

# COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Increase of Animal Control Ordinance Fees

MEETING DATE: 11/20/2008

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: N/A EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: N/A

SUBMITTED BY: Chief Donald B. Engler

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: N/A



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Animal Control Licensing Fees from multiple counties and municipal agencies throughout the state.

**POSSIBLE ACTION: I move to authorize the Town Attorney's Office to proceed with drafting a new fee schedule reflecting licensing fees, impound fees and daily boarding fees for animals impounded by the Town of Payson.**

**SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** A councilperson contacted me and requested I take some steps to increase fees for animal licensing and other fees associated with the impoundment of animals for the Town of Payson. Therefore, the Town of Payson conducted the attached animal licensing fees comparison for many county and city agencies throughout the state of Arizona. In doing so it is believed that we should raise our fees for licensing for dogs within the Town of Payson. This proposal is to increase our unaltered dog fee to \$20 per year and our altered dog fee to \$7.00 per year. The thought process behind having the fees considerably increased is to encourage community members to alter their dogs. In comparison to the attached listing, I think you will find this proposal within reason. I would also propose that we increase our impound fee to \$20. This will include capture and the first day of boarding for the animal. Any subsequent days that the animal is boarded would be tallied at \$10 per day. It is our belief that this is a reasonable fee increase that will help support the animal control efforts in the community. Along with this, the Town of Payson would like to impose a \$20 required deposit on any animal that is impounded and a shot vaccination certification is not available. This will insure that once the animal is released from impound it will be properly vaccinated within our community. If the owner of the dog is able to produce valid rabies certification at that time, the \$20 deposit will be returned to them.

**PROS:**

- This increase is warranted as our fees are considerably lower than any other entities within the region and considerably lower than any other communities throughout the State of Arizona.

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**CONS:**

- It is an increase of fees to community members.

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):**

**FUNDING:**

Account Number:	Title:	Amount: \$
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		Total Cost: \$
CFO:		Date:

## Animal Licensing Fees

<u>County/City</u>	<u>Unaltered</u>	<u>Spay/Neuter</u>
Apache County	No/ACO	No/ACO
Cochise	10.00	5.00
Coconino	20.00	10.00
Gila	15.00	7.00
Greenlee	8.00	5.00
La Paz	20.00	10.00
Pima	40.00	10.00
Pinal	20.00	12.00
Maricopa	40.00	12.00
Santa Cruz	20.00	8.00
Yavapia	25.00	5.00
Yuma	25.00	13.00
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Bullhead City	30.00	10.00
Camp Verde	8.00	6.00
Casa Grande	25.00	15.00
Chino Valley	32.00	8.00
Clifton	7.00	5.00
Duncan	8.00	5.00
Eager	25.00	5.00
Kingman	20.00	5.00
Nogales	15.00	7.00
Parker	20.00	10.00

Prescott	30.00	6.00
Prescott Valley	25.00	5.00
Sedona	25.00	7.50
Show Low	15.00	5.00
Sierra Vista	20.00	5.00
Snowflake/Taylor	7.00	5.00
Springerville	10.00	5.00
St Johns	5.00	5.00
Star Valley	7.00	5.00
Yuma	20.00	12.00
Winslow	15.00	7.50

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**\*Total Average:**

\*Average has been rounded to the nearest dollar  
Some community's offer a senior/disabled discount  
Have a penalty for late licensing  
Additional discount if pet is microchip

(B) *License fee for dogs.* A license fee shall be paid at the time of making application. License fees shall be determined by the Council from time to time as necessary and may be amended by resolution. The license fees for dogs, upon implementation of this chapter, shall be as follows:

(1) *One-year license.*

(a) Altered dog: \$3.

(b) Unaltered dog: \$7.

(2) *Two-year license.*

(a) Altered dog: \$6.

(b) Unaltered dog: \$14.

(3) *Three-year license.*

(a) Altered dog: \$9

(b) Unaltered dog: \$21

(`82 Code, Art. 6-3(B), (F)) (Ord. 500, passed 6-26-97) Penalty, see § 90.99

### § 90.37 PROOF OF VACCINATION.

Before a license is issued for any dog, the owner must present a vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian, stating the owner's name and address, and giving the dog's description, date of vaccination, and type, manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine used and date the next vaccination is due. A duplicate of each rabies vaccination certificate issued shall be transmitted to the town enforcement agent on or before the tenth day of the month following the month during which the dog was vaccinated. No dog shall be licensed unless it is vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of this section and the regulations promulgated hereunder.

(`82 Code, Art. 6-3(C)) (Ord. 500, passed 6-26-97) Penalty, see § 90.99

### § 90.38 LICENSING PERIOD.

A license may be issued by the town for a period to run concurrently with the dog's current rabies vaccination, for a period of one, two or three years, but in no event shall the licensing period exceed the period of time for revaccination as designated by the state veterinarian. Depending upon the length of the current rabies vaccination for the animal, whether it be a one, two, or three-year vaccination, the owner of the animal may choose to purchase a license for only one year, for two years or for three years so long as the license period chosen does not exceed the period of time for revaccination as designated by the state veterinarian.

(`82 Code, Art. 6-3(D)) (Ord. 500, passed 6-26-97) Penalty, see § 90.99