

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: GLORIA HURTADO, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
JOHN SKEEL, DIRECTOR,  
SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES  
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF REVISED ANIMAL SERVICES FEES

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office and Sonoma County Animal Services that the Council, by resolution, approve and adopt revised animal services fees.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) is proposing several additional fee increases to help recover some of the costs of services delivered to residents in the jurisdictions served.

BACKGROUND

Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) provides sheltering, administrative, and field services for the City of Santa Rosa, unincorporated areas of the County, the Town of Windsor, and is responsible for rabies control for the entire County. On September 15, 2015, Council approved an increase in dog license fees and expired license penalty.

SCAS is requesting additional fee increases to help cover increasing costs of providing services. Fees and penalties collected for some services delivered to residents of the City of Santa Rosa are applied to offset the City's net cost for services.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

September 15, 2015 – Resolution No. 28690, Adopting revised fees and approving time-limited amnesty for dog license fee and penalties.

### ANALYSIS

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved Animal Services fees for FY 2017-18 (effective 7-1-17) to cover increased costs to provide services. Many fees on the fee schedule had not been adjusted since 2015. Fee increases ranging from 3.64-5.60% will recover increased costs of doing business, including those associated with salaries, benefits, services and supplies. Costs for salaries and benefits are estimated to be 6.09% greater in FY 2017-18 than in FY 2016-17.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The projected revenue increase resulting from owner surrender, license, impound and boarding fee changes is estimated to be \$27,480 (mainly from dog license fees) in FY 2017-18 for which the City of Santa Rosa will receive credit consistent with its County of Sonoma animal services contract.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

### NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

### ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A – List of Revised Fees

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