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CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

Ruben Mora
Chief of Animal Control

May 27, 1986

Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL FEES FOR FY 1986/1987

SUMMARY

Fee increases are proposed for FY 86/87 which would generate approximately \$43,000 in additional revenue to the General Fund through raises in the dog license fees, a modification of the delinquent fee structure, and an increase in second and third redemption fees. Also, the dog license year would be changed to July 1 through June 30 and certain ambiguous paragraphs in the City Code Section 6.31 have been rewritten for clarity.

BACKGROUND

The current fees for dog licenses are \$7.00 for an unaltered dog and \$3.50 for an altered dog with a delinquency fee the same as the applicable license for that dog. These fees have been in effect since April, 1975.

It is proposed that dog license fees be raised to \$10.00 and \$5.00 for unaltered and altered dogs respectively with a delinquent fee of \$5.00. This action would make City dog license fees the same as the County's fees. The County does not anticipate an increase in their fees for FY 86-87.

It is further proposed that the license year be changed from April 1 - March 31 to July 1 - June 30 beginning on July 1, 1986. Licenses already sold and due to expire on March 31, 1987 would be extended to June 30, 1987, and the current 90-day grace period from April 1 through June 30 would be eliminated. In practice, most animal owners delay renewing their licenses until after April 1 because low cost rabies shot clinics are held in April and May. In FY 84/85, 78% of the annual revenue from dog

licenses was collected during the months April through June. Modifying the license year would change policy to be consistent with current practice. This would not affect consistency with the County since the County's grace period expires on June 30; therefore, enforcement of the delinquent fee continues to take effect the same day as the City's.

Current redemption fees are as follows:

\$20.00	for large animals (livestock)
\$15.00	for small animals (dogs, cats), first redemption
\$25.00	for small animals, second redemption
\$35.00	for small animals, third redemption

This fee structure is out of alignment with the City Code Section 6.86 which requires that fees for the second and third redemption of an animal within a twelve month period be double and triple the first redemption fee. Therefore, it is recommended that the fee structure be changed as follows to bring the fees into compliance with the code.

\$20.00	for large animals
\$15.00	for small animals, first redemption
\$30.00	for small animals, second redemption
\$45.00	for small animals, third redemption

Second and third redemptions are not applied to large animals.

In view of the pending opening of negotiations with the Sacramento SPCA regarding kennel operations, it is recommended that all other fees (such as daily charges, quarantine, spay/neuter deposits, sales, etc.) remain as they stand. It is expected that some or all of these fees will be subject to negotiations with any outside provider of kennel services.

In addition to modifying the dog license year and restructuring the delinquency fee, the attached ordinance also clarifies subjects which are ambiguous in the current City Code Section 6.31. It establishes a time period for new animal owners to obtain dog licenses before becoming liable for a delinquency fee and clarifies policy with respect to fees and penalties for lapsed licenses. A copy of the current ordinance together with the recommended modifications is also provided for the convenience of the Council.

FINANCIAL DATA

The projected revenue resulting from the proposed increase in dog license fees is shown in Attachment 1. This fee increase is expected to generate an additional \$43,000 in revenue to the General Fund. Revenue generated from delinquency fees is not included in this projection.

Since there will be a one time 3 month delay in the issuance of new license tags in the spring of 1987, there will be a negligible, one-time increase in revenues from the sale of first time licenses during the period April through June. Revenues will not be affected by the change in the license year: the licenses will just be purchased "on-time" under the new license year rather than "late".

The impact on revenue due to an increase in the second and third redemption fees is negligible. It is estimated that only 3% of animals redeemed are second redemptions. Third redemptions are virtually non-existent. For the first half of FY 85-86, there were 606 small animal redemptions. Eighteen of these are estimated to have been second redemptions. Under the current fee schedule these would have generated \$450 in revenue; under the proposed schedule, revenues would increase to \$540. This net charge of \$90 for half the year represents approximately \$180 in additional revenue for a full fiscal year. The other new provisions in the attached ordinance are revenue neutral.

RECOMMENDATION

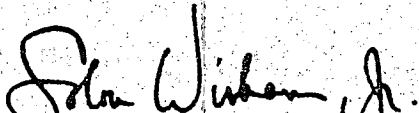
It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the attached ordinance modifying the dog license year and delinquent fee as well as the attached resolution governing the dog license fee, delinquent fee and redemption fees and forward them to the full City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

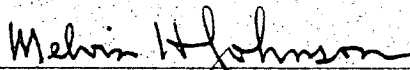


Ruben Mora
Chief Animal Control Officer

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


Solon Wisham, Jr.
Assistant City Manager

APPROVED:


Melvin H. Johnson
Director of Public Works

May 27, 1986
All Districts

Attachment 1

Number of dogs licensed as of 12/1/85 = 18,963

Estimated 19,475 dogs licensed in a season (includes population growth of 2.5%)

<u>Altered Dogs</u>	<u>\$ 3.50</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
53% +2.5%	\$36,127	\$51,610

10,322		
 <u>Non-altered Dogs</u>	 <u>\$ 7.00</u>	 <u>\$ 10.00</u>
47% +2.5%	\$64,071	\$91,530

9,153		
 <u>Total</u>	 <u>\$100,198</u>	 <u>\$143,140</u>

Increase of \$42,924

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR DOG LICENSES AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.31 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the fees shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby established for dog licenses and animal control services pursuant to Section 6.31 of the Sacramento City Code. This resolution shall take effect on July 1, 1986.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL CONTROL

I. DOG LICENSE	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Annual Dog License	\$7.00	\$10.00
Annual Dog License if spayed or neutered	\$3.50	\$ 5.00
Delinquent Fee (City Code Section 6.31)	fee x 2	\$ 5.00
II. SHELTER SERVICES		
A. Redemption of Animals:		
1. First redemption		
Large animal - defined in City Sec. 6.86 (a)	\$20.00 plus \$2.00 for ea. day animal is impounded, plus any other actual costs of impoundment.	Same
Small animal - defined in City Code Sec. 6.85(b)	\$15.00 plus \$1.00 for each animal is impounded, plus any other actual costs of impound- ment.	Same
2. Second redemption (City Code Sec. 6.85)		
	\$25.00 + day costs	\$30.00 + day costs
3. Third and subsequent redemption City Code Sec. 6.86		
	\$35.00 + day costs	\$45.00 + day costs
B. Animal Sales		
Redemption fees:		
Dogs over 4 months old	\$10.00	Same
Dogs under 4 months old	\$ 5.00	Same
Cats	\$ 5.00	Same

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
C. Capture of Animals		
Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.	\$15.00 per hour of time spent by an Animal Control Officer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in effectuating the capture and haul of such animal, with a minimum fee of \$15.00, and \$10.00 redemption fee.	Same
Between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.	\$20.00 for each overtime hour spent by an Animal control Officer between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in effectuating the capture and haul of such animal, with a minimum fee of \$20.00, and \$10.00 redemption fee.	Same
D. Wild Animal Permits (City Code Sec. 6.91-2)		
Initial Fee	\$ 5.00	Same
Annual Fee thereafter	\$ 5.00	Same
Additional delinquent fee	\$ 5.00	Same
E. Quarantine (City Code Sec. 6.67)	\$ 3.00 per day	Same
F. Spay-Neuter Deposits, Refundable (City Code Sec. 6.84)		
Dog	\$20.00	Same
Cat	\$15.00	Same

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.31 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO DOG LICENSES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

Section 6.31 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

S. 6.31 Same--Fee.

An annual basic license fee in the amount established by resolution of the city council shall be collected by the chief animal control officer or other authorized city department from the owner of each dog, male or female, over the age of four months, located within the City of Sacramento except as otherwise provided herein.

The license period is one year commencing on the first day of July of each year. The annual license becomes due and payable on the first day of July of each year.

Upon presentation of proper proof of spaying or neutering certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian, the annual license fee for such a spayed or neutered dog shall be one-half of the basic annual fee.

A delinquency fee set by resolution of the city council shall be payable in addition to the license fee whenever a license is not renewed on or before July 1.

Any person who acquires ownership, custody or control of any dog not currently licensed pursuant to provisions of this chapter subsequent to the first day of July of any calendar year shall be immediately liable for the payment the annual license fee

and shall be liable for a delinquency fee as set by the city council if the license is not obtained within 30 days.

No license shall be issued for a current license period until such time as there is paid an amount equal to all delinquencies and fees outstanding for the prior license period in addition to the fee for the current period.

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ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.31 OF SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO DOG LICENSE

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The license period is one year commencing on the first day of ~~April~~ July of each year. ~~Except as hereinafter provided herein, the~~ The annual license becomes due and payable on the first day of ~~April~~ July of each year.

Upon presentation of proper proof of spaying or neutering certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian, the annual license fee for such a spayed or neutered dog shall be one-half of the basic annual fee.

~~The license fee shall become delinquent ninety (90) days after it becomes due and payable and thereafter an additional fee equal to the annual license fee for that dog shall be collected prior to the issuance of the license. Such delinquency fee shall be in addition to the annual license fee payable for such dog.~~

A delinquency fee set by resolution of the city council shall be payable in addition to the license fee whenever a license is not renewed on or before July 1.

If Any person who acquires ownership, custody or control of any dog not currently licensed pursuant to provisions of this chapter subsequent to the first day of April July of any calendar year shall be immediately liable for the payment of the annual license fee ~~and the full amount shall then be due and payable for any remaining portion of the license period~~ and shall be liable for a delinquency fee as set by the city council if the license is not obtained within 30 days.

No license shall be issued for a current license period until such time as there is paid an amount equal to all delinquencies and ~~penalties~~ fees outstanding for the prior license periods in addition to the fee for the current period. ~~No payment of delinquencies or penalties hereunder shall be required for a prior license period where satisfactory proof is given by affidavit or otherwise that (a) the dog being licensed was not kept within the City of Sacramento for the entire license period, or (b) the dog was not owned by the person seeking the license, or by a member of his immediate family, for the entire license period.~~

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