

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
ANIMAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE**

ORDINANCE NO. 17-_____

An ordinance of the County of Santa Barbara amending the existing Animal Services Fee Schedule to adjust the fee for a rabies vaccination.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California¹ Government Code §25802, the County may maintain, regulate, and govern public pounds, and shall pay the expenses of operations and maintenance and compensate pound keepers out of the fines imposed and collected from the owners of impounded animals, or from the general fund, or both; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Code §7-2 provides that the Board of Supervisors may adopt a schedule of required fees and penalties for specified services by Animal Services and approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture Code §31251, the Board of Supervisors of each County shall fix the fee for impounding any dog and the amount which is to be paid for keeping the dog; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture Code §31253, fees for impounding and keeping a dog shall be paid by the owner to the organization which has custody of the dog, to be retained by that organization; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture Code §30804.7(a), the owner of a non-spayed or unneutered dog that is impounded by a county animal control agency or shelter shall be subject to increased fines for each occurrence of impoundment, which fines shall not be in lieu of any fines or impound fees imposed by any individual city, county, public animal control agency, etc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture Code §31751.7(a), the owner of a non-spayed or unneutered cat that is impounded by a county animal control agency or shelter shall be subject to increased fines for each occurrence of impoundment, which fines shall not be in lieu of any fines or impound fees imposed by any individual city, county, public animal control agency, etc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code §121690 within any rabies declared area, every owner of a dog four months or older shall, no less than every two years, secure a license for the dog at a fee fixed by the responsible county/city at an amount not to exceed limitations otherwise prescribed by state law, or city or county charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture Code §30804, the fee for issuance of a dog license tag is set by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Food and Agriculture Code §30804.5, a dog license tag shall be issued for one-half or less of the fee required for a dog if there is proof that the dog has been spayed or neutered; and

¹ All references herein are to California Codes unless otherwise specified.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code §7-20, a duplicate dog tag shall be issued by the county upon presentation to the county of: (1) the dog license; (2) a declaration under penalty of perjury, on a form prescribed by the county, that the tag has been lost; and (3) upon the payment of a duplicate tag fee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Food and Agriculture §31401 and Santa Barbara County Code §7-10.1, violation of any provision governing the regulation and licensing of dogs is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense, and by a fine of not more than \$100 for a second or subsequent offense; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code §7-8(b), a permit for kennel or cattery shall be purchased annually and shall be due on the first day of January of each year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code §7-8(c), a pet shop or grooming shop permit shall be purchased annually and shall be due on the first day of January of each year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code §7-14, the owner or custodian of any animal impounded may at any time before the sale or other disposition of such impounded animal, reclaim such animal during the county business hours upon a payment to the county of any charge, fee or penalty due under the provisions of the chapter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Food and Agriculture Code §31108(b), any stray dog impounded pursuant to this division shall, prior to euthanasia of the animal, be released to a non-profit animal rescue or adoption organization if requested by that organization, and in addition to any required spay or neuter deposit, the shelter, at its discretion, may assess a fee, not to exceed the standard adoption fee, for animals adopted or released; and

WHEREAS, the present fees for administering the services provided by Animal Services have remained largely unchanged since March of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the fees set forth in this Ordinance are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to 14 CCR 15273 and Public Resources Code §21080, subdivision (b)(8)(A) and (B), in that the fees will be used for operating expenses and for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code §54986, the County has, in connection with the above fees, held a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting and published notice of the meeting, including a general description of the matter to be considered, in accordance with Government Code §6062a; and

WHEREAS, the fees may be revised as needed by the Board of Supervisors, and if the revision does not occur, the existing fees shall remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

That the fees set forth in this Ordinance are hereby adopted pursuant to §25802 of the California Government Code and §7.2 of the Santa Barbara County Code. Said fees are to be assessed against all persons and are to become effective August 18, 2017.

All prior Fee Schedules are hereby repealed on the above-mentioned date that the fees imposed by this Ordinance become effective. The repeal of prior Fee Schedules shall not affect any obligation to pay any fees incurred under said ordinance, and said obligation shall continue in effect after said ordinance is repealed, and the County of Santa Barbara may take any appropriate action in regard to any delinquent fees imposed pursuant to said ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____
SUPERVISOR JOAN HARTMANN
CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
THEODORE FALLATI, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED:
CARRIE TOPLIFFE
INTERIM DIRECTOR
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By: _____
Director

FEE SCHEDULE *(with Changes Tracked; Original follows)*

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Fee Schedule

(a) Impound Fees.

Impound fees are charged for animals picked up in the field or brought to the shelter. Any incurred veterinary and/or transportation expenses will be charged in addition to the impound fee.

1st Offense

Discount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats.....	46.00
Discount for Altered (not Licensed) Dogs.....	63.00
Unaltered Cats & Discount for Licensed (Unaltered) Dogs.....	63.00
Unaltered and Unlicensed Dogs.....	74.00

2nd Offense

Discount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats.....	63.00
Discount for Altered (not Licensed) Dogs.....	81.00
Unaltered Cats & Discount for Licensed (Unaltered) Dogs.....	81.00
Unaltered and Unlicensed Dogs.....	91.00

3rd Offense

Discount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats.....	81.00
Discount for Altered (not Licensed) Dogs.....	99.00
Unaltered Cats & Discount for Licensed (Unaltered) Dogs.....	99.00
Unaltered and Unlicensed Dogs.....	145.00

4th Offense and Subsequent, add 22.00 per occurrence

Other Animals

Birds	29.00
Rabbits and Guinea pigs.....	10.00
Chickens.....	10.00
Rodents	10.00
Exotics (includes iguanas)	36.00
Livestock.....	138.00

Livestock transportation costs also apply for impounded livestock.

(b) State of California Impound Penalty Fees.

The State penalty fees apply only to unaltered dogs and cats found at large. The fees are in addition to Impound Fees.

For unaltered 1 st offense	35.00
For unaltered 2 nd offense	50.00
For unaltered 3 rd offense.....	100.00

(c) Boarding Fees.

Shelter boarding is charged on a daily basis and varies by animal type. Any incurred veterinary costs are in addition to the Boarding Fee, Impound Fees and State of California Impound Penalty Fees.

Dogs & Cats.....	14.00
Rabbits, rodents and small birds	10.00
Livestock.....	20.00
Livestock boarding fees will be assessed at "actual cost" if boarded at outside facility.	

(d) Quarantine Fees.

Quarantined animals at shelter, daily board and observation	20.00
Quarantined animals at home, one-time	54.00

(e) Owner Relinquishment.

Relinquishment of Live Dogs and Cats at the Shelter	54.00
Pick up of live relinquished Dogs and Cats, add 44.00	
Dead Dogs and Cats delivered to the Shelter	22.00
Pick up dead Dogs and Cats.....	66.00
Litter of kittens with or without a mother per kitten.....	10.00
Litter of puppies 8 weeks or less - per puppy	10.00
Rabbits delivered to the Shelter	18.00
Caged Birds delivered to the Shelter	18.00
Chickens delivered to the Shelter.....	10.00
Guinea pigs and Rodents delivered to the Shelter	10.00
Small dead livestock delivered to Shelter (pig, goat, or sheep)	91.00

(f) Euthanasia (Includes disposal).

Licensed Dogs delivered to the Shelter.....	55.00
Unlicensed Dogs delivered to the Shelter	72.00
Cats delivered to the Shelter.....	39.00
Birds delivered to the Shelter	22.00
Exotic animals delivered to the Shelter	55.00
Small livestock (Sheep/Goats) delivered to the Shelter	138.00
Small animals delivered to the Shelter	18.00
Litter of puppies or kittens	44.00
If animal is picked up, add 44.00	

(g) Adoption

Dogs (includes altering and vaccinations)	110.00
Cats (includes altering and vaccinations)	75.00
Rabbits altered.....	30.00
Pigs.....	55.00
Exotics (charge is the fee, sealed bid or market value determined by the Director)	55.00
Birds	44.00
Chickens.....	10.00
Guinea pigs.....	12.00

Rodents	9.00
Iguanas	20.00
Horses (Minimum bid)	110.00
Goats and Sheep	55.00
Dogs adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization	20.00
Cats adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization	13.00
Dogs adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization and altered at County expense	66.00
Cats adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization and altered at County expense	44.00

(h) Animal Licenses.

1-Year Dog License

Altered	25.00
Unaltered	80.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	22.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	49.00
New shelter adoption discounted license (1 st year)	13.00

6 Month (or less) Dog License

Altered	13.00
Unaltered	45.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	11.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	32.00

2-Year Dog License

Altered	48.00
Unaltered	140.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	35.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	80.00

3-Year Dog License

Altered	74.00
Unaltered	200.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	52.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	116.00

License Transfer to new Owner	11.00
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Optional Cat Licenses - Altered & 3 years or term of rabies vaccination	17.00
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Duplicate Tags	10.00
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Designer Tags (includes tax)	10.00
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Penalty for failure to license a dog or an unaltered cat	319.00
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The fees for licenses sold include the following amounts to be deposited into the Animal Services Capital Improvement Agency Fund: \$1 for one-year altered, new adoptions, duplicate tags, and all 6-month or less; \$2 for 2-year altered and 1-year unaltered; \$3 for 3-year altered and optional cat license; \$4 for 2-year unaltered; and \$6 for 3-year unaltered.

The fees for License Penalties will be deposited into the Animal Services Spay/Neuter Agency Fund to be used for services such as: education outreach, spay or neuter subsidies, Spay-a-Thons.

(i) Outside Veterinarians Animal Disposal.

Veterinarians and other agencies who participate in the County licensing program will be reimbursed two dollars (\$2.00) for each license sold and a discount on fees for the pick up and disposal of animals.

Non-participating animal disposal (each)	36.00
Non-participating pick up fee (per trip)	74.00
Participating animal disposal (each).....	21.00
Participating pick up fee (per trip).....	No Charge

(j) Animal Business Permits.

Permits are issued annually for the calendar year. Fees are due the first of January.

Pet Shop.....	182.00
Grooming.....	182.00
Kennels - Small, Less than 30 Animals	182.00
Kennels - Large, 30 or more Animals.....	275.00
Cattery	182.00

(k) Spay/Neuter for the Public.

Cat, male	45.00
Cat, female	65.00
Cat, pregnant female	80.00
Dog, male under 50 lbs	75.00
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Dog, female 50-75 lbs	100.00
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Dog, female over 100 lbs	140.00
Dog, pregnant or in-heat, add 20.00 22.00	

(l) Other Services.

Officer Hourly Rate	138.00	
After Hours Officer Calls	174.00	
Animal Trap Rentals (\$65.00 refundable deposit)	4.00/day	
Vaccination - Rabies	6.00	10.00
Vaccination - all others.....	14.00	
Vaccination and de-worming of puppies and kittens.....	22.00	

Flea/Tick Treatment	
Cats and Extra Small Dogs	10.00
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Hernia Repair (Female)	16.00
Hernia Repair (Male)	29.00
Cryptorchid Surgery (add).....	29.00
Pet carrier (includes tax)	6.00
Leash (includes tax).....	2.00
Photocopies each	0.35
Microchip (includes Santa Barbara County Registration)	30.00
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