

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2024

PREPARED BY: Richard D. Cannone, AICP, Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PET REIMBURSEMENT POLICY TO INCLUDE MICROCHIPPING AND INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PET REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PALM DESERT."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In September 2010, the City Council authorized the reimbursement of pet adoption fees for adoptions from the Riverside County Department of Animal Services (RCDAS). In July 2014, the City Council approved a change to offer subsidies of up to \$50 for spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats and \$25 for annual vaccinations. In January 2019, the City Council expanded the reimbursement of pet adoption fees to also include non-profit organizations.

At the March 28, 2024, City Council Study Session, staff recommended that microchipping be added as a reimbursable fee at a cost of \$21 to further reduce the number of animals being brought to the shelter. Staff also recommend increasing the spay and neutering reimbursement amounts to \$100 for cats and \$150 for dogs. The consensus of the City Council at that study session was to move forward with the staff's recommendations.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City Council approved \$10,000 for this purpose in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget in account 1104230-4388400.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Resolution