

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA,
CALIFORNIA, INCREASING DOG LICENSING FEES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND
DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, dog licensing fees were established in 1972, with a fee increase for altered dogs from \$6 to \$10 occurring in 1976, a fee increase for unaltered dogs from \$10 to \$20 adopted in 1989, and no fee increases adopted since then; and

WHEREAS, the current fees charged for dog licensing do not offset costs incurred in connection with the dog licensing process, including staffing, notices, issuance, fee collection, tags, enforcement and the costs borne in administering the barking dog ordinance process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Constitution and the laws of the State of California, the City of Costa Mesa is authorized to adopt and implement rates, fees and charges for municipal services; provided however, that such rates, fees and/or charges do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, dog licensing fees are considered "beneficiary charges," which are defined as payments made by consumers in direct exchange for publicly-provided services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increases in the dog licensing fees will allow the City to partially recover the costs reasonably borne for providing the service, including current average labor costs, allowable materials or overhead costs; align dog licensing fees to close to midpoint with those similar fees charged in the municipal marketplace; and further the message to residents to consider dog sterilization in order to reduce overpopulation of dogs and the increasing number of dogs that are euthanized because of it. The dog license fees are meant to cover all or a portion of the costs incurred to the City by the user, in this case, the dog's owner; and

WHEREAS, given the history and current costs for the program, the proposed rate increases to the dog licensing fees are a reasonable increase and do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 66016 requires notice to be published in accordance with California Government Code Section 6062a and data made available concerning rates, fees and charges prior to conducting a public hearing with respect to the adoption of increases in rates, fees and charges, or the adoption of new rates, fees and charges for which no other procedure is provided by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 66018, this City Council has conducted and concluded a duly noticed public hearing with respect to the rates, fees and charges prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this City Council desires to adjust the fees for dog licensing services provided by the City of Costa Mesa as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1: This City Council hereby finds and determines that based upon the data, information, analysis, oral and written documentation presented to this City Council concerning the current dog licensing rates and fees, and charges described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and by this reference incorporated herein, the revised dog licensing rates, fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" do not exceed the established reasonable cost of providing the services for which the rates, fees, or charges are levied.

Section 2: The rates, fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" as further described below, are hereby adopted and approved as the rates, fees and charges for the dog licensing services and other dog services provided by the City or by the City's contracted animal shelter.

Section 3: The rates, fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" shall be effective and shall be implemented commencing July 14, 2010.

Section 4: Immediately upon the effective date of the rates, fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A," any previously established rates, fees and/or charges for the City's dog licensing program shall be, and the same are hereby superseded by the rates, fees, and charges established in said Exhibit "A."

Section 5: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

ATTEST:

Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa

APPROVED AS TO FORM

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, JULIE FOLCIK, City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. ___ was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the ___ day of ___, 2010, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ___ day of ___, 2010.

City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the
City Council of the City of Costa Mesa

Effective – July 14, 2010

Animal License Fees

Unaltered Dogs	\$75
Altered Dogs	\$20
Senior Discount/ Altered Dogs	\$9
Late Fee	50% of applicable license fee
Replacement Tag Fee	\$3