



Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution amending Resolution No. 15-79, the Fiscal Year 2016 Adopted Schedule of User Fees for Non-Proprietary Departments and Enterprise Departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas, by adding to the Animal Services Department's fees (regular agenda item) (companion to item 17).

Recommended Action

Adoption of a resolution amending Resolution No. 15-79, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Adopted Schedule of User Fees to be rendered by the Non-Proprietary and Enterprise Departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas by adding to the Animal Services Department's fees, Subsection VIII.12, Irresponsible Owner Fee pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 14, Section 14-38.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources.

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of County services and support.

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Summary:

In conjunction with the Pinellas County Code modification, Section 14-38, Animal Services requests the creation of an irresponsible pet owner license surcharge of \$50.00 annually per licensed pet. This new surcharge is shown in Exhibit A of the attached Resolution: FY 2016 Adopted Schedule of User Fees, Page 5, Animal Services section, subsection VIII.12. Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge.

The creation of the Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge will allow Animal Services to collect from residents, who are deemed irresponsible pet owners defined by County Code, an annual license surcharge to partially offset the department's costs for monitoring.

Background Information:

On August 18, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 15-79, setting user fees for services to be rendered by the Non-Proprietary and Enterprise Departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas for FY 2016. Subsequent to this Board action, the Board approved a change to the Pinellas County Code adding Section 14-38 that relates to irresponsible pet owners.

Fiscal Impact:

FY 2016 General Fund revenue from this new fee is estimated to be \$3,000.00 annually. Additional appropriation will not be required to implement this fee.

Staff Member Responsible:

Katherine Burbridge, Sr. Financial Management & Budget Analyst, Office of Management & Budget

Partners:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 15-79 BY ADDING THE IRRESPONSIBLE OWNER FEE TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES SECTION IN THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2016 (FY16) SCHEDULE OF USER FEES FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY NON-PROPRIETARY AND ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN PINELLAS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) in Resolution No. 15-79, adopted the FY16 Schedule of User Fees for services to be rendered by Non-proprietary and Enterprise Departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas on August 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Department requests that the Board amend Resolution No. 15-79 by adding the Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge to its adopted FY16 Schedule of User Fees; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge relates to Section 14-38 of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances approved on November 10, 2015, by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board accepts the recommendation of the Animal Services Department and wishes to add the Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge to the adopted FY16 Schedule of User Fees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida:

SECTION 1. That the adopted the FY16 Schedule of User Fees for services to be rendered by Non-proprietary and Enterprise Departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas, Resolution No. 15-79, is amended to add the “Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge” of \$50 to Subsection VIII.12 of the Animal Services Section as shown in the attached Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 10th day of November 2015, Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney

	ANIMAL SERVICES	FY16 Adopted
VII. Licenses		
	1. Dog/Cat (1 year license)	\$20 (a) (b)
	2. Dog/Cat (3 year license)	\$20 (a) (b)
	3. License Late Fee	\$10
	4. Duplicate Tag	\$5
	5. Microchip ID	\$20
	(a) - Reimbursement Fee for each 1-year and/or 3-year license in the amount of \$1.00 per license is made to Veterinary Clinics and/or agents for the sale and handling of licenses. Reimbursement contingent upon the proper reconciliation of the county pet licensing account as outlined in Pinellas County Code 14-61.	
	(b) - A rebate in-kind for pet owners who elect to have their Non-Sterilized pets Sterilized. Must show proof of sterilization and current intact license. No cost for next required license. Pinellas County Code Section 14-47(b) authorizes rebate.	(b) Rebate In-Kind
VIII. Other		
	1. Euthanasia/Cremation	\$50
	2. Cremation Only	\$30
	3. Euthanasia Only	\$20
	4. Pickup/Delivery of any Animals	\$30
	5. Guard Dog Annual Registration	\$100
	6. Dangerous Dog Registration: Includes one inspection annually	\$250 Annually
	7. Pet Dealer & Kennel Permits	\$100 Annually
	8. Pet Boxes (each)	\$3
	9. Pet Leashes (each)	\$1
	10. Hearworm and Flea Treatment	Market Value
	11. Owner Surrender	\$20
	12. Irresponsible Owner Annual License Surcharge	\$50 per Licensed Pet
	To accomplish the purposes of Pinellas County Code Chapter 14, the fee schedule adopted herein pursuant to the provisions of PCC section 14-47(a), establishes fees which may be modified or waived by the Animal Services Director or his designee under conditions which may include: hardship; for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare; to address animal welfare issues; and to control disease. License fees may not be waived except in accordance with Pinellas County Code section 14-61.	