

ORDINANCE NO. ()

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEW FEES AND ADJUSTING FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I. Government Code Section 54985-86, Food and Agriculture Code Section 31641, Health and Safety Code Sections 121575-121710, Health and Safety Code Section 101325, and Sonoma County Code Chapter 5 authorize the establishment of new and amended fees to recover the estimated reasonable cost of providing services for the Sonoma County Animal Services.

Section II. To recover the reasonable cost of providing services for Sonoma County Animal Services, it is necessary to adjust those fees set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully set forth in full, commencing July 1, 2026.

Section III. Based on information presented to the Board, the Board finds that the proposed fees comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C, Section 1(e)(1)-(6) of the California Constitution.

Section IV. In all other respects, Ordinance No. 6529 and any fee modifications established by previous resolutions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section VI. This ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after the date of its passage or July 1, 2026, whichever is greater, and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after said passage, with the names of the Supervisors voting for or against the same, in *The Press Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 24th Day of March, and finally passed and adopted this __day of ____, 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Ordinance duly adopted and

SO ORDERED.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma

ATTEST:

David Guhin,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A - New Fees and Fee Adjustments
Sonoma County Animal Services**

Fee Description	Fee Subcategory	Fee FY 2026/2027
Adoption Fees	Dogs 6 years and older	\$124.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$65.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months	\$170.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$115.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months	\$240.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$180.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 6 years and older	\$73.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$40.00
Adoption Fees	Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months	\$107.00
Adoption Fees	Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$55.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old	\$150.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$90.00
Adoption Fees	Special / Promotional dog adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)	\$35.00
Adoption Fees	Special / Promotional cat adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)	\$35.00
Adoption Fees	Rabbits	\$55.00
Board/Impound	Board Dogs	\$37.00
Board/Impound	Board Cats	\$13.00
Board/Impound	Board Small Animals (Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.)	\$15.00
Board/Impound	Board Livestock day/head	\$60.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$96.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$124.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$200.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$90.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$117.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$190.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$67.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$45.00

Board/Impound	Impound Public Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$45.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40) used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$60.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 1st impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$140.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 2nd impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$340.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 3rd+ impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$622.00
Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 1st impound– under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$140.00
Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 2nd impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$340.00
Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 3rd+ impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$622.00
Board/Impound	Impound Exotic, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$73.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$73.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$56.00
Board/Impound	ACO Field Release Dog/Cat: Unlicensed or unaltered	\$115.00
Board/Impound	ACO Assistance Stray Livestock - Actual Officer Time at Cost-Recovery Hourly Rate (including response time) [Hours and Calculated cost represent a sample incident and potential deposit level.]	\$400.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Commercial Kennel Permit	\$285.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Hobby Kennel (grandfathered)	\$285.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Shop	\$290.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Dogs Altered: Up to 10 altered dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)	\$70.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Dogs Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)	\$135.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Cats Altered: Up to 10 altered cats (individual cat licenses optional)	\$45.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Cats Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 cats (individual cat licenses optional)	\$70.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Transfer inspection	\$200.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Periodic Inspection	\$200.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Reinspection, per visit, required within permit year due to violations	\$215.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Kennel License Late Penalty (50% of fee)	50% of permit
License Fees	Dog Altered (annual)	\$18.00
License Fees	Dog Unaltered (annual)	\$22.00
License Fees	Dog Late License Penalty	\$10.00

Owner Surrender	Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - In Jurisdiction	\$82.00
Owner Surrender	Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - Out of Jurisdiction	\$82.00
Owner Surrender	Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other) - In Jurisdiction	\$71.00
Owner Surrender	Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other - Out of Jurisdiction	\$71.00
Owner Surrender	Euthanasia of PDD/VDD Animals - Owner Request	\$138.00
Owner Surrender	ACO Owner Surrender Field	\$195.00
Owner Surrender	ACO Pet Disposal Pick Up	\$210.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Owner Request, group cremation and processing	\$24.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation Processing Fee	\$20.00
Owner Surrender	Wild Animal Disposal Fee (previously called Large Animal Disposal/ Rendering Fee)	\$49.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Voluntary	\$565.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Court-Ordered	\$850.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous Dog: annual fee/year for years 2 and 3	\$175.00
Dangerous Dog	Vicious Dog: annual fee for life of the dog after year 1	\$175.00
Dangerous Dog	PDD/VDD Collar, Leash, Sign	\$112.00
Protection Dog	Registration (annual)	\$112.00
Protection Dog	Inspection (periodic)	\$112.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Home: 10 or 30 days	\$75.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Home 6 month: monthly inspections	\$280.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Board Shelter: Per day	\$39.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Other: Longer duration, home or board, etc. - determined by the Director/Program Manager, starting at \$280	\$280.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay: 2-30 lbs	\$175.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay : 31-75 lbs	\$200.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay: over 75 lbs	\$225.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: 2-30 lbs	\$145.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: 31-75 lbs	\$170.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: over 75 lbs	\$195.00
Spay/Neuter	Cat Spay	\$120.00
Spay/Neuter	Cat Neuter	\$95.00
Spay/Neuter	Rabbit	\$145.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Vac Bordatella (included in adoption / spay / neuter fees)	\$16.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Vac DHLPP (Distemper, Parvo Virus, Parainfluenza Vaccines) (included in adoption/spay/neuter fees) [Including +C until discontinued]	\$17.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Vac FVRCP (Panleukopenia, Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus Vaccines) (included in adoption/spay/neuter fees)	\$14.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Vac Rabies: owner requested; included in adoption and spay/neuter program	\$37.00

Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Microchip: included in adoption and spay/neuter program; state mandated for strays	\$42.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test FELV/FIV (Feline Leukemia Virus/Immunodeficiency Virus) (owner request; included in adoption)	\$40.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Heartworm (owner request; included in adoption fee)	\$40.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Rabies Control Animals 300 and under	\$515.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Rabies Control Animals over 300 pounds	\$310.00
Veterinary Care	Prescription Medication Issuance Fee (plus actual cost of medication)	\$40.00
Veterinary Care	Outside Lab Work Processing Fee (Plus actual cost from provider) [new fee structure]	\$224.00
Veterinary Care	Outside Vet Fees (actual cost passed through to the responsible party)	varies
Other Services and Equipment	Trap Rental Processing Fee	\$20.00
Other Services and Equipment	Outside Livestock Transport	varies