

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING PIMA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6.04 TO INCREASE DOG LICENSING FEES

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, FINDS THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors has authority under A.R.S. § 11-1008 to set dog licensing fees.
2. It is in the best interests of the County to eliminate the reduced low-income licensing fee for unaltered dogs in order to encourage all dog owners to spay or neuter their pets.
3. It is in the best interests of the County to increase dog licensing fees to offset cost increases associated with operating the licensing program, sheltering unwanted and homeless pets, and providing animal welfare and rabies control enforcement service to the community.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

SECTION 1: Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2011-69 and subsections 6.04.070(B) and (H) of the Pima County Code are amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6.04

ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

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6.04.070 - Dog vaccinating, licensing and permitting procedure and fees within county limits.

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B. The licensing fees for dogs three months of age or over which are kept within the boundaries of the county for at least thirty consecutive days are as follows:

1. Regular, unaltered dog—sixty dollars.

2. Regular, altered dog—fifteen dollars.
3. Dogs declared dangerous or vicious—one hundred dollars.
4. Senior/disabled citizen owner, unaltered dog (limit four discounted dog licenses per household)—seventeen dollars.
5. Senior/disabled citizen owner, altered dog (limit four discounted dog licenses per household)—ten dollars.
6. Dogs ten years of age or older—fifteen dollars.
- ~~7. A dog owner with a household income below the federal poverty level is eligible for a one time twenty-seven dollar unaltered dog licensing fee per dog.~~
78. A dog owner with a household income below the federal poverty level is eligible for an eight dollar dog licensing fee per altered dog (limit four discounted dog licenses per household).
89. A guide dog belonging to a blind person who is a resident within Pima County, or a dog certified, in writing, as being trained to the standards of a service animal by a nationally recognized service dog training agency belonging to a resident within Pima County shall be licensed pursuant to this article without payment of a fee.
910. Processing/Postage fee per license, one dollar.

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H. ~~This fee schedule is effective for the license cycle beginning June 2009. Effective July 1, 2015, fees authorized in subsections (B)(1) through (B)(7) of this section will increase on July 1 of each year by one dollar per year through July 1, 2019.~~

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance is effective July 1, 2015 or 30 days after the date of adoption, whichever is sooner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this
19th day of May, 2015.


 Chair, Board of Supervisors

MAY 19 2015
 Date

ATTEST:


 Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Deputy County Attorney