
NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: October 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider recommendations to adopt a resolution that would approve a fee schedule for Animal Control Services per General Code Section IV 1.22

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct the public hearing and adopt the attached resolution

FUNDING: Fees are to be used in the Animal Control budget. There will be no negative impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The General Code of the County of Nevada, directs the Board of Supervisors to set the amount of fees for Animal Control Services. Resolution 05-279 was adopted to establish the fee schedule for Animal Control. Fees related to dog licensing only were adjusted in 2014 pursuant to Resolution 14-347.

The proposed fees have been reviewed by the Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and the County Executive Office. Some of the fees relate solely to Animal Control and others relate to our shelter operations, currently under contract with Sammie's Friends. Sammie's Friends' staff has worked with the County Executive Office to develop time studies to justify certain fees. In addition to these times studies, Animal Control also takes into account other considerations when proposing fees. Some of these factors include comparisons with other counties and public policy concerns. In this case, Animal Control recommends a slightly lower fee (\$30) for "first day boarding fee" rather than the \$50 fee recommended by Sammie's Friends. It has been determined that surrounding counties do not charge a higher first day boarding fee. Further, the lower fee encourages owners to recover their lost animals thereby freeing up needed space for other animals and ultimately ensuring animals continue to be adopted and moved out of the animal shelter.

It is recommended that Resolutions 05-279 and 14-347, be rescinded. Adoption of this resolution and attached Exhibit A shall supersede and replace all other resolutions pertaining to Animal Control Fees.

Although the fees established in this Resolution must be collected at all times, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Shelter Manager to waive or partially reduce certain shelter fees in order to encourage adoption and prevent overcrowding at the Animal Shelter. The waiver or reduction of fees may be accomplished by the Shelter Manager maintaining and providing documentation to the authorized representative at the Sheriff's Office within 24 hours, to account for the shelter fees being waived or reduced.

As required, notice of the public hearing to discuss these fees has been published. Animal Control believes these fee increases are fair and equitable to the recipients of such services and County Taxpayers. The increase in fee recovery will partially offset operational costs for the Animal Shelter. If adopted, these fees will become on January 1, 2016.

The following table provides summary information for the fees being considered an increase.

Animal Control Fees being considered for an increase:

Service	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Boarding Dog	\$12.00	\$30.00 first day, \$14.00 per additional day
Boarding Cat	\$ 5.00	\$15.00 first day, \$10.00 per additional day
Boarding Goats, Sheep	\$12.00	Actual Cost
Boarding all other animals	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Owner turn in Dog	\$15.00	\$50.00
Owner turn in Cat	\$10.00	\$25.00
Adoption Dog	\$80.00	\$90.00
Adoption Cat	\$50.00	\$55.00
Rabies Testing Fee	\$150.00	\$163.00 or per current fee specified under contract with Placer County Public Health Laboratory or current service provider

Respectfully submitted,



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