

Department of Health Services Fees

Board Item 2025-0835

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Presented by:

Department of Health Services



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- Sonoma County Animal Services
- Environmental Health
- Public Health Laboratory
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program

Projected Change in Net Revenue

Program	Net Revenue Change
Animal Services	\$13,031
Environmental Health	(\$76,970)
Public Health Laboratory	\$36,720
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program	\$621,670

Sonoma County Animal Services

- Proposed fee increases between 2% to 43% to match full cost recovery
- New fees:
 - Private Pet Cremations
- Estimated Revenue: \$639,515, an increase of \$13,031
- Ongoing General Fund SCAS subsidy of \$287,901, and use of DHS General Fund allocation to cover estimated gap of \$863,499.
- Designed to balance affordability and full cost recovery while considering market comparability

Environmental Health

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - Utilization of the fee stabilization fund to minimize cost impact
 - Utilizing ongoing General Fund subsidy of \$34,682
 - No fee increase recommended for FY 2025-2026
- Estimated Revenue: \$7,686,487 - a decrease of \$76,970
- New Fees:
 - Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation
 - Solid Waste Non-Operational Site
- Department will monitor MEHKO fiscal impacts

Public Health Laboratory

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - Approximately 8% increase across most fees to recover increased labor and supply costs
 - Fees set below full-cost recovery, subsidized by grants and health realignment funding
- New Fees:
 - Tests for specialized services like MALDI-TOF, tick identification, and wastewater surveillance
 - Clinical Molecular Laboratory fee increase of 31% for SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV
- Estimated Revenue: \$345,894 - an increase of \$36,720

DUI Program

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - 35% increase for all programs, including First Offender and Multiple Offender Programs
- Estimated Revenue: \$2,753,111 - an increase of \$621,670
- Cost Recovery Analysis:
 - CA Code Title 9 mandates DUI programs must be self-sustaining and fully funded by participant fees
 - Increase offsets a structural deficit currently covered by existing DHS General Fund allocation
 - Fee increases based on a detailed cost study and local program
 - Total program costs estimated at \$3,914,470, with the \$1,161,359 gap subsidized by Department funds

Fee Summary

Program	Estimated Revenue - Proposed	Increase/ Decrease	Approved Subsidy
Animal Services	\$639,515	\$13,031	\$287,901
Environmental Health	\$7,686,487	(\$76,970)	\$34,682
Public Health Laboratory	\$345,894	\$36,720	-
DUI Program	\$2,753,111	\$621,670	-
Total	\$1,1423,007	\$594,451	\$322,583

DHS Fee Effective Dates

Program	Resolution/ Ordinance	2 nd Reading	Effective Date
Animal Services	Ordinance	August 26, 2025	October 1, 2025
Environmental Health	Resolution	N/A	September 1, 2025
Public Health Laboratory	Ordinance	August 26, 2025	October 1, 2025
DUI Program	Resolution	N/A	September 1, 2025

Recommended Actions

A) Adopt a Resolution *rescinding* Resolutions 25-0330, 25-0331, 25-0332 and 25-0333 establishing new and amended fees to recover the reasonable costs of providing services associated with **Animal Services, Environmental Health, Public Health Laboratory, and Driving Under the Influence Program services.**

Recommended Actions

B) Adopt a Resolution reading the title and waiving further reading of a proposed ordinance titled “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, adopting new fees and adjusting fees effective **October 1, 2025**, for **Sonoma County Animal Services**,” pursuant to Sonoma County Code Chapter 5, Section 5-4. **(First Reading)**

C) Adopt a Resolution establishing new and amended fees to recover the reasonable cost of providing services associated with **Environmental Health** and Safety for the Department of Health Services, effective **September 1, 2025**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101325.

D) Adopt a Resolution reading the title and waiving further reading of a proposed ordinance titled “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, adopting new fees and adjusting fees effective **October 1, 2025**, for the Sonoma County Department of Health Services **Public Health Laboratory**,” pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101325. **(First Reading)**

E) Adopt a Resolution establishing new and amended fees to recover the projected costs of providing **Driving Under the Influence Program** services for the Department of Health Services, effective **September 1, 2025**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101325.

Questions?