

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Increasing Various Fees for )  
Columbia County Animal Control Services )     **ORDER NO. 17-02**  
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WHEREAS, Ordinances No. 88-13 and 88-14 defined and prescribed fees for non-commercial and commercial kennels, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 92-11 provides that fees for dog licenses and kennel licenses may be established by order or resolution; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 99-01 provides that user fees for animal control services (hereinafter referred to as "shelter" fees) may be established by order or resolution; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 92-11 and Ordinance No. 99-01 further provide that, pursuant to ORS 203.115, a fee once set may not be changed within one year after setting the fee; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1992, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 237-92 amending the fee schedule for annual commercial and hobby ("non-commercial") licenses provided by Columbia County Animal Control and setting a penalty for failure to timely purchase a kennel license; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 1996, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 282-96 amending the fee schedule for dog licenses, setting a penalty for failure to timely purchase a dog license, and providing for a waiver for hardship; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 6-99 amending the fee schedule for shelter services provided by Columbia County Animal Control through an increase in those fees; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 60-2000, amending the fee schedule for shelter services provided by Columbia County Animal Control by the addition of an after-hours call-out fee;

WHEREAS, Columbia County Animal Control is solely supported by revenue received through license, adoption, impound and other miscellaneous services provided by Animal Control; and

WHEREAS, it has been several years since an increase in Animal Control fees, and the costs of operation have steadily increased in the interim; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control is recommending an increase in fees to cover these increased costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1) **Shelter Fees**: The user ("shelter") fees provided for by Ordinance No. 92-11 and increased or established by Order No. 6-99 and Order No. 60-2000, are hereby increased as shown on Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

2) **Kennel License Fees**.

A) The kennel fees provided for by Ordinances No. 88-13 and 88-14, as amended by Ordinance No. 92-11 and further amended by Order No. 237-92, are hereby increased as follows:

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| i) Annual commercial kennel licenses      | \$150.00 |
| ii) Annual non-commercial kennel licenses | \$125.00 |

B) All kennel licenses shall be issued on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31, inclusive.

C) The penalty for failure to purchase licenses by March 5, annually, shall be and is \$50.00.

D) The County Clerk shall be, and hereby is, designated as the recipient of dog license fees and the issuer of dog licenses.

3) **Dog License Fees**.

A) The dog license fees provided for by Ordinance No. 99-01 and increased by Order No. 282-96, shall be increased as shown on Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

B) Dog licenses may be purchased which are good for either a one-year or three-year period provided the owner is in possession of a rabies certificate valid for 10 months or for 2 years and 10 months, respectively, of the licensing period.

C) Fees paid for dog licenses will not be refunded.

D) Where a financial hardship exists, a hardship exemption to the penalty outlined in Exhibit B is found to be in the public interest, a waiver of the penalty for failure to purchase licenses on time for reasons of financial hardship may be made by the elected official supervising the dog control program or by the Board of Commissioners upon their finding a good cause therefor; and

E) The County Clerk shall be, and hereby is, designated as the recipient of

dog license fees and the issuer of dog licenses.

4) **Effective Date.** The changes noted herein shall become effective on July 1, 2002.

DATED at St. Helens, Oregon, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

By: (not present)  
Commissioner

By: John M. Verhard  
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: John M. Verhard  
Office of County Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

**COLUMBIA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

**SHELTER FEES**

IMPOUNDMENT FEES

1 <sup>ST</sup> Impoundment .....	\$ 20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Impoundment .....	\$ 30.00

MAINTENANCE FEES

Daily Maintenance Fee .....	\$ 10.00 @ day
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***[Note: To redeem an animal, the fee will include the Impoundment Fee plus the Maintenance Fee for each night the animal is at the Shelter].***

RELINQUISHMENT FEES

Puppy under 4 months old, cat or kitten .....	\$ 10.00
Dog over 4 months .....	\$ 25.00

EUTHANASIA FEE (includes disposal)

Cat or kitten .....	\$ 15.00
Dog < 20 lbs. ....	\$ 30.00
Dog > 20 lbs. ....	\$ 45.00

DISPOSAL ONLY

Cat .....	\$ 10.00
Dog .....	\$ 30.00

ADOPTION FEES

Altered Dog .....	\$ 45.00
Unaltered dog .....	\$ 25.00 plus \$30.00 altering deposit

TRAP RENTAL (if available) .....

Deposit (refundable) .....	\$ 1.00 @ day
	\$ 30.00

MICRO CHIP .....

	\$ 20.00
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AFTER HOURS CALL-OUT

1 <sup>st</sup> Notice (regular mail) .....	\$ 75.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice (certified mail) .....	\$ 85.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Notice (certified mail) .....	\$100.00
Small Claims Action (includes service fee) .....	\$125.00

Small Claims Judgment: \$125.00 plus \$60.00 prevailing fee without trial, or \$85.00 prevailing fee with trial, and a \$45 filing fee, subject to automatic statutory changes

EXHIBIT B

**COLUMBIA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

**DOG LICENSE FEES**

Non-neutered or non-spayed dog ..... \$ 30.00 per year

Neutered or spayed dog ..... \$ 12.00 per year

Non-neutered or non-spayed dog owned by senior citizen 65 years  
of age or older ..... \$ 15.00 per year

Neutered or spayed dog owned by senior citizen 65 years of age or older:

One per household ..... \$ 5.00 per year

Each additional neutered or spayed dog ..... \$ 12.00 per year

Penalty for failure to purchase **annual** dog license on or before March 6 each year:

a. Purchased by April 6 ..... \$ 10.00

b. Purchased voluntarily thereafter (i.e., without citation) ..... \$ 25.00

c. Purchased after April 6 pursuant to citation ..... \$ 50.00

Replacement of lost permanent numbered tag ..... \$ 5.00

Dogs kept in kennels (See Order No. 17-02)