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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services

DCM: Cassey Ogden, Deputy City Manager

DATE: May 14, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the proposed Animal Services rates and fees.

BACKGROUND

Animal Services' schedule of fees outlines the cost to the public for adoptions and services such as reclaim after impoundment and quarantine. The current fee schedule was adopted in 2013 by Ordinance 2013-157 (**Exhibit 3**). The proposed schedule of fees has been updated to reflect the recent Chapter 6 Animals Ordinance changes, reflect current practices, and offset an increase in expenses for goods and services.

In developing the revised fee schedule, Animal Services conducted a thorough review of the existing fees including conducting an informal internal cost study. Staff also benchmarked the fees against those of other municipal shelters to ensure market competitiveness.

Additionally, under the City's contract with Denton County, Animal Services provides holding and dispositioning services for County animals, with associated feed charged to the County. The updated fee schedule includes revisions to these rates to better reflect rising operational costs.

The updated fee schedule is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

At this time, DAS is seeking a recommendation from the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to Council for the formal adoption of the proposed schedule of fees.

OPTIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Proposed schedule of fees will be presented to City Council at the May 20, 2025, Council Meeting for review and discussion. Staff anticipates bringing the item for approval to Council in June 2025.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

The current fee schedule was adopted on June 18, 2013 by Ordinance 2013-157 (**Exhibit 3**).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2- Presentation

Exhibit 3- Ordinance 2013-157

Exhibit 4- Schedule of Fees

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki Sassenus, Animal Services Director