

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 21,
2002

SUBJECT:

ORDINANCE
CHANGES
REGARDING
ANIMAL
LICENSING AND
ANIMAL SHELTER
SERVICE FEES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of ordinance changes regarding animal licensing and animal shelter service fees.

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$200,000 increase in Shelter revenue.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The revisions contained in this ordinance are recommended to accomplish three things:

- 1) Increase points of service for Des Moines residents. It is hoped that Des Moines veterinarians and the Animal Rescue League will allow their clients to purchase licenses at their firms. The City Clerk will maintain a list of approved firms.
- 2) License more pets. Currently, 30% of pets are licensed in the City of Des Moines.
- 3) Raise fees so that more of the cost of operating the Animal Shelter is recovered from animal owners. Current fees cover 25% of the cost of the Animal Shelter, leaving roughly \$750,000 to be absorbed by the General Fund. It is hoped that with these fee increases, half of the cost of the animal shelter will be recovered from animal owners.

Overview of Fees:

	Service	Last Change	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Comparison Fee
1	Senior Citizen Dog	1984	\$2.00	\$5.00	-
2	Spayed/Neutered Dog	1989	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00 Omaha
3	Not spayed/neutered Dog	1989	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$30.00 Omaha
4	Late penalty	1984	\$5.00	\$100.00	-
5	Senior Citizen Cat	1995	\$2.00	\$5.00	-
6	Spayed/Neutered Cat	1997	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$12.00 Omaha
7	Not spayed/neutered Cat	1997	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$30.00 Omaha
8	Late penalty	1995	\$5.00	\$100.00	-
9	Traps		\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00 DSM Trap Service
10	Voluntary Euthanize		\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00 Avg of DSM Vets
11	Microchip		\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00 Rescue League
12	Adoption Dogs		\$60.00	\$85.00	\$85.00 Rescue League
13	Adoption Cats		\$40.00	\$85.00	\$85.00 Rescue League
14	Boarding Dogs		\$6.00	\$12.00	\$12.00 Avg of DSM Vets
15	Boarding Cats		\$4.00	\$12.00	\$12.00 Avg of DSM Vets
16	4th Impound for licensed pet		\$75.00	\$100.00	-
17	1st Impound unlicensed pet		\$25.00	\$50.00	-
18	Emergency Care		\$0.00	Set by Chief of Police to cover all costs	

Enforcement:

All pet owners will be sent two letters enabling them to license their pets. If owners do not license their pets after the second opportunity, a fine of \$100 will be levied. If this is not paid, the fine will be turned over to a collection agency.