

**ORDINANCE NO. ( )**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEW FEES AND ADJUSTING FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES**

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I. Government Code Section 54985-86, Food and Agriculture Code Section 31641, Health and Safety Code Sections 121575-121710, Health and Safety Code Section 101325, and Sonoma County Code Chapter 5 authorize the establishment of new and amended fees to recover the estimated reasonable cost of providing services for the Sonoma County Animal Services.

Section II. To recover the reasonable cost of providing services for Sonoma County Animal Services, it is necessary to adjust those fees set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully set forth in full, commencing July 1, 2026.

Section III. Based on information presented to the Board, the Board finds that the proposed fees comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C, Section 1(e)(1)-(6) of the California Constitution.

Section IV. In all other respects, Ordinance No. 6529 and any fee modifications established by previous resolutions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section VI. This ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after the date of its passage or July 1, 2026, whichever is greater, and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after said passage, with the names of the Supervisors voting for or against the same, in *The Press Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March, and finally passed and adopted this \_\_day of \_\_, 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

**SUPERVISORS:**

Rabbitt:                      Coursey:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Hermosillo:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Ordinance duly adopted and

**SO ORDERED.**

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Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Sonoma

ATTEST:

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David Guhin,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A - New Fees and Fee Adjustments  
Sonoma County Animal Services**

| <b>Fee Description</b> | <b>Fee Subcategory</b>                                                                                           | <b>Fee FY<br/>2026/2027</b> |
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| Adoption Fees          | Dogs 6 years and older                                                                                           | \$124.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Dogs 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)              | \$65.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months                                                                          | \$170.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional) | \$115.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months                                                                                      | \$240.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)             | \$180.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats 6 years and older                                                                                           | \$73.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)              | \$40.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months                                                                          | \$107.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional) | \$55.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old                                                                                  | \$150.00                    |
| Adoption Fees          | Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)         | \$90.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Special / Promotional dog adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)                                      | \$35.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Special / Promotional cat adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)                                      | \$35.00                     |
| Adoption Fees          | Rabbits                                                                                                          | \$55.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Board Dogs                                                                                                       | \$37.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Board Cats                                                                                                       | \$13.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Board Small Animals (Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.)                                                | \$15.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Board Livestock day/head                                                                                         | \$60.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                             | \$96.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                           | \$124.00                    |
| Board/Impound          | Impound ACO Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                | \$200.00                    |
| Board/Impound          | Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                          | \$90.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                        | \$117.00                    |
| Board/Impound          | Impound Public Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines             | \$190.00                    |
| Board/Impound          | Impound ACO Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                            | \$67.00                     |
| Board/Impound          | Impound ACO Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines       | \$45.00                     |

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| Board/Impound              | Impound Public Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                                                                                                         | \$45.00       |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Public Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40) used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                                                                     | \$60.00       |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Large Livestock: 1st impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                           | \$140.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Large Livestock: 2nd impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                           | \$340.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Large Livestock: 3rd+ impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                          | \$622.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Small Livestock: 1st impound– under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                      | \$140.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Small Livestock: 2nd impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                     | \$340.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Small Livestock: 3rd+ impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time                                                                                    | \$622.00      |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Exotic, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                                                                                                                      | \$73.00       |
| Board/Impound              | Impound ACO: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                                                      | \$73.00       |
| Board/Impound              | Impound Public: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines                                                                   | \$56.00       |
| Board/Impound              | ACO Field Release Dog/Cat: Unlicensed or unaltered                                                                                                                                               | \$115.00      |
| Board/Impound              | ACO Assistance Stray Livestock - Actual Officer Time at Cost-Recovery Hourly Rate (including response time) [Hours and Calculated cost represent a sample incident and potential deposit level.] | \$400.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Commercial Kennel Permit                                                                                                                                                                         | \$285.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Hobby Kennel (grandfathered)                                                                                                                                                                     | \$285.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Pet Shop                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$290.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Pet Fancier Dogs Altered: Up to 10 altered dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)                                                                                                          | \$70.00       |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Pet Fancier Dogs Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)                                                                                 | \$135.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Pet Fancier Cats Altered: Up to 10 altered cats (individual cat licenses optional)                                                                                                               | \$45.00       |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Pet Fancier Cats Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 cats (individual cat licenses optional)                                                                                      | \$70.00       |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Transfer inspection                                                                                                                                                                              | \$200.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Periodic Inspection                                                                                                                                                                              | \$200.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Reinspection, per visit, required within permit year due to violations                                                                                                                           | \$215.00      |
| Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits | Kennel License Late Penalty (50% of fee)                                                                                                                                                         | 50% of permit |
| License Fees               | Dog Altered (annual)                                                                                                                                                                             | \$18.00       |
| License Fees               | Dog Unaltered (annual)                                                                                                                                                                           | \$22.00       |
| License Fees               | Dog Late License Penalty                                                                                                                                                                         | \$10.00       |

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| Owner Surrender                 | Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - In Jurisdiction                              | \$82.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - Out of Jurisdiction                          | \$82.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other) - In Jurisdiction                                                                       | \$71.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other - Out of Jurisdiction                                                                    | \$71.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Euthanasia of PDD/VDD Animals - Owner Request                                                                                        | \$138.00 |
| Owner Surrender                 | ACO Owner Surrender Field                                                                                                            | \$195.00 |
| Owner Surrender                 | ACO Pet Disposal Pick Up                                                                                                             | \$210.00 |
| Owner Surrender                 | Animal Disposal - Owner Request, group cremation and processing                                                                      | \$24.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation Processing Fee                                                                               | \$20.00  |
| Owner Surrender                 | Wild Animal Disposal Fee (previously called Large Animal Disposal/ Rendering Fee)                                                    | \$49.00  |
| Dangerous Dog                   | Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Voluntary                                                                                   | \$565.00 |
| Dangerous Dog                   | Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Court-Ordered                                                                               | \$850.00 |
| Dangerous Dog                   | Potentially Dangerous Dog: annual fee/year for years 2 and 3                                                                         | \$175.00 |
| Dangerous Dog                   | Vicious Dog: annual fee for life of the dog after year 1                                                                             | \$175.00 |
| Dangerous Dog                   | PDD/VDD Collar, Leash, Sign                                                                                                          | \$112.00 |
| Protection Dog                  | Registration (annual)                                                                                                                | \$112.00 |
| Protection Dog                  | Inspection (periodic)                                                                                                                | \$112.00 |
| Rabies Quarantine               | Quarantine Home: 10 or 30 days                                                                                                       | \$75.00  |
| Rabies Quarantine               | Quarantine Home 6 month: monthly inspections                                                                                         | \$280.00 |
| Rabies Quarantine               | Quarantine Board Shelter: Per day                                                                                                    | \$39.00  |
| Rabies Quarantine               | Quarantine Other: Longer duration, home or board, etc. - determined by the Director/Program Manager, starting at \$280               | \$280.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Spay: 2-30 lbs                                                                                                                   | \$175.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Spay : 31-75 lbs                                                                                                                 | \$200.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Spay: over 75 lbs                                                                                                                | \$225.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Neuter: 2-30 lbs                                                                                                                 | \$145.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Neuter: 31-75 lbs                                                                                                                | \$170.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Dog Neuter: over 75 lbs                                                                                                              | \$195.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Cat Spay                                                                                                                             | \$120.00 |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Cat Neuter                                                                                                                           | \$95.00  |
| Spay/Neuter                     | Rabbit                                                                                                                               | \$145.00 |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Vac Bordatella (included in adoption / spay / neuter fees)                                                                           | \$16.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Vac DHLPP (Distemper, Parvo Virus, Parainfluenza Vaccines) (included in adoption/spay/neuter fees) [Including +C until discontinued] | \$17.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Vac FVRCP (Panleukopenia, Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus Vaccines) (included in adoption/spay/neuter fees)               | \$14.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Vac Rabies: owner requested; included in adoption and spay/neuter program                                                            | \$37.00  |

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| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Microchip: included in adoption and spay/neuter program; state mandated for strays                 | \$42.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Test FELV/FIV (Feline Leukemia Virus/Immunodeficiency Virus) (owner request; included in adoption) | \$40.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Test Heartworm (owner request; included in adoption fee)                                           | \$40.00  |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Test Rabies Control Animals 300 and under                                                          | \$515.00 |
| Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips | Test Rabies Control Animals over 300 pounds                                                        | \$310.00 |
| Veterinary Care                 | Prescription Medication Issuance Fee (plus actual cost of medication)                              | \$40.00  |
| Veterinary Care                 | Outside Lab Work Processing Fee (Plus actual cost from provider) [new fee structure]               | \$224.00 |
| Veterinary Care                 | Outside Vet Fees (actual cost passed through to the responsible party)                             | varies   |
| Other Services and Equipment    | Trap Rental Processing Fee                                                                         | \$20.00  |
| Other Services and Equipment    | Outside Livestock Transport                                                                        | varies   |