



AGENDA

Casper City Council Pre-Meeting
City Hall, Council Meeting Room
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m.



	Presentation	Allotted	Beginning Time
1.	Budget Materials Handed Out		
2.	Distribution of May 1 Executive Session Minutes		
3.	Metro Animal Services Fee Changes	20 min	5:30
4.	Agenda Review	10 min	5:50
	Approximate Ending Time		6:00

April 30, 2018

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager 
FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director 
Tory Walsh, Metro Animal Services Manager
SUBJECT: Proposed Metro Animal Services Fee Changes

Meeting Type & Date:
Council Work Session, May 8, 2018.

Action type:
Information Only.

Recommendation:
To adopt the proposed Fee Resolution, rescinding Resolution No. 13-236, which was adopted in 2013.

Summary:
The Metro Animal Services (MAS) Fee Schedule was reviewed after a court case was adjudicated in December of 2017 involving a restitution request. The most significant changes to the proposed fee schedule are Judicial Impound Fees and Veterinarian Costs.

The average cost of direct animal care at this facility is \$34.95 per animal per day. When the need arises to confiscate an animal because it poses a threat to public health and safety, the animal remains impounded at the Shelter until the case is adjudicated. Depending on the Court's calendar, this process generally takes 2-4 months. Other than posing a threat to other animals or human beings, MAS may also confiscate an animal due to neglect or abuse, in which case the animal will require veterinary care. Whether an animal is vicious or neglected and abused, it requires a higher level of care. The City Attorney's Office discussed the fees and presented the numbers outlined in the Resolution.

The addition of Judicial Impound Fees and Veterinarian Costs generally only applies when criminal charges are filed. An exception may be where an animal bearing identification is injured and the owner cannot be immediately reached; MAS may transport the animal to a veterinarian where the owner will be responsible for the expenses.

Staff is seeking Council's direction to move forward with the Resolution to amend fees.

Financial Considerations
No revenue increases are forecasted.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Tory Walsh, Metro Animal Services Manager, will be responsible for processing Metro Animal Services Fees.

Attachments

Resolution No. 13-236 (Orange highlights reflect fee eliminations)

Proposed Resolution (Yellow highlights reflect new fees and categories)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-236

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE METROPOLITAN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-187.

WHEREAS, it is desirous to review and change the established fees for the Metropolitan Animal Control facility from time to time, to ensure their timeliness with current economic conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Animal Control Manager desires some flexibility in waiving or reducing set fees at his/her discretion as circumstances dictate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That Resolution No. 96-187 is hereby rescinded, and the following fee schedule is hereby established for use of the Metropolitan Animal Control Facility.

All Fees described herein are on a per-animal basis, and exclude exotic pets and farm animals, except where noted.

Annual License Fees*

City:

Unaltered Dogs and Cats	\$ 25.00
Altered Dogs and Cats	\$ 5.00

County:

Unaltered Dogs and Cats	\$ 5.00
Altered Dogs and Cats	\$ 3.00

Other License Fees:

Trained Commercial Guard Dog	\$ 20.00
Kennel, Cattery, or Pet Shop	\$ 50.00
Zoological Garden or Animal Act	\$ 50.00
Abattoir (Slaughterhouse), Stockyards, Hatchery, Livestock Auction, Feed Store, or Other Place Where Livestock are Bred, Kept, Offered for Sale, or Slaughtered for Commercial Purposes	\$ 50.00

*License fees shall cover a one-year period from the date of issue. A new license shall be obtained each year by every owner, and a new fee paid. Licenses are non-transferrable. Upon change in ownership of an animal or facility, the new owner must obtain a new license.

Adoption Fees

Dogs	\$ 50.00
Cats	\$ 35.00

Other Animals (with the exception of exotic pets
And farm animals, fee will not exceed) \$ 25.00

Adoption Fee Discounts

Senior citizens (age 55 and older), and military personnel (regardless of military status), shall receive 50% off all animal adoption fees.

Overnight Fees

All Animals (per day) \$ 10.00

Impound Fees

First Impoundment:

Unaltered Dogs and Cats \$ 35.00

Altered Dogs and Cats \$ 10.00

All Other Animals \$ 10.00

Second and Subsequent Impoundments:

Unaltered Dogs and Cats \$ 50.00

Altered Dogs and Cats \$ 25.00

All Other Animals \$ 20.00

Quarantine Fees

All animals (Per Day) \$ 10.00

**Owner Release Fee (Owner Surrenders Animal to
Metro Animal Control)**

All Animals \$ 10.00

Exotic Pets and Farm Animal Fees

Due to higher feed costs, special enclosures and handling requirements, all fees shall be doubled for exotic and farm animals. Exotic pets and farm animals are defined in section 6.04.010 of the Casper Municipal Code.

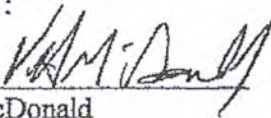
The Metro Animal Control Manager shall have the authority to reduce or waive fees, but shall not have the authority to increase fees without prior approval by City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of September, 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

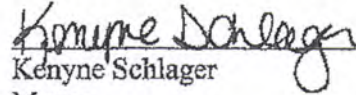


ATTEST:



V. H. McDonald
City Clerk

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation



Kenyne Schlager
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE METROPOLITAN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-236

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to review and change the established fees for the Metropolitan Animal Control facility from time to time, to ensure their timeliness with current economic conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That Resolution No. 13-236 is hereby rescinded, and the following fee schedule is hereby established for use of the Metropolitan Animal Control Facility.

All Fees described herein are on a per-animal basis, and exclude livestock, except where noted below.

Annual License Fees*

Unaltered Dogs and Cats	\$ 25.00
Unaltered Dogs and Cats if microchipped	\$ 15.00
Sterilized Dogs and Cats	\$ 5.00
Sterilized Dogs and Cats if microchipped	\$ 00.00

Other License Fees:

Kennel, Cattery, or Pet Shop	\$ 50.00
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*License fees shall cover a one-year period from the date of issue. Every owner shall obtain a new license each year, and a new fee paid. Upon change in ownership of an animal or facility, the new owner must obtain a new license. Licenses are non-transferable and not refundable.

Adoption Fees

Dogs	\$ 50.00
Cats	\$ 35.00
Other Animals	\$ 25.00

Adoption Fee Discounts

Senior Citizens (age 55 and older), and Military Personnel (regardless of military status), shall receive 50% off all animal adoptions fees. ~~Any and all adopted dogs and cats, shall be sterilized prior to release to their new owners, If a future owner desires to have the animal spayed,~~

or neutered outside of the City of Casper, they shall deposit a bond of \$100.00 to be returned upon proof of the procedure being completed within 10 days, or the bond is forfeited and the animal shall be impounded and/or returned to Metropolitan Animal Control, if said animals are old enough to be castrated or spayed. If an adopted animal is too young to be neutered or spayed, the adopter shall also deposit a bond of \$100.00 and agree to have the procedure done within a reasonable period, as designated by Metropolitan Animal Control Staff. If the animal is not sterilized within the time set by Metropolitan Animal Control, the bond shall be forfeited and the animal shall become the property of Metropolitan Animal Control.

Daily Boarding Fees, if impounded longer than 2 hours

Chicken hens and domestic pets (per day)	\$ 12.00
Livestock (per day)	\$ 24.00

Judicial Impound Fees (Per day)

All Dogs and Cats	\$ 40.00
All Other Animals	\$ 60.00

Quarantine Fees, in addition to impoundment fees	\$ 12.00
All animals (Per Day)	

Veterinarian Costs and Fees actual charges

Owner Release Fee, in addition to all other fees and costs

(Owner Surrenders Animal to Metropolitan Animal Control)	
All Animals	\$ 10.00

General Provisions

Greater boarding and impound fees for "all other animals" are due to generally higher feed costs, and special enclosures and additional handling requirements for animals that are livestock or farm animals, exotic, reptile, avian, livestock and wild animals, as defined under Wyoming Statute.

The Metropolitan Animal Services Manager has no authority to increase fees without prior approval of the Casper City Council.

Metropolitan Animal Control may reduce daily boarding or judicial impoundment fees by no more than 20% if there is a showing of lower than standard costs of care for an animal by Metropolitan Animal Control or financial inability on the part of an owner to reclaim an animal. A signed receipt by the animal owner, noting the reason for the deduction is required.

If an individual has an animal microchipped upon picking the animal up from Metropolitan Animal Control, the fees shall be reduced 20%.

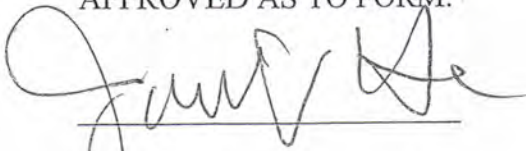
Metropolitan Animal Services Manager has the authority to reduce adoption fees for all animals, but may not increase adoption fees without prior approval from Casper City Council. A signed receipt by the individual adopting the animal, noting the reason for the deduction is required.

Pet Safe Program

Metropolitan Animal Services does have a PetSafe Program for individuals who suffer from loss of residence due to documented fire, domestic violence/abuse, or medical crisis who are unable to house their animals. Such individuals shall be permitted to house their animals with Metropolitan Animal Control for up to 30 days without charge. PetSafe is available on a case-by-case basis and shall be approved by the Metro Manager.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor