



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Community Services Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Proposed Increase ~~I~~^Ato Animal Control Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, ~~a~~^A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 08-060, Establishing Certain Dog Licensing City Fees, Adjusting Animal Control Fees, Including Water and Wastewater Rates, Aa and Rescinding Resolution Nos. 07-052, 07-085, and 08-013, ~~By: Adjusting Animal Control Fees.~~

DISCUSSION:

On April 1, 2008, the City of Santa Barbara entered a contractual agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for a negotiated incremental increase in animal shelter services fees from \$50,000 annually culminating in annual fees of \$265,000 in FY2011, a ~~630~~⁵³⁰% increase. Due to this increase in animal sheltering, the Police Department recommends the following fees be changed and approved by Council.

PROPOSED DOG LICENSING FEE ADJUSTMENT:

| | From | To |
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| • One year/regular fee: | \$40.00 | \$50.00 |
| • One year/altered fee: | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |
| • Six month/regular fee: | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |
| • Six month/altered fee: | \$10.00 | \$12.50 |
| • Duplicate tag: | \$10.00 | \$12.50 |
| • One year senior citizen/regular fee: | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |
| • One year senior citizen/altered fee: | \$10.00 | \$12.50 |
| • Six month senior citizen/regular fee: | \$10.00 | \$12.50 |
| • All late penalty fees | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |

Currently, Santa Barbara County Animal Services charges \$39 for an unaltered one year license and have similarly proposed a fee increase as of March 1, 2009 to \$50 for an unaltered one year license. Ventura County Animal Regulations currently charges \$50 for an unaltered one year license. The proposed fees are comparable to other agency's animal fees and reflect the increasing costs of providing Animal Control services to residents and local veterinarians participating in the animal licensing program in the City of Santa Barbara.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Revenues to the City from the fee increase to dog licenses are estimated at \$25,000 per year.

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SUBMITTED BY: Cam Sanchez, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office