

Proposed Animal Services Code Revision Ordinance
SUMMARY

The animal services code revision ordinance is intended make code changes immediately necessary to the implementation of the proposed regional model for animal services. A more comprehensive code update, including alignment between K.C.C. titles 2 and 11, will be undertaken at a later date. A summary of the major code changes proposed is as follows:

1. Creates the “Animal Bequest Fund” as a first tier fund managed by the Director of the Department of Executive Services (DES), and
 - a) requires funds be used in accordance with donor restrictions and only for the purposes of animal services;
 - b) transfers funds in existing “Animal Bequest Account” to the “Animal Bequest Fund.”
2. Authorizes the Records and Licensing Division (RALD) to accept electronic payments for animal care, control and pet licensing related services, including all fees and penalties in K.C.C. 11.04.035.
3. Authorizes the Director of DES to enter into concession agreements with vendors to sell animal-related products and services, the proceeds from which will be applied solely to regional animal services.
4. Authorizes the Executive to accept and solicit gifts, bequests and donations in support of regional animal services to be deposited in the “Animal Bequest Fund.”
5. Strikes all references to “animal care and control” and inserts “regional animal services.”
6. Creates a new “discounted license,” available to seniors and disabled individuals (in accordance with the requirements of the Metro Regional Reduced Fare Permit program), and
 - a) sets the fee for the “discounted license” at \$15;
 - b) exempts seniors who have already purchased the now eliminated “lifetime license.”
7. Enables purchase of a juvenile license for unaltered pets in lieu of an adult unaltered license for up to six months.
8. Reorganizes the fees and fines section into the following categories:
 - a) Licenses and registration fees
 - b) Business and activity permits
 - c) Civil penalties, with specific sections for (1) general, (2) vicious animal or animal cruelty violations, (3) dog leash law violations, (4) animal abandonment, (5) unlicensed cat or dog
 - d) Service fees

9. Makes the following specific fee/fine changes:

Fee/Fine	Old rate	New rate	Notes
“Discounted pet license”	n/a	\$15	Replaces “Senior Lifetime License” (free after first purchase)
“Juvenile pet license”	\$5	\$15	Only available for up to six months
“Private animal placement permit”	n/a	\$30	Consolidates individual (\$25) and organizational (\$10) private animal placement permits into one
“Civil penalty: general”	"up to \$1000"	\$50/\$100/ double previous*	Clarifies standard for determining amount of penalty
“Civil penalty: vicious animal or animal cruelty”		\$500/\$1000*	New category
Unlicensed cat or dog – altered	\$75	\$125	
Unlicensed cat or dog – unaltered	\$75	\$250	
Adoption fee	\$75	\$75 - \$250	Based on adoptability
Impound fee	\$45/\$85/\$90*	\$45/\$85/\$125*	
Livestock impound fee	\$100	\$100 or actual sheltering cost	Whichever is greater
Kenneling fee	\$12	\$20	
In-field pick-up	\$20	\$75	For unlicensed pets
Owner-requested euthanasia	\$20	\$50	For unlicensed pets

*multiple rates indicate increase with successive offenses

10. Authorizes the regional animal services manager to provide periods of amnesty for paying of outstanding licensing fees, late licensing penalty fees and other animal services-related fees.
11. Clarifies Title 11 enforcement procedures by specifying notice and order requirements and standard of review in Board of Appeals' review of animal control enforcement matters.
12. Repeals provisions relating to Animal Care and Control Citizen's Advisory Committee.