

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE FEES FOR DOG LICENSES

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert (the “City”) contracts with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services (“RCDAS”) for animal control services (the “Contract”). The most recent Contract with RCDAS was approved on July 11, 2024, and will terminate on June 30, 2025. Under the Contract, RCDAS provides the following services for the City: kennel services, dog license processing, dead animal disposal, field enforcement, and other services related to animal control; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined providing animal control services is a necessary and vital service required for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare of City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs certain costs associated with providing the administration of animal control services and the RCDAS Contract, which is on file in the City Clerk’s office available for inspection during normal business hours of the City, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 38792, the City Council has the authority to collect a license fee for dogs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.08.040 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code (“Code”), the City’s dog licensing fee schedule (“License Fees”) has not been updated since 1998, and the City has determined that the current License Fee is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the RCDAS Contract and related administration costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the License Fees to allow the City to recover a portion of the costs incurred related to the Contract and in administering services related to dogs, including animal sheltering and control; and

WHEREAS, prior to increasing the License Fees the City is required to hold a noticed public hearing at which oral and written presentations can be made and heard; and

WHEREAS, notices of said public hearing were made at the time and in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to approve the proposed License Fees.

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 City Council finds that the costs associated with the Contract and administration of animal control services within the City imposes certain costs upon the City and the proposed License Fees recover only a portion of such costs and in no event does such Licensing Fees exceed the costs incurred by the City.

SECTION 3. Effective immediately following the approval of this Resolution, the City Council hereby establishes the following annual License Fees:

<b>License Type</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<i>Altered dog</i>	\$15	\$20	\$22
<i>Unaltered Dog</i>	\$120	\$240	\$360
<i>Altered Dog, owned by Senior Citizen 60+</i>	\$12	\$13	\$14

<sup>(1)</sup> A three-year license is only available for dogs that have attained the age of 12 months or older and have been vaccinated. In any event no license period may extend beyond the remaining period of validity for the current rabies vaccination. (Gov't. Code, § 38792(b).)

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

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