordinance No. 630 regulating the keeping and control of dogs, cats and other animals and providing for the control and suppression of rabies, to increase the service fees, as further described below; and
2. Direct the Department of Animal Services to prepare and process the amendment to Ordinance No. 630.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County of Riverside Animal Services Department provides shelter, licensing, veterinary and animal control services throughout Riverside County. The Animal Services Department has made every effort to maintain the reduced fees for adoption; however, increases in shelter occupancy have resulted in increased operational costs that may be partially offset by minor increases in the current fees.
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Robert P. Miller
 Robert P. Miller, Director
 Department of Animal Services

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 15/16	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
 Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 8/16/11 9.2

District: All

Agenda Number:

3-10

BACKGROUND: (Continued)

Summary

Ordinance No. 630 establishes regulations for dogs, cats and other animals which include impound, destruction, trap service, microchip, after hours calls, adoption, owner turn in, veterinary treatment, annual field and shelter rates for service, low cost spay and neuter, civil, criminal and administrative penalties for violation.

Animal Services will work with County Counsel to prepare, process, and implement the amendment to Ordinance 630.

Amendments to Ordinance No. 630 will require notice to the public and a public hearing prior to adoption pursuant to Government Code Section 54986.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The fee increases will provide the County of Riverside Department of Animal Services the ability to maintain continuity of current service levels.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

General authority for setting fees by ordinance

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54985 a fee may be increased or decreased in an amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of providing the service. Food and Agricultural Code Section 305201 requires local ordinances concerning the adoption or placement procedures of any public animal control agency shall be at least as restrictive as Food and Agricultural Code Sections 30801, 30802, 30803, 30804, 30805, 30952, 31105, 31106, 31107, 31108, 31152, 31153, 31251, and 31254.

Compensation for issuance

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Sections 30804 and 30805: The board of supervisors shall fix the compensation of the animal control department for issuing dog license tags with a minimum fee of \$0.50.

Impound fees

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Section 31251: The board of supervisors of each county shall fix the fee for impounding any dog and the amount which is to be paid for keeping the dog. Food and Agriculture Code section 30652 requires that fees be used to support the operation of the Department Animal Services.

Spay/Neuter deposit

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Sections 30521 and 31751.3: Spay/neuter deposits are to be between \$40 and \$75 per subsection (b).

Fee adoption and finding of specific circumstances

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Policy B-4 County departments may evaluate existing rates for services on an annual basis, and make recommendations for changes. The Department of Animal Services last updated rates on August 16, 2011, Agenda item 9-2.

The initiation and implementation costs are in the FY2015/2016 budget and no budget adjustment is requested: The department estimates approximately 120 hours of staff preparation time.