

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Department of Health and
Human Services
For reading: December 2, 2008

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Date: 12-17-08 AO No. 2008-129

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 17.25.060. REGARDING FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR RESCUE GROUPS
AND SECTION 17.70.010 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE
REGARDING ADOPTION FEES.**

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code 17.25.060D. is amended to read as follows
(the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out):

17.25.060 Adoption exceptions and requirements.

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D. A person adopting an animal shall pay Municipality of Anchorage
adoption, rabies vaccination, license, microchipping, and any other fees
that apply to the adoptive animal.

1. Rescue groups approved and registered with the Animal Care
and Control Center are exempt from the following fees when the
Animal Care and Control Center makes a request to the rescue
group to adopt an animal:

- a. Dog license fees pursuant to 17.70.010A.2. when the
group is a license vendor in good standing;
- b. Rabies and other vaccinations pursuant to
17.70.010A.3.;
- c. Microchip fee pursuant to 17.70.010A.5.c.; and
- d. Adoption fees pursuant to 17.70.010A.5.e.

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(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03)

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 17.70.010A.5. is amended to read
as follows (the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out):

17.70.010 Animal care and control fee schedule.

A. The chief animal control officer shall provide for collection and
disbursement of the following fees and refunds in the administration of
Title 17:

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5. Adoption:

a. Sterilization fee (<u>dogs and cats</u>):	Cost of Sterilization plus license fees as applicable.	None
b[C]. If a waiting period has been established, a deposit equal to the cost of the sterilization shall be made at the time of the adoption, to be refunded within 30 days following presentation of proof of sterilization to the animal care and control center. Proof of sterilization must be in the form of a signed document from a licensed veterinarian.		
c[B]. Microchip and registration fees (<u>dogs and cats</u>)	Cost plus \$10.00.	None
d. <u>Vaccination fees as applicable</u>	Cost rounded to the nearest dollar plus 10%	None
e [D]. For all animals [OTHER THAN DOGS AND CATS], there shall [BE] also be an adoption fee [CHARGE], in addition to the fees described in subsections A.5.a-d above.		
i. The separate adoption fee shall be in accordance with a fee schedule established by the chief animal control officer, and [BUT WHICH] shall not exceed \$150 [100].		


(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03; AO No. 2003-152S, § 11, 1-1-04)

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of December, 2008.


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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SCHEDULE REGARDING ADOPTION FEES.

Sponsor: MAYOR
Preparing Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:					
(In Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL:					
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp					

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Economic effects are expected to be neutral for expenditures and revenues.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Some adopters will pay more for adopted pets in line with market value. Rescue groups will receive discounts so they can help more animals.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 833-2008

Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

From: MAYOR

Subject: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.25.060. REGARDING FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR RESCUE GROUPS AND SECTION 17.70.010 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING ADOPTION FEES.

Approximately twenty percent of dogs and cats come from animal shelters. The majority of animals are purchased from back yard breeders at well over the price of shelter adoption fees. While the Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center keeps fees to a minimum, it sends a message to adopters that shelter pets are bargain basement animals. By increasing fees for adoptable pets, a higher value will be placed on these animals. Adopters are willing to pay more for certain pets, especially highly adoptable animals such as puppies, kittens, and small dogs. Many shelters across America have instituted variable adoption pricing for these reasons.

Implementing adoption fees for certain pets will offset fees paid by rescue groups when they rescue animals from the shelter. This supports the Animal Care and Control Services Strategic Plan which calls for enhancing relationships with approved rescue groups and providing adoption discounts to rescue groups when rescue is requested by the Animal Care and Control Center (reference strategic plan objective 2.4). Rescue groups will be able to utilize the funds they would have used for adoption to help rescued pets that are in need of extraordinary medical care and training.

The amendment provides for adoption fees to be increased or decreased to give flexibility in pricing and to meet market demands. A price limit, however, is included. Based on the current market, the department would plan to implement the fees shown below. These would be amended as needed when the market changes.

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Current Service Fees</u>	<u>New Adoption Fee</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Puppies	\$ 132	\$18	\$150
Small Dogs	\$ 132	\$43	\$175
Kittens	\$ 107	\$43	\$150

Adoptions at Animal Care and Control will remain an excellent value as all dogs and cats adopted are spayed or neutered, given first vaccinations including rabies vaccinations,

1 microchipped, and licensed if required. All these services are included in the current
2 service fees above.

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4 The following savings would be provided to rescue groups:

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6 <u>Service</u>	<u>Current Service Fees</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Total Fee to Rescue</u>
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8 Vaccinations	\$15	\$15	\$0
9 Rabies Vaccination	\$15	\$15	\$0
10 Adoption Fee	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 Spay/neuter Fee	\$50 Cat / \$60 Dog	\$0	\$50 / \$60
12 Dog License	\$0	\$0	\$0
13 Microchip	\$27	\$27	\$0
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15 Total	\$107 / \$ 117	\$57	\$50 / \$60

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17 The Animal Control Advisory Board unanimously recommended the ordinance revision as
18 evidenced in their memorandum dated October 23, 2008 and associated resolution 2008-03
19 (both attached here).

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22 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AMENDING
23 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.25.060D.1 REGARDING
24 EXEMPTING RESCUE GROUPS FROM FEES AND SECTION 17.70.010A.5
25 REGARDING ADOPTION FEES.

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28 Prepared by: Diane Ingle, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
29 Concur: James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney
30 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
31 Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 23, 2008

TO: Mayor
Assembly Chair

THRU: Director, DHHS
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FROM: Chair, Animal Control Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Amendment To Title 17 Regarding Fees

The Animal Control Advisory Board has identified the goal of increasing adoptions from the Animal Care & Control Facility as a major objective of our strategic plan. Attainment of that objective provides the significant benefit of reducing the number of animals needing to be euthanized each year.

Local rescue groups play a major role in our adoption efforts. Such groups are often willing to adopt unwanted animals, even some scheduled for euthanasia, and go to considerable expense to do so. Such groups would play an even greater role in our adoption efforts if adoption fees were waived when they were called in to intercede on an animal's behalf.

The fee waiver for the rescue groups would be more than offset by revenues from implementing a modification to the fee schedule for a COLA indexed general adoption fee for highly adoptable animals such as puppies, kittens and smaller breed dogs.

The Animal Control Advisory Board has reviewed an ordinance to amend Title 17 to waive certain adoption fees in 17.25 when rescue groups are asked to intercede on an animal's behalf and to amend the Title 17 fee schedule for adoption of highly desirable animals. The Board unanimously approved this ordinance at its regular meeting of September 25, 2008 and recommends it be submitted to, and passed by, the Anchorage Assembly.

ATTCH: Proposed Ordinance
Resolution No. 2008-03

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03**

WHEREAS a major objective of the Strategic Plan for Animal Care & Control is to reduce the number of animals needing to be euthanized each year; and

WHEREAS a major factor in obtaining that objective is to increase the number of animals adopted from Animal Care & Control; and

WHEREAS local animal rescue groups adopt a significant percentage of the animals taken in by Animal Care & Control; and

WHEREAS rescue groups are consistently willing to adopt older animals less desired by the public as a whole, often including those scheduled for euthanasia; and

WHEREAS such groups would perform further adoptions if their costs to do so were lessened; and

WHEREAS a reduction in fees charged to rescue groups for adoption could be more than offset by implementing a moderate adoption fee for highly adoptable animals; and

WHEREAS reducing fees for rescue groups with offsetting adoption fees for highly desirable animals would result in a greater number of adoptions and fewer animals being euthanized;

NOW THEREFORE THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
HEREBY RESOLVES:

THAT AMC 17.25 should be amended to waive fees for rescue groups asked to intercede on an animal's behalf by Animal Care & Control; and

THAT the fee schedule in Title 17 should be amended to provide for a moderate adoption fee for highly adoptable animals.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2008.



Chair, Animal Control Advisory Board

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Title: An Ordinance amending AMC Section 17.25.060. regarding Fee Exemptions for Rescue Groups and Section 17.70.010 Animal Care and Control Fee Schedule regarding Adoption Fees

Author: pinkleyda**Initiating Dept:** HHS

Description: An Ordinance amending AMC Section 17.25.060. regarding Fee Exemptions for Rescue Groups and Section 17.70.010 Animal Care and Control Fee Schedule regarding Adoption Fees

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