

RESOLUTION NO. 28690

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND
ADOPTING THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES REVISED FEES AND
APPROVING A TIME-LIMITED AMNESTY FOR DOG LICENSE FEES AND PENALTIES

WHEREAS, Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) provides sheltering, administrative, and field services for the City of Santa Rosa, unincorporated areas of the County, Town of Windsor, and is responsible for rabies control for the entire County; and

WHEREAS, costs of care include field and licensing services, ongoing veterinary care and treatment as needed, daily kennel cleaning and provision of fresh bedding and clean food dishes, food, including meeting any special dietary requirements as indicated by veterinary examination; and

WHEREAS, the fee schedule proposed by SCAS for FY 15-16 reflects information provided on increased costs of doing business, including those associated with salaries, benefits, services and supplies; and

WHEREAS, these fee increases will help to cover increased costs to provide service; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage compliance from dog owners, SCAS will schedule and offer an amnesty one day per quarter and one week per year which will provide dog owners a current license and release the owner from responsibility from all past license and penalty fees accrued; the amnesty program will be offered no more than 12 days per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2015, the Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed revised fees, at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2015, the Council continued the public hearing to September 15, 2015 to obtain additional information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves and adopts the Sonoma County Animal Services revised fees as outlined in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approve a time-limited amnesty for dog license fees and penalties as scheduled by Sonoma County Animal Services; the amnesty program will be offered no more than 12 days per fiscal year.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these fees are effective upon the date this resolution is adopted.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 15th day of September, 2015.

AYES: (6) Mayor Sawyer, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Olivares, Schwedhelm, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Vice Mayor Coursey

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A – Sonoma County Animal Services Revised Fees