



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 2, 2025

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 9, 2025

DATE: September 2, 2025

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<p>Animal Care Services Fee Schedule Adjustment and Amending Section 6-26 for Legal Presumption Rabies Vaccination</p>

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 6-15 to update the Daily Boarding fees, Commercial Permit fees, 1st and 2nd Occurrence Impoundment fees, and Species Appropriate Vaccine fees, adding a 3rd Occurrence Impoundment fee, and amending Section 6-26 to add a legal presumption regarding rabies immunization; effective October 1, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Animal Care Services is proposing an adjustment to the adopted fee schedules. The adjustment includes increasing five existing fees and introducing one new fee. Animal Care Services also proposes amending Section 6-26 to add a legal presumption regarding rabies immunization.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Animal Care Services is dedicated to advocating humane animal care, promoting responsible pet ownership, and safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of residents and their pets. It became an independent department in June 2023.

In October 2023, Citygate Associates began a comprehensive review of its operations, aiming to identify issues that could hinder effectiveness in both operations and administration. The final report, which included a staffing analysis, financial activity overview, and assessment of facilities, was delivered in September 2024.

Animal Care Services benchmarked other cities in Texas and performed cost-of-service analyses. The proposed changes and addition are intended to assist in achieving the cost recovery levels outlined in the Citygate report. Notably, Animal Care Services has not increased fees for Boarding, permits, and first occurrences since March 27, 2018, nor the fees for Impound second occurrences and vaccines since January 20, 2015.

Animal Care Services is proposing an amendment to Section 6-26 to add a legal presumption regarding rabies immunization. This amendment to Section 6-26 will presume an animal is not currently vaccinated if the animal has no vaccination tag or microchip. This amendment is

proposed to increase the effectiveness of prosecution of these violations.

Revisions and the new fee schedule will take effect on October 1, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve these adjustments and maintain the current fee schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed FY26 fee changes will anticipate an increase to Animal Care Services revenue by \$24,510.00 in the General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020- General Fund
Organization/Activity: 12680
Department: 52
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: Various

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Animal Care Services fee schedule adjustments.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Exhibit A- Fee Schedule with proposed changes.

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Animal Care Services
Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The animal care services fee schedule is as follows:

Fee Schedule Effective October 1, 2023 2025		
	Existing	Proposed
Reapplication upon denial of registration or permit	\$10.00	
Microchip and lifetime license fee per dog or cat	\$15.00	
Replacement of tag	\$12.00	
Dangerous Dog Registration (set by V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code §822.043)	\$50.00	
Aggressive Dog Registration (must be microchipped, photographed and wear a specific tag)	\$50.00	
Annual intact permit	\$50.00	
Auctions; Circus; Grooming Shop; Kennels; Performing Animal Exhibit/Exhibition; Pet store; Horse stable	\$57.00	\$100.00
Unregistered/registered animal (1 st Occurrence)	\$30.00	\$50.00
Livestock	\$30.00	
Second and subsequent impoundment within 12 months	\$50.00	\$75.00
Third and subsequent impoundment within 12 months	\$00.00	\$150.00
Daily boarding fee (Return to Owner)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Rabies vaccine fee (Return to Owner)	\$10.00	
Microchip fee (Return to Owner)	\$15.00	
Species appropriate vaccination on intake (excludes rabies) (Return to Owner)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Owner surrender per animal unless litter under 4 months	\$50.00	
Owner surrender of bite animal	\$100.00	
Adoption Fee		
Domestic dog or cat; for animals over 6 months old and in good health, includes spay/neuter, microchip/city license, rabies vaccination	\$25.00	
Rabies impoundment and quarantine		

Animal head shipment - owned animal	\$150.00	
Quarantine Fee of domestic animal (per day)*	\$20.00	
Collars (including replacements)	\$10.00	
Leashes (including replacements)	\$15.00	
Signs (including replacements)	\$20.00	

*~~This~~ **Quarantine** fee will be in addition to impound, microchip, license, and rabies vaccination fees, \$10.00 for additional days over 10.

(Ord. No. 030405, § 7, 1-20-2015; Ord. No. 031404, § 7, 3-27-2018; Ord. No. 032549, § 1, 9-7-2021; Ord. No. 032998, § 2, 3-7-2023)