

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PET REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PALM DESERT

WHEREAS, in September 2010, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert established a policy to authorize reimbursement of pet adoption fees for adoptions from the Riverside County Department of Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the City Council expanded the policy to include reimbursement for spaying, neutering, and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019, the City Council January authorized reimbursement of pet adoption fees to also include nonprofit organizations with offices in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to amend the pet reimbursement policy to increase the reimbursement amounts for spaying and neutering and include reimbursements for microchipping to further assist in reducing the number of animals in the animal shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert as follows:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Pet Reimbursement Policy is included on Exhibit "A" of this resolution.

ADOPTED ON this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024.

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KARINA QUINTANILLA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK

Resolution No. 2024- \_\_\_\_\_

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK

**Exhibit A**  
**Pet Reimbursement Policy**

**A. Animal Adoptions**

Residents seeking reimbursement for Pet Adoptions are required to submit the following information to the Development Services Department:

1. Proof of residency within the City of Palm Desert by presenting one of the following options:
  - a. Utility bill and property tax bill with the resident's city address, or
  - b. Rental or lease agreement and a utility bill with the resident's city address.
2. Receipt showing payment for pet adoption from one of the following sources:
  - a. Coachella Valley Animal Campus, or
  - b. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations with offices located within the city.
3. Terms and Conditions:
  - a. Nonprofit organizations must meet the IRS criteria to be classified as nonprofit and may be required to provide proof of current tax-exempt status pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501.
4. Reimbursement rates shall be commensurate with the approved Riverside County fee schedule for adoptions.

**B. Vaccinations, Spay/Neutering, and Microchipping**

Residents seeking reimbursement for vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and microchipping are required to submit the following information to the Development Services Department:

1. Proof of residency within the City of Palm Desert by presenting one of the following:
  - a. Utility bill and property tax bill with the resident's city address, or
  - b. Rental or lease agreement and a utility bill with the resident's city address.
2. Receipt showing payment for the vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and/or microchipping from the last 60 days.
3. Proof of the current license (dogs only)
4. Reimbursements are available for up to four animals per household per year. Reimbursements shall be as follows:
  - a. Vaccinations
    - i. Reimbursable amount: up to \$25
    - ii. Eligible Vaccinations:
      - 1) **Dogs:** Rabies, DA2PD, DA2PP/4 in 1 (Distemper, Adenovirus/Hepatitis, Parainfluenza), DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvo) and Bordetella, and all boosters for the above vaccinations.
      - 2) **Cats:** Rabies, FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia), FELV (Feline Leukemia), and all boosters for the above vaccinations.
  - b. Microchipping
    - i. Reimbursable amount: up to \$21
  - c. Spay or Neuter
    - i. Reimbursable amount: up to \$100 for cats, and up to \$150 for dogs.