



Meeting Date: 08.15.2018
Agenda Item: #

Mission Statement

To provide our growing dynamic community excellent municipal services to make Fernley a great place to live, work, and play.

Together, we enhance the desirability, safety, friendliness, aesthetics and quality of life in our city.

FERNLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING - STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor & City Council

REPORT FROM: Suzi Leverett, Animal Control Officer

REPORT THRU: Daphne Hooper, City Manager

REVIEWED BY: Brandi Jensen, City Attorney

REVIEWED BY: Denise Lewis, Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM: **Discussion and Possible action to adopt a Resolution regarding an increase in dog licensing fees within the City of Fernley city limits.**

ACTION REQUESTED: Consent Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends the following action:

“I move to adopt Resolution #18-012 to increase the dog licensing fees.”

Key Points:

1. The City of Fernley dog license fees are lower than the fees being charged by the surrounding cities and counties, including Lyon County.
2. The City of Fernley has not amended nor increased the dog license fees since 2002.
3. License fees for dog licenses and tags, other than dogs housed in a kennel, shall be established and modified by resolution of the Council.

POLICY REFERENCE

Nevada Statutes: NRS 441A.410; NAC 441A.435
Fernley Municipal Code: FMC Title 6, Sec. 6.04(a)
Policies & Procedure Manual: N/A
Community Assessment: N/A
Other: Resolution #02-009

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The primary responsibility of Animal Control is to protect the public health and welfare from adverse acts or conditions associated with domestic animals, specifically dogs kept as pets, companions, or for breeding purposes. Pursuant of NRS 441A.410 Control of rabies, the State Board of Health shall adopt regulations governing the control of rabies. The regulations must provide for the periodic inoculation of animals with approved vaccines. Pursuant of NAC 441A.435, the owner of a dog shall maintain current rabies vaccination. The City’s Animal Control Officer administers a Dog Licensing Program to assure the rabies vaccination of dogs. It is policy for the City of Fernley to charge \$5.00 for an altered dog, \$10.00 for an intact dog per year. The fee to replace a lost or worn tag is \$1.00. These fees were adopted by Resolution #02-009 in 2002.

Research of the surrounding jurisdictions was performed to assess what those jurisdictions were charging for dog licensing. The information gathered shows the City of Fernley fees are consistently lower.

Jurisdiction	Current Intact	Proposed Intact	Current Altered	Current Tag Replacement	Proposed Tag Replacement	Notes
City of Fernley	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$5.00	
Lyon County	\$25.00		\$5.00	\$5.00		Seniors are free
Carson City	\$25.00		\$8.00	Not specified		Charges late fee
Fallon	\$5.00		\$2.50	Not specified		
Douglas County	\$25.00		\$8.00	Not specified		Discounts for 2 or 3 year tag purchase
Storey County	\$25.00 Unspayed females		\$10.00 Males & spayed females	Not Specified		
Washoe County	\$20.00		\$8.00	\$5.00		Discount for Senior citizen

The goal of Animal Control is to align the dog license fees consistent with Lyon County. As a result, the fee adjustment along with increased awareness of the benefits of spaying/neutering, staff anticipates an increase of revenue and an improvement in control of the over population of animals within the City of Fernley.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FISCAL IMPACT:

- 1. Is There A Fiscal Impact? Yes
 - 2. Is it Currently Budgeted? Yes
- If Budgeted, Which Line Item/Account?
 100-320-170

FISCAL SYNOPSIS:

Staff anticipates revenue will increase.

ATTACHED INFORMATION

Proposed Resolution #18-012