

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Re: An ordinance amending Animal Control and Environmental Health associated fees

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

An ordinance amending Chapters 11 and 5 of the Code of Ordinances to revise fees for the Public Health and Human Services Department effective October 1, 2026.

Discussion

To establish a fair and transparent fee structure, the City is proposing a five-tiered Public Good Cost-Recovery Framework (attached). This matrix directly aligns fee recovery percentages with the level of community-wide benefit a service provides. Tiers range from 100% cost recovery for services that strictly benefit a specific individual or commercial entity, down to a 60% recovery tier for services that deliver an overwhelming public safety or health benefit to the entire community.

Following a review by the Animal Control, Environmental Health, and Finance teams, each service fee was assigned a target recovery tier. To achieve fiscal sustainability while protecting residents from abrupt financial impacts, annual fee increases will be capped at 25% until the applicable target cost-recovery level is reached. Once a fee reaches its target recovery tier, future adjustments will be limited to annual changes in the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) to account for inflation and changes in operating costs. For ease of administration and public understanding, proposed fees have also been rounded to the nearest five-dollar increment, where appropriate, to eliminate irregular fee amounts while maintaining consistency with the intended cost-recovery targets. These projections utilize the Bureau of Labor Statistics' specialized Consumer Price Index (CPI) for their respective categories.

The following fees are proposed effective October 1st, 2026:

Section 11-278. – Operating permit required; revocation of permit; hearings and appeals

1. Increasing annual pool inspection fees from \$430.00 to \$455.00

Section 11-132. – Fees

1. Increasing annual retail inspection (gross receipts <\$250,000) fees from \$220.00 to \$235.00
2. Increasing annual retail inspection (gross receipts \$250,000-\$750,000) fees from \$305.00 to \$325.00
3. Increasing temporary inspection (1-3 day event) fees from \$40.00 to \$50.00
4. Increasing temporary inspection (4-14 day event) fees from \$70.00 to \$90.00

Sec. 5-5. - Redemption; microchipping; neutering; payment of fees; disposition of unredeemed animals.

1. Increasing animal impoundment fee from \$35.00 to \$45.00
2. Increasing animal boarding fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per night

Sec. 5-57. - Dangerous or aggressive animals.

1. Increasing annual Dangerous and Aggressive Animal permit fee from \$300.00 to \$375.00

Sec. 5-65. - Same—License fee levied.

1. Increasing annual animal licensing fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Additional cost-recovery on services provided

Long-Term Impact: Appropriate cost recovery on services provided based on the Public Good Cost-Recovery Framework

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
9/20/2021	B242-21 Amending Chapter 11 of the City Code relating to certain Public Health and Human Services Department fees.



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Date	Action
9/16/2019	B234-19 Amending Chapter 5 and Chapter 11 of the City Code as it relates to Public Health and Human Services Department fees.
9/18/2017	B221-17 Amending Chapter 11 of the City Code as it relates to Public Health and Human Services Department fees.

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.