

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. 15-2006
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WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 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 Nos. 92-11 and 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 July 1st, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 17-02 amending the fee schedule for annual commercial and hobby ("non-commercial") licenses and setting a penalty for failure to timely purchase a kennel license; 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 amending the fee schedule for shelter services provided by Columbia County Animal Control, including an after-hour call-out fee; and

WHEREAS, it has been more than three years since an increase in Animal Control fees, and cost of operations have steadily increased in the interim; and

WHEREAS, past fees collected by the Animal Control have come far short of the amounts needed to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control has evaluated the current fees charged and is recommending an increase in some of the fees to cover the increased cost of operations;

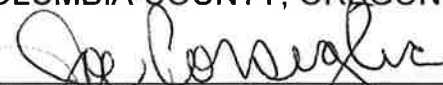
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:


1. **Shelter Fees**. The user ("shelter") fees provided for by Ordinance No. 92-1 and increased or established by Order No. 17-02 are hereby increased as shown on Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. **Kennel License Fees**. The kennel fees and penalties provided for by Ordinance Nos. 88-13 and 88-14, as amended by Ordinance No. 92-11 and as amended by Order No. 17-02, are hereby increased as shown on Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.


3. **Dog License Fees.** The Dog license fees provided by Ordinance No. 99-01 and increased by Order No. 17-02, are hereby increased as shown on Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
4. **Effective Date.** The changes noted herein and on Exhibit A and Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, shall become effective March 1, 2006.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Chair

By: 
Commissioner

By: 
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

Columbia County Animal Control

Shelter Fees

IMPOUND FEES

1 ST Impound	\$30.00
2 nd Impound	\$50.00

If impounded within 90 days.

MAINTENANCE FEES

Daily Maintenance Fee	\$10.00 per day
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RELINQUISHMENT FEES

Puppy under 4 months old, cat or kitten	\$20.00
Dog over 4 months	\$40.00
Cat	\$20.00
Kittens	\$10.00

EUTHANASIA FEE (includes disposal)

Cat or Kitten	\$25.00
Dog <20lbs.	\$45.00
Dog ≥20lbs.	\$55.00
Dog ≥70lbs	\$65.00

DISPOSAL ONLY

Cat	\$15.00
Dog	\$40.00

ADOPTION FEES

Altered Dog	\$45.00
Unaltered Dog	\$35.00
Altering deposit	\$30.00

TRAP RENTAL (If available)

.....	\$2.50 per day
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Deposit	\$30.00
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MICRO CHIP

.....	\$20.00
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AFTER HOURS CALL-OUT

1 ST Notice (regular mail)	\$75.00
2 nd Notice (certified mail)	\$85.00
3 rd Notice (certified mail)	\$100.00
Small Claims Filing Fee	
(subject to automatic statutory changes)	\$45.00
Small Claims Action (includes service fee)	\$125.00
Small Claims Judgment	\$125.00
Prevailing fee without trial	\$60.00
(or Prevailing fee with trial	\$85.00)

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	\$ 5.00 per year

(One Senior discount per household)

Penalty for failure to purchase annual dog license on time each year:

2006		<u>Beginning 2007</u>	
After March 6 th :	\$10.00	After January 31 st :	\$25.00
After April 6 th :	\$25.00	After March 31 st :	\$50.00
After citation:	\$50.00	After citation:	\$75.00

Field License Penalty:

Any owner or keeper of an unlicensed dog that would be subject to receiving a citation for failure to obtain a dog license may be issued a field license application, in lieu of citation at the discretion of the animal control officer. A penalty fee will be added to the license fee in the amount of \$10.00 for 2006 and \$25.00 each year after 2006.

Replacement of lost permanent numbered tag \$5.00

Kennel License Fees:

Non-Commercial kennel license	\$150.00
Commercial kennel license	\$125.00
Late penalty fee after March 6 th	\$50.00

New fees beginning March 6th, 2006.

Non-Commercial Kennel license	\$250.00
Commercial Kennel license	\$350.00
Late Penalty fee after January 31 st	\$100.00

Copies of ordinances on Commercial and Non-commercial kennel licenses are available at the Animal Control Office.