

ORDINANCE NO \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES, UPDATING THE EXISTING CHARGES AND FEES FOR CITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY ANIMAL SERVICES; SUPERSEDING PRIOR FEE SCHEDULES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Departments is responsible for providing for the public health and welfare of the community through impoundment, quarantine, and holding services; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services is also responsible for providing positive outcomes for animals in its care through adoption, fostering, and placement with rescue partners; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law and City Code, any fee assessed for services rendered by the City must be adopted by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the fees imposed pursuant to the attached schedule of fees established for the use of facilities or for services provided by the Animal Services (“Department”) bear a reasonable relationship to the cost for such provision, and serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2025 meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, the Committee recommended the City approve the Animal Services Schedule of Fees by a vote of 5 to 0. NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The charges for the use of City property and facilities, and for services provided at or by Animal Services Department shall be as indicated in Exhibit A titled Animal Services Schedule of Fees (“Schedule of Fees”), attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 3. The Schedule of Fees set forth in Exhibit A is hereby adopted and is effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. Fees may be adjusted on an interim basis throughout the year as new services are added or to maintain parity with market trends. Interim changes will be submitted for approval by Animal Shelter Advisory Committee and Council.

SECTION 5. The Schedule of Fees set forth in Exhibit A adopted herein supersedes the Department’s previously established fee schedules.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms or provisions in this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by [\_\_\_\_\_] and seconded by [\_\_\_\_\_].

The ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [\_\_ – \_\_ – \_\_]:

	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
LAUREN THODEN, CITY SECRETARY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_