

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Submitting to the Voters in a Countywide	)	
Election an Ordinance Amending the	)	RESOLUTION
User Fee Schedule for Animal Control	)	97-166
Services	)	

WHEREAS, Animal Control needs to update the fee schedule for various fees to reflect cost increases which have occurred since its 1995 revision; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control needs to establish fees which reflect the cost of labor, supplies, and support services necessary to provide various services; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control desires to establish fees that require the users of the Division's services to assume the major share of the costs associated with the delivery of these services, and thereby reduce its reliance on the County's General Fund property tax revenues; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. An election is called to be held on November 4, 1997, at which the measure described in Exhibit A (Ballot Title) and set forth as Exhibit B (Ordinance) shall be submitted to the electors of Multnomah County. The Ordinance attached as Exhibit B amends MCC Chapter 8.10, Section 8.10.220 the Fee Schedule and MCC 8.10.230 Livestock Fees. Additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed.

2. Exhibits A (Ballot Title), B (Ordinance) and C (Explanatory Statement) are adopted and made part of this Resolution. The Ballot Title, Ordinance and Explanatory Statement shall be printed substantially in the form set forth.

3. The foregoing election and election date are certified to the Director of Multnomah County Division of Elections.

4. If this Ordinance is approved by a majority of voters at the November 4, 1997 election, it shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 30th day after certification of the elections results by the Director of the Multnomah County Division of Elections. If this Ordinance is rejected by the voters, the existing provisions of MCC Sections 8.10.220 and 8.10.230 remain in effect unless amended by another ordinance adopted by the voters or the Board.

5. Notwithstanding paragraph 4, the Board may by resolution delay the amendments of the Animal Control user fee schedule and livestock fee provisions which are adopted by this Ordinance until 12:01 a.m. on the 30th day after the Board declares that the County Department of Environmental Services is able to begin administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1997.




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Beverly Stein, Chair

REVIEWED:

THOMAS SPONSLER, COUNTY COUNSEL  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By   
Thomas Sponsler, County Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:**

Multnomah County Animal Control Fees Increase

**MEASURE 26-60**

**QUESTION:**

Shall Multnomah County increase Animal Control service fees so that service users assume more responsibility for program costs?

**SUMMARY:**

This measure increases user fees for Animal Control services to more completely cover the costs of labor, supplies and support services necessary to provide animal control regulation. This increase will reduce reliance on property tax revenue to fund Animal Control.

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending MCC 8.10, relating to Animal Control, raising various fees.

(Language in ~~strikeout~~ text is to be deleted; underlined is new)

**Section I. Purpose**

(A) To update the fee schedule for various Animal Control fees to reflect cost increases which have occurred since its 1995 revision.

(B) To establish fees which reflect the cost of labor, supplies, and support services necessary to provide various Animal Control services.

(C) To establish fees that require the beneficiaries of Animal Control services to assume the major share of the costs associated with the delivery of these services, and thereby reduce the Animal Control Division's reliance on the county's General Fund property tax revenues.

**Section II. Findings**

Based on the Animal Control Ordinance Study Committee's evaluation of the David M. Griffith and Associates 1994 costs, Fees, and Revenue Study for Multnomah County, many fees associated with Animal Control do not cover the cost of providing the service. The fee study by David M. Griffith recommended, "... recovery levels as close to full cost as possible, or to the point where compliance will be lost." The Animal Control Ordinance Study Committee recommends increasing fees to reflect the intent of the David M. Griffith Study.

**Section III. Amendment of MCC 8.10.220. Fee Schedule**

MCC 8.10.220 is amended to read as follows:

Fees shall be imposed under this chapter as follows:

	One	Two	Three
	Year	Year	Year
		Discount	Discount
(A) Pet Licenses:			
(1) Dogs:			
(a) Fertile	<del>25.00</del> <u>\$35.00</u>	<del>46.00</del> <u>\$70.00</u>	<del>60.00</del> <u>\$105.00</u>

1	(b) Sexually unproductive	<del>10.00</del>	<u>12.00</u>	<del>17.00</del>	<u>19.00</u>	<del>24.00</del>	<u>26.00</u>
2	(2) Cats:						
3	(a) Fertile	<del>15.00</del>	<u>30.00</u>	<del>25.00</del>	<u>60.00</u>	<del>36.00</del>	<u>90.00</u>
4	(b) Sexually unproductive, <u>first in</u>		8.00		14.00		19.00
5	<u>household</u>						
6	(c) <u>Sexually unproductive, subsequent</u>		5.00		10.00		15.00
7	<u>in same household</u>						
8	(3) License replacement			<del>3.00</del>	<u>5.00</u>		
9	(B) Facilities License:						
10	(1) <u>Dogs</u>		85.00				
11	(2) <u>Cats</u>		85.00				
12	(3) Exotic, wild, or dangerous animal facility	<del>200.00</del>	<u>150.00</u>				
13	(4) Facility fees:		<del>142.00</del>				
14	(a) <u>1-10 animals</u>		70.00				
15	(b) <u>&gt; 10 animals</u>		110.00				
16	(C) County shelter rates:						
17	(1) Impoundment fee, dogs				<del>25.00</del>	<u>50.00</u>	
18	(2) Impoundment fee, cats				<del>15.00</del>	<u>30.00</u>	
19	(3) Animals other than livestock				<del>15.00</del>	<u>8.00</u>	
20	(4) Daily care for any portion of a 24-hour period from time of impoundment						
21	(a) Dogs				<del>8.00</del>	<u>15.00</u>	
22	(b) Cats				<del>5.00</del>	<u>8.00</u>	
23	(c) Livestock				<del>8.00</del>	<u>15.00</u>	
24	(d) Other animals				<del>5.00</del>	<u>8.00</u>	
25	(e) <u>Special care (per Veterinary orders)</u>						3.00
26	(5) Veterinary fees						25.00
27	(6) Disposal fees:						
28	(a) Euthanasia and disposal						25.00
29	(b) Dead animal disposal						15.00
30	(c) Release of unwanted animals by owner or keeper						15.00

1	(d) Release of two or more animals by owner or keeper	25.00
2	(7) Adoption fees:	
3	(a) Dogs:	
4	(i) Fertile	<del>65.00</del> <u>80.00</u>
5	(ii) Sterile	<del>25.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
6	(b) Cats:	
7	(i) Fertile	<del>45.00</del> <u>60.00</u>
8	(ii) Sterile	<del>20.00</del> <u>35.00</u>
9	(D) Livetrapp rental:	
10	(1) Cat trap deposit fee (per trap)	35.00
11	(2) Cat trap weekly rental fee	5.00
12	(3) Dog trap deposit fee	200.00
13	(4) Dog trap weekly rental fee	10.00
14	(E) Appeal hearing:	
15	(1) Fee	25.00
16	(2) Boarding Deposit	100.00
17	(F) Stray Livestock Fees:	
18	(1) Hourly fee (per person)	<del>37.00</del> <u>45.00</u>
19	(2) Mileage fee (per mile, per vehicle)	<del>0.30</del> <u>0.315</u>
20	(G) Potentially dangerous dog classification fees:	
21	(1) Level 1 (per year)	50.00
22	(2) Level 2 and Level 3 (per year)	100.00
23	(3) Level 4 (per year)	150.00
24	(H) Declassification	
25	(1) Fee	40.00

#### **Section IV. Amendment of MCC 8.10.230. Stray Livestock Fee**

MCC 8.10.230 is amended to read as follows:

For the expenses incurred by the county in locating, transporting, and otherwise attending any stray livestock other than a dog or cat, the owner or keeper or other person lawfully claiming the animal, shall pay to the county a fee in the amount of ~~\$37.00~~ \$45.00 per person hour plus an additional

1 payment of ~~\$0.30~~ \$0.315 for each mile traveled by county personnel in locating and transporting the  
2 animal.

3 Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, pursuant to voter approval at  
4 an election held on November 4, 1997.

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## **EXHIBIT C**

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is requesting voter approval for increases in certain Animal Control service fees. These services have traditionally been partially supported by General Fund Property Tax revenue. If fees are increased, more of the costs of Animal Control will be paid for by the people who use those services.

Ballot Measure 50, approved by the voters of Oregon, requires local governments to seek voter approval before increasing fees to make up for reduced Property Tax revenue.

If approved, this measure will amend the existing ordinance to increase Animal Control fees. The current fee structure in place for Animal Control does not provide for full cost recovery. The costs of Animal Control not covered by fees are paid by the County General Fund.

Multnomah County's Financial and Budget Policy states that "...user fee and service charges will be established at a level to recover the costs to provide services..." The new fee schedules will be established at a level which will enable those services to be more fully compliant with the County's policy.