

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 6-15 of the Corpus Christi Code is amended to delete the struck-through text and insert the underlined text shown as follows:

Sec. 6-15. Fee Schedule.

Fees for animal care services shall be charged pursuant to the animal care service fee schedule filed with the city secretary. The Animal care fee schedule will be submitted to the city council annually for review. Any adjustment of the animal care service fee schedule requires city council approval.

The animal care services fee schedule is as follows:

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 <u>\$100.00</u>
Unregistered/registered animal (1 st Occurrence)	\$30.00 <u>\$50.00</u>
Livestock	\$30.00
Second and subsequent impoundment within 12 months	\$50.00 <u>\$75.00</u>
<u>Third and subsequent impoundment within 12 months</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>

Daily boarding fee (Return to Owner)	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
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 <u>\$15.00</u>
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)

SECTION 2. Section 6-26 of the Corpus Christi Code is amended to delete the struck-through text and insert the underlined text shown as follows:

Sec. 6-26. -Application requirements.

- (a) *Required.* No person may own, keep, harbor, or have custody or control of any dog or cat over four (4) months of age within the city without having said dog or cat implanted with a microchip that is to be registered with both animal care services and the issuing microchip company, except as permitted by subsection 6-28(b) of this Code.

- (b) No person may own, keep, harbor or have custody or control of a dog or cat over four (4) months of age within the city, unless the dog or cat has been immunized against rabies in accordance with this chapter and state law.
- (c) Every owner or keeper of a dog or cat immunized against rabies as required in this chapter must procure a rabies vaccination certificate from the veterinarian administering the vaccine.
- (d) A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat as required by this chapter must furnish the owner or keeper of the dog or cat with a metal tag bearing a number corresponding to the number placed on the vaccination certificate, and with lettering showing immunization and the year thereof. This tag must be attached to the collar or harness of the dog or cat for which it was issued and must be worn at all times in a conspicuous place on the collar or harness.
 - (1) It is presumed, in a prosecution for a violation of this subsection, that the dog or cat owned, kept, or harbored by, or under the custody or control of the person so charged was over four (4) months of age on the date of the violation.
 - (2) It is presumed, in a prosecution for a violation of this subsection, that the person charged with owning, keeping, harboring, or having custody or control of a dog or cat required to be registered under this subsection did not register the subject animal in accordance with this chapter unless, upon the request of an animal care services officer or licensed peace officer at the time of the violation, valid proof of registration was produced by the person so charged.
 - (3) It is presumed, in a prosecution for a violation of this subsection, that where proof is presented that the animal was not wearing a tag or microchip indicating rabies immunization within the preceding 12 months, such animal shall be presumed not to be currently immunized with an anti-rabies vaccine.
- (e) *Application; prerequisites.* Written application for registrations and payment of the applicable fees must be made to the city's collections section, animal care services division, or participating veterinarians. The application must include the name, address, phone number, state-issued driver's license or identification number, and date of birth of the applicant, a description of the animal, rabies vaccination information and microchip information.
- (f) *When to apply.* An owner must make application for registration within ten (10) days after obtaining a dog or cat over four (4) months of age, except that this requirement will not apply to a nonresident individual keeping a dog or cat within the city for no longer than sixty (60) days.
 - (1) It is presumed, in a prosecution of a violation of this section, that the dog or cat, owned by the person charged with the violation, was obtained more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the violation.
 - (2) It is presumed, in a prosecution of a violation of the exception contained in this section, that the person charged with the violation is a resident of the city and that the person has kept the dog or cat within the city for a period exceeding sixty (60) days.

(Ord. No. 026046, § 1, 12-14-2004; Ord. No. 032440, § 1, 5-25-2021)

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2025.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary