



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services

DCM: Cassey Ogden, Deputy City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of 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. The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee recommends approval (5-0).

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 4**). 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 3**.

The proposed fee schedule was presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee who voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption at their May 14, 2025 meeting.

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)

Schedule of fees was presented to Council during a work session on May 20, 2025.

On May 14, 2025, the proposed schedule of fees was presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee who voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption of the ordinance.
The current fee schedule was adopted on June 18, 2013 by Ordinance 2013-157 (**Exhibit 4**).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance
Exhibit 3- Schedule of Fees
Exhibit 4- Ordinance 2013-157

Respectfully submitted:
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