



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of January 13, 2015

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 20, 2015

DATE: December 4, 2014
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Amending Chapter 2 and 6 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the animal care ordinance

CAPTION: Amending Chapter 2 and Chapter 6 of the Corpus Christi Code to reassign Animal Care Services roles and responsibilities; to designate the Animal Care Services Manager as the Local Rabies Control Authority; to establish a fee schedule; authorizing waiver of fees; providing Animal Control Service Manager authority to prohibit dangerous dogs within the City; eliminating \$25 refund for sterilization of adopted animals; prohibiting traps with holding mechanisms; to modify the name of Animal Control Advisory Committee; to modify the ex officio members; to designate the Animal Care Advisory Committee as the Animal Shelter Committee; Providing for severance; Providing for publication; Providing for penalty; and Providing an effective date.

PURPOSE: The animal care ordinance needed updating. The main goal of the current fee schedule is not to increase fees, but to simplify the fee schedule. The last time fees were changed was 1994.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: The changes to the ordinance are:

- Transfers control of Animal Care Service and Vector Control to the Police Department
- Designates the Animal Care Manager as the Local Rabies Authority
- Grants Animal Care Manager authority to prohibit dangerous dogs
- Designates the Animal Control Board as the Animal Shelter Committee
- Changes the name of Animal Control Advisory Committee to Animal Care Service Committee
- Modifies the ex officio membership to the Animal Control Advisory Committee
- Creates a fee schedule (see attachment)
- Authorizes waiver of fees for adoption events
- Eliminates the \$25 refund for sterilization of adopted animals
- Prohibits traps with holding mechanisms

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered / Expended Amount				0
This item				0
BALANCE				0

Fund(s): General

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends supporting changes to the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Proposed fee schedule

The proposed fee schedule for Corpus Christi Animal Care Services & Vector Control.

Sec. 6-14. Reapplication upon denial of registration or permit	Current	Proposed
Reapplication upon denial of reg. or permit	10.00	10.00
Sec. 6-27. Fees. Licensing Fees	Current	Proposed
(1)Each spayed or neutered dog or cat <i>1yr vaccine</i>	4.00	6.00
(2)Each dog or cat not spayed or neutered <i>1yr vaccine</i>	12.00	6.00
(1) Each spayed or neutered dog or cat <i>3yr vaccine</i>	10.00	12.00
(2) Each dog or cat not spayed or neutered <i>3yr vaccine</i>	12.00	12.00
Sec. 6-29. Issuance and wearing of tag	Current	Proposed
Replacement of tag	5.00	6.00
Sec. 6-32. Dangerous dog registration	Current	Proposed
Dangerous dog registration * Set by §822.043 Health and Safety Code	*50.00	*50.00
Sec. 6-54. Fees (Permits)	Current	Proposed
Auctions	100.00	50.00
Circuses	200.00	50.00
Grooming Shops	25.00	50.00
Guard Dogs - Single dog/single site	50.00	50.00
Guard Dogs - Multiple dogs/single site	75.00	50.00
Guard Dogs – Multiple sites / one dog	125.00	50.00
Kennels - Authorized less than ten (10) animals	50.00	50.00
Kennels - Authorized between ten (10) and fifty (50) animals	75.00	50.00
Kennels - Authorized fifty-one (51) or more animals	125.00	50.00
Performing Animal Exhibit	25.00	50.00
Performing Animal Exhibition	200.00	50.00
Pet Stores	50.00	50.00
Authorized between ten (10) and twenty-five (25) horses	75.00	50.00
Authorized twenty-six (26) or more horses	125.00	50.00
Sec. 6-103. Impoundment	Current	Proposed
Unregistered, not sterilized	75.00	25.00
Unregistered, sterilized	50.00	25.00
Registered, not sterilized	50.00	25.00
Registered and sterilized	25.00	25.00
Livestock, weighing less than 100 pounds	25.00	25.00
Livestock, weighing 100 pounds or more	50.00	25.00
Second and subsequent impoundment within 12 months: Animals, excluding livestock - Not sterilized	75.00	50.00
Second and subsequent impoundment within 12 months: Animals, excluding livestock – Sterilized	50.00	50.00

Second - Livestock, weighing less than 100 pounds	50.00	50.00
Second - Livestock, weighing 100 pounds or more	100.00	50.00
Sec. 6-103 (D)(2) Boarding Fees Per Diam	Current	Proposed
Daily boarding fees (Return to Owner)	6.00	10.00
Rabies vaccine fee (Return to Owner)	8.00	10.00
Microchip fee (Return to Owner)	25.00	10.00
Species appropriate vaccination on intake (excludes rabies) (Return to Owner)	0	10.00
Adoption Fee	Current	Proposed
Domestic dog or cat *For animals over 6 months old and in good health - Includes spay/neuter, microchip, rabies vaccination, city license (if applicable)	Varies	*25.00
Sec. 6-104. Small animal traps	Current	Proposed
Rental fee for small traps	10.00	10.00
Required refundable deposit of fifty dollars	50.00	No Deposit - Billed \$75.00 if trap is lost or damaged
Sec. 6-105. Dead animal pick-up service fee		
a service fee per visit of five dollars (\$5.00) for the first three (3) dead animals, then five dollars (\$5.00) for each	5.00 first 3 5.00 each additional	5.00 each animal
Sec. 6-127. Rabies impoundment and quarantine	Current	Proposed
Animal head shipment – stray animal	75.00	75.00
Animal head shipment – owned animal	75.00	75.00
Quarantine fee of domestic animal *This fee will be in addition to impound, microchip, license, and rabies vaccination fees.	90.00 flat fee	*20.00 per day
Sec. 6-128. Spay/neuter clinic fees	Current	Proposed
Spay/neuter clinic fees *ACS no longer runs a public spay/neuter clinic to the general public. All associated fees should be deleted.	Varies	*Delete
Targeted Spay/neuter clinic fees *Charging grant for surgery/vaccination package within a targeted area.	0	*50.00