

ORDINANCE NO. ()

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

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 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 October 1, 2025.

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. 6480 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 October 1, 2025, 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 12th day of August 2025, and finally passed and adopted this ____ day of ____, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

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:

M. Christina Rivera,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

Fee Description	Fee Subcategory	FY 25/26 Proposed Fee Amount
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation Processing Fee	\$ 17.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation, 3-49lbs	\$ 115.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation, 50-99lbs	\$ 150.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Private Pet Cremation, 100+lbs	\$ 235.00
License Fees	Cat Altered (permanent license)	\$ 14.00
License Fees	Cat Unaltered (permanent license)	\$ 14.00
License Fees	Transfer/Replacement License - Dog or Cat	\$ 14.00
Other Services and Equipment	Trap Rental Processing Fee - NEW FEE	\$ 17.00
Board/Impound	Board Cats	\$ 11.00
Owner Surrender	Animal Disposal - Owner Request, group cremation and processing	\$ 23.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Rabies Control Animals over 300 pounds	\$ 300.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months	\$ 230.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Rabies Control Animals 300 and under	\$ 500.00
License Fees	Dog Unaltered (annual)	\$ 21.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Reinspection, per visit, required within permit year due to violations	\$ 205.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay: over 75 lbs	\$ 208.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$ 60.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Cats Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 cats (individual cat licenses optional)	\$ 60.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Vac Rabies: owner requested; included in adoption and spay/neuter program	\$ 30.00
Board/Impound	Board Dogs	\$ 31.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$ 93.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Dogs Unaltered or combo unaltered and altered: Up to 10 dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)	\$ 126.00
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.]	\$ 383.00
Adoption Fees	Special / Promotional dog adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)	\$ 32.00

Adoption Fees	Special / Promotional cat adoption fee (due to space or animals' condition)	\$	32.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test FELV/FIV (Feline Leukemia Virus/Immunodeficiency Virus) (owner request; included in adoption)	\$	32.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	65.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Dogs Altered: Up to 10 altered dogs (must purchase individual dog licenses)	\$	65.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 1st impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	131.00
Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 1st impound– under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	131.00
Owner Surrender	Euthanasia of PDD/VDD Animals - Owner Request	\$	131.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: 2-30 lbs	\$	131.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous Dog: annual fee/year for years 2 and 3	\$	169.00
Dangerous Dog	Vicious Dog: annual fee for life of the dog after year 1	\$	169.00
Spay/Neuter	Rabbit	\$	137.00
Owner Surrender	Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other) - In Jurisdiction	\$	69.00
Owner Surrender	Small Animal/Other (Each small animal/other - Out of Jurisdiction	\$	69.00
Adoption Fees	Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months	\$	104.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs 8 weeks up to 6 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$	175.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: over 75 lbs	\$	175.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 6 years and older	\$	71.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old	\$	142.00
Board/Impound	Impound Exotic, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	71.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	71.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Home: up to 10 days	\$	71.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Microchip: included in adoption and spay/neuter program; state mandated for strays	\$	36.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$	109.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 2nd impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	327.00

Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 2nd impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	327.00
Board/Impound	ACO Field Release Dog/Cat: Unlicensed or unaltered	\$	109.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Voluntary	\$	545.00
Dangerous Dog	PDD/VDD Collar, Leash, Sign	\$	109.00
Spay/Neuter	Cat Spay	\$	109.00
Veterinary Care	Outside Lab Work Processing Fee (Plus actual cost from provider) [new fee structure]	\$	218.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	185.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay : 31-75 lbs	\$	185.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 6 years old and older, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$	38.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	114.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Fancier Cats Altered: Up to 10 altered cats (individual cat licenses optional)	\$	38.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Transfer inspection	\$	190.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Periodic Inspection	\$	190.00
Owner Surrender	ACO Owner Surrender Field	\$	190.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Board Shelter: Per day	\$	38.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Neuter: 31-75 lbs	\$	152.00
Vaccinations/Testing/Microchips	Test Heartworm (owner request; included in adoption fee)	\$	38.00
Veterinary Care	Prescription Medication Issuance Fee (plus actual cost of medication)	\$	38.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Commercial Kennel Permit	\$	272.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Hobby Kennel (grandfathered)	\$	272.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Home 6 month: monthly inspections	\$	272.00
Rabies Quarantine	Quarantine Other: Longer duration, home or board, etc. - determined by the Director/Program Manager, starting at \$272	\$	272.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: Additional Impounds within one year, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	195.00
Owner Surrender	Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - In Jurisdiction	\$	78.00
Owner Surrender	Large Animal (Each Dog, Cat, Livestock, Exotic, etc., or each litter of dogs or cats) - Out of Jurisdiction	\$	78.00
Kennel/Pet Fancier Permits	Pet Shop	\$	277.00

Adoption Fees	Dogs 6 years and older	\$	120.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Dog: 1st Impound – Unlicensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	120.00
Board/Impound	Impound Large Livestock: 3rd+ impound – 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	600.00
Board/Impound	Impound Small Livestock: 3rd+ impound – under 300 lbs and over/head (same household) plus transportation time	\$	600.00
Adoption Fees	Dogs over 6 months to 5 years 11 months	\$	163.00
Dangerous Dog	Potentially Dangerous/Vicious 1st Year - Court-Ordered	\$	815.00
Spay/Neuter	Dog Spay: 2-30 lbs	\$	163.00
Board/Impound	Impound ACO Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	43.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Cat: Altered, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	43.00
Adoption Fees	Cats 8 weeks up to 6 months old, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$	87.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Dog: 1st Impound – Licensed, used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	87.00
Spay/Neuter	Cat Neuter	\$	87.00
Board/Impound	Board Livestock day/head	\$	51.00
Adoption Fees	Cats over 6 months to 5 years 11 months, that have been available for adoption a minimum of two weeks (optional)	\$	54.00
Adoption Fees	Rabbits	\$	54.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public Cat: Unaltered (plus spay/neuter deposit of \$40) used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	54.00
Board/Impound	Impound Public: Small Animals (e.g., Rabbits, Hamsters, Parakeets, Rodents, etc.), used for strays, surrenders and quarantines	\$	54.00
Protection Dog	Registration (annual)	\$	108.00
Protection Dog	Inspection (periodic)	\$	108.00