ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE

ORDINANCE NO.	12-
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An ordinance of the County of Santa Barbara amending the existing Animal Services Fee Schedule to adjust for increased costs of doing business and the provision of additional services, including updated amounts for consumer and business license fees.

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 2009; 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 March 19, 2012.

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 State of California, this day of	by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara 2012 by the following vote:
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
	By: DOREEN FARR, CHAIR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ATTEST: CHANDRA WALLAR CLERK OF THE BOARD	
By: Deputy	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS MARSHALL COUNTY COUNSEL	APPROVED AS TO FORM: ROBERT GEIS AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
By: Deputy County Counsel	By:

FEE SCHEDULE (with Changes Tracked; Original follows)

The fees set forth in this article shall be applicable to the corresponding services provided by Santa Barbara County Animal Services.

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.

1 st Offense Discount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats	42.00 57.00 57.00 67.00
2nd OffenseDiscount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats49.00Discount for Altered (not Licensed) Dogs63.00Unaltered Cats & Discount for Licensed (Unaltered) Dogs63.00Unaltered and Unlicensed Dogs71.00	57.00 74.00 74.00 83.00
3 rd Offense Discount for Altered and Licensed Dogs & Discount for Altered Cats	74.00 90.00 90.00 132.00
4 th Offense and Subsequent, add 15.00 20.00 per occurrence	
Other Animals 22.00 Birds 8.00 Rabbits and Guinea pigs 8.00 Chickens 8.00 Rodents 8.00 Exotics (includes iguanas) 28.00 Livestock 107.00 Livestock transportation costs also apply for impounded livestock.	26.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 33.00 125.00

(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	
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	8.00 15.00	13.00 9.00 18.00
(d) Quarantine Fees.		
Quarantined animals at shelter, daily board and observation		18.00 49.00
(e) Owner Relinquishment.		
Relinquishment of Live Dogs and Cats at the Shelter	42.00	49.00
Dead Dogs and Cats delivered to the Shelter	16.00	20.00
Pick up dead Dogs and Cats	52.00	61.00
Litter of kittens with or without a mother		<i>55.00</i>
Litter of puppies 8 weeks or less - per puppy	8.00	9.00
Rabbits delivered to the Shelter		16.00
Caged Birds delivered to the Shelter		16.00
Chickens delivered to the Shelter		9.00
Guinea pigs and Rodents delivered to the Shelter		9.00
Small dead livestock delivered to Shelter (pig, goat, or sheep)	7 1.00	83.00
Licensed Dogs delivered to the Shelter	42.00	50.00
Unlicensed Dogs delivered to the Shelter		65.00
Cats delivered to the Shelter		35.00
Birds delivered to the Shelter		20.00
Exotic animals delivered to the Shelter	42.00	50.00
Small livestock (Sheep/Goats) delivered to the Shelter		125.00
Small animals delivered to the Shelter	14.00	16.00
Litter of puppies or kittens	36.00	40.00
(g) Adoption		
Dogs (includes altering and vaccinations)	90-00	110.00
Cats (includes altering and vaccinations)		75.00
Rabbits unaltered		
Rabbits altered		30.00
Pigs		50.00
Exotics (charge is the fee, sealed bid or market value determined by the Director)		50.00
Birds	36.00	40.00
Chickens	8.00	9.00

Guinea pigs	11.00	
Rodents		
Iguanas	14.00	16.00
Horses (Minimum bid)		100.00
Goats and Sheep	42.00	50.00
Dogs adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization	15.00	18.00
Cats adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization	10.00	12.00
Dogs adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization and altered at County expense	55.00	60.00
Cats adopted to 501 (c) 3 organization and altered at County expense	35.00	40.00
(h) Animal Licenses. 1-Year Dog License		
Altered	20.00	23.00
Unaltered		70.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)		20.00
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New Sheller adoption discounted license (1 year)	10.00	12.00
6 Month (or less) Dog License		
Altered		12.00
Unaltered	35.00 *	40.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)		10.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)	26.00 *	30.00
2-Year Dog License Altered	108.00 *	44.00 125.00 32.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)		74.00
3-Year Dog License Altered		67.00
Unaltered		182.00
Altered belonging to a Senior (65 years)		47.00
Unaltered belonging to a Senior (65 years)		106.00
License Penalty (late fee)		
Altered		15.00
Unaltered		30.00
1-Year Unaltered Cat License		70.00
1-Year Unaltered Cat License belonging to a Senior (65 years)		43.00
Optional Cat Licenses - Altered & 3 years or term of rabies vaccination		15.00
Duplicate Tags	8.00	9.00
Designer Tags (includes tax)	14.00	16.00
Penalty for failure to license a dog or an unaltered cat	250.00	290.00

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Fee included \$10.00 for Spay/Neuter Agency Fund per Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7-18, 5 (General) (b).

Unaltered Animal License Surcharge

For each Unaltered Animal License sold, a \$10 surcharge will be added and deposited into the Animal Services Spay/Neuter Agency Fund to be used for services such as: educational outreach or spay and/or neuter subsidies.

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)28.00	33.00
Non-participating pick up fee (per trip)57.00	67.00
Participating animal disposal (each)	19.00
Participating pick up fee (per trip)	

(j) Animal Business Permits.

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

Pet Shop).00 165.00
Grooming	
Kennels - Small, Less than 30 Animals	
Kennels - Large, 30 or more Animals210	250.00 250.00
Cattery	

(k) Spay/Neuter for the Public.

Cat, male	40.00
Cat, female <u>50.00</u>	60.00
Cat, pregnant female60.00	70.00
Dog, male under 50 lbs <u>55.00</u>	65.00
Dog, male 50-75 lbs	80.00
Dog, male 76-100 lbs85.00	95.00
Dog, male over 100 lbs	115.00
Dog, female under 50 lbs	70.00
Dog, female 50-75 lbs 75.00	90.00
Dog, female 76-100 lbs90.00	105.00
Dog, female over 100 lbs	125.00
Dog, pregnant or in-heat, add 15.00 20.00	

(I) Other Services.

Officer Hourly Rate	125.00
After Hours Officer Calls	158.00
Animal Trap Rentals (\$65.00 refundable deposit)	day 4.00/day
Vaccination - Rabies	
Vaccination - all others	13.00
Vaccination and de-worming of puppies and kittens	20.00
Examination fee	
Examination with treatment- cat	
Examination with treatment- small dog35.00	
Examination with treatment- large dog40.00	
Flea/Tick Treatment	
Cats and Extra Small Dogs	9.00
Small Dogs	10.00
Medium Dogs	11.00
Large Dogs	14.00
Extra Large Dogs	17.00
Tape Worm Treatment	
Cats and Extra Small Dogs	11.00
Small Dogs	13.00
Medium Dogs	16.00
Large Dogs	21.00
Extra Large Dogs	24.00
Round Worm Treatment	
Dog or Cat	8.00
Pet carrier (includes tax)	5.00
Leash (includes tax)	0.00
Photocopies each	.35
Microchip (includes Santa Barbara County Registration)	30.00

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