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MEMO

TO: Missoula City Council
FROM: Shannon Therriault, R.S, Environmental Health Director
Holli Hargrove, Animal Control Manager
DATE: May 31, 2023
RE: Proposed Animal Control Fee Changes

We recently proposed changes to the multiple dog permit requirements, which hopefully will have a public hearing on June 26, 2023. In those changes, we proposed that Animal Control collect an application fee up front to compensate Animal Control for all the work they do to evaluate whether a property meets the city code for having more than two dogs. However, we forgot to include a proposed fee. We are also taking this opportunity to clarify and change a few other Animal Control fees set by City Council.

The proposed changes include:

- Adding a \$75 multiple dog permit application fee and changing the annual renewal fee to \$50.
- Deleting the "reinstatement fee" from dog licenses. We haven't charged this fee in our memory.
- Changing the wording of "duplicate fee" to "tag replacement fee."
- Removing the explanation column in safekeeping fee table. It is best practice for shelters to give certain vaccines upon intake, and there are times we are not able to give rabies vaccines during the safekeep and stray periods.
- Changing surrender fees to encourage people to schedule the surrender with us, and to accommodate for litters of puppies and kittens.
- Reducing the at-home quarantine fee.
- Raising adoption fees to be inclusive of spay neuter documentation.
- Adding an adoption fee for other animals (birds, rabbits, ferrets, lizards, snakes, etc.)
- Adding the fee we currently charge for rabies certificates.

We will explain these fees in more detail when we meet with the committee.