



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: ~~June 6, 2017~~ July 11, 2017

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**Title:** An Ordinance Amending Pima County Code 6.04 Animal Control Regulations

### **Introduction/Background:**

Pima County Code 6.04 Animal Control Regulations itemize pound fees the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) may charge. The proposed ordinance would establish animal care fees for when an animal originates from a jurisdiction that does not have an animal sheltering agreement with the County. Furthermore, the proposal updates existing fees, renumbers subsections and changes the reference to the Center from pound to shelter throughout the Regulations.

### **Discussion:**

The County has statutory animal care responsibilities only in unincorporated Pima County and by intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) has also been providing animal care services to the five (5) local incorporated municipalities. Through February 28, 2017, 59.4 percent of PACC animals came from these municipalities and only 40.6 percent came from unincorporated Pima County. Two (2) of the five jurisdictions which previously contracted with Pima County have indicated they will not be renewing their annual animal care agreement with Pima County. The two jurisdictions constitute approximately 4% of services provided and nearly \$300,000 in revenue. In order to offset the lost revenue, PACC must generate revenue to be financially able to save and rehome pets from non-IGA jurisdictions. The proposed new fees to redeem a pet for residents from non-IGA jurisdictions are:

- Animal Sheltering: \$60 per day
- Veterinary care: \$120 per hour
- Euthanasia: \$120

Additionally, costs to provide other lifesaving procedures and services at PACC have increased since the last comprehensive service fee increase in 2007 thus requiring an update to many fees to maintain full cost recovery for animal services.

Finally, the term "pound" referring to Pima Animal Care Center is an outdated reference to the Center and is changed to "shelter".

On March 23, 2017, pursuant to ARS § 11-251.13, staff posted the draft ordinance on the Pima County Website

On April 13, 2017, staff presented the proposed ordinance to the Pima County Animal Care Advisory Committee. The Committee passed a motion 9-0, with Chair Barry Gillespie and Board of Health Member Dr. Gail Smith absent, to recommend the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed fee ordinance.

On April 26, 2017, staff presented the proposed ordinance to the Pima County Board of Health. The Board passed a motion eight (8) for and Dr. Gail Smith opposed to recommend the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed fee ordinance.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §11-251, the proposed ordinance is scheduled to be advertised in the

**Conclusion:**

The proposed ordinance amends existing fees and language and would codify establishment of animal sheltering fees to offset expenses associated with caring for animals from a jurisdiction that does not have an animal sheltering agreement with the County. The ordinance and new fees have been posted pursuant to State statutes.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board adopt Ordinance 2017-\_\_\_\_\_ Amending Pima County Code Title 6, Chapter 6.04 to amend language, existing fees, renumber subsections and establish animal care fees for when an animal originates from a jurisdiction that does not have an animal sheltering agreement with the County.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Should these fees not be adopted, staff projects as much as a \$50,000 budget deficit for FY 17-18.

**Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Health (Kim Janes) Telephone: 724-7776

Department Director Signature/Date:  4 May 2017

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date:  5/4/2017

County Administrator Signature/Date:  5/5/17

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ORDINANCE 2017- \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING PIMA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6.04 TO CHANGE THE TERM REFERRING TO THE ANIMAL CARE SHELTER FROM POUND TO SHELTER; AMEND CERTAIN EXISTING FEES, AND PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL SHELTER AND VETERINARY CARE FEES**

**THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FINDS:**

1. The Board of Supervisors has authority under A.R.S. §§ 11-251.05 and 11-1005(C), to establish fees for impounding and caring for animals at the Pima Animal Care Center.
2. It is in the best interests of the County to modify certain fees, provide for additional sheltering and treatment fees, and charge fees for the impoundment of, and caring for, animals originating from a jurisdiction that does not have an agreement with Pima County to provide these services in order to offset the costs incurred when providing such services.

**IT IS ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:**

**SECTION 1:** Pima County Code Title 6, Sections 6.04.040, 6.04.050, and 6.04.060 are amended to change the term referring to the animal care shelter from pound to shelter and add new fees, update certain fees and add fees for the impoundment and humane care of animals originating from a jurisdiction without an agreement with the County to provide these services to cover the costs of providing these services, and to renumber subsections accordingly, as follows:

**CHAPTER 6.04**

**ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS**

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**6.04.040 - Impoundment of dogs and canine-wild animal hybrids at large. Micro chipping of impounded animals. Reclaiming of animals.**

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C. The owner of any animal impounded pursuant to Pima County Code Title 6 or Arizona Revised Statutes shall be charged with the costs of pick-up, impoundment, micro chipping, and any other costs related to impoundment of the animal or of complying with the provisions of Pima County Code Title 6 or A.R.S. Sections 11-1001 through 11-1012, pursuant to the schedule of pound fees in Section 6.04.060 of this chapter.

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**6.04.050 - Enforcement authority—Disposition of fines**

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B. Fines received for such violations shall be deposited in a special permanent, nonlapsing and nonreverting fund to be used for the operation of the county poundshelter.

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**6.04.060 - Pound Shelter and Veterinary Care fees.**

The Pima Animal Care Center may charge pound-shelter and veterinary care fees pursuant to the following schedule:

~~C. Vaccination, fifteen dollars.~~

C. Fees for an animal from a jurisdiction that does not have an animal services agreement with the County or from an agent or contractor of that jurisdiction:

1. Animal Sheltering, sixty dollars per day.
2. Veterinary care fee, one hundred twenty dollars per hour.
3. Euthanasia, one hundred twenty dollars.

~~D. Adoption fee for adult dogs, eighty-five dollars.~~

D. Adoption fee for:

1. Adult dogs, eighty-five dollars.
2. Puppies, one hundred dollars.
3. Special needs adoptable dogs, forty-five dollars.
4. Adult cats, eighty-five dollars.
5. Kittens, one hundred dollars.
6. Special needs adoptable cats, forty-five dollars.
7. Exotic birds, seventy-five dollars.
8. Other birds, mammals, reptiles, ten dollars.

~~E. Adoption fee for puppies, one hundred dollars.~~

E. Persons aged sixty-five or older will receive a ten percent reduction of adoption fees.

~~F. Adoption fee for special needs adoptable dogs, forty-five dollars.~~

F. An owner redeeming an unaltered pet must pay a recovery fee of two hundred and fifty dollars.

~~G. Adoption fee for adult cats, eighty-five dollars.~~

G. Redemption fee for an altered dog, seventy-five dollars.

~~H. Adoption fee for kittens, one hundred dollars.~~

H. Redemption fee for an altered cat, twenty-five dollars.

~~I. Adoption fee for special needs adoptable cats, forty five dollars.~~

I. Vaccination, fifteen dollars.

~~J. Adoption fee for exotic birds, seventy five dollars.~~

J. Rabies titer, seventy-five dollars.

~~K. Adoption fee for other birds, mammals, reptiles, ten dollars.~~

K Amputation, two hundred fifty dollars.

~~L. Persons aged sixty five or older will receive a ten percent reduction of adoption fees.~~

L Removal of a mass, seventy-five dollars.

~~M. Euthanasia fee, fifteen dollars.~~

M. Medication, two hundred dollars.

~~N. Pick up/delivery per trip, seventy dollars. Each additional animal exceeding total of one, five dollars.~~

N. Miscellaneous surgical or medical procedure not specifically listed in this section, two hundred fifty dollars.

~~O. Microchip, fifteen dollars.~~

O. Euthanasia processing fee, twenty dollars.

~~P. Idexx 3DX test, thirty dollars.~~

P. Euthanasia fee, fifteen dollars.

~~Q. Idexx Giardia test, twenty five dollars.~~

Q. Pick-up/delivery per trip, seventy dollars. Each additional animal exceeding total of one, five dollars.

~~R. Idexx Parvo test, thirty dollars.~~

R. Microchip, fifteen dollars.

~~S. Idexx FLV/FIV tests, thirty dollars.~~

S. Animal infectious disease test, thirty dollars.

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~~W. DentalTeeth cleaning, fifty eight one hundred dollars.~~

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~~BB. Cherry eye repairEye surgery, one hundred sixty dollars per eye.~~

~~CC. Eye enucleation, one hundred seventy-five dollars.~~

~~CC. Ear treatment, twenty dollars.~~

~~DD. Ear treatment, twenty dollars.~~

~~DD. Flea or tick treatment, fifteen dollars.~~

~~EE. Flea or tick treatment, fifteen dollars.~~

~~EE. Novelties including identification tags, leashes, collars, t-shirts and pet carriers, up to one hundred dollars.~~

~~FF. Novelties including identification tags, leashes, collars, t-shirts and pet carriers, up to twenty-five dollars.~~

~~FF. Rescue alters, forty-five dollars.~~

~~GG. Rescue alters, forty-five dollars.~~

~~GG. Redemption alters, one hundred dollars.~~

~~HH. Redemption alters, one hundred dollars.~~

~~HH. Dangerous dog alters, one hundred twenty dollars.~~

~~II. Dangerous dog alters, one hundred twenty dollars.~~

~~II. Dangerous dog tattoo, fifty-five dollars.~~

~~JJ. Dangerous dog tattoo, fifty-five dollars.~~

~~JJ. Privately owned pet dog alters, seventy-five dollars.~~

~~KK. Privately owned pet dog alters, seventy-five dollars.~~

~~KK. Privately owned pet female cat alters, fifty-five dollars.~~

~~LL. Privately owned pet female cat alters, fifty-five dollars.~~

~~LL. Privately owned pet male cat alters, thirty dollars.~~

~~MM. Privately owned pet male cat alters, thirty dollars.~~

~~MM. Pima Animal Care Center may waive any or all shelter or veterinary care fees.~~

~~NN. An owner redeeming an unaltered pet must pay a recovery fee of two hundred and fifty dollars.~~

~~OO. Pima Animal Care Center may waive any or all pound fees.~~

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