

RESOLUTION NO. 87-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR LICENSING AND SHELTERING OF ANIMALS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 79-16.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest resolves as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Scope

This Resolution is adopted for the purpose of setting fees and charges for the for the licensing, care, custody and control of animals under Chapter 5 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code.

Section 2. Findings

The rates, fees and charges set forth herein will generate revenues adequate only to maintain the existing level of services and, for this reason, such fees and charges are exempt from further environmental review under 14 Cal Administrative Code Section 15273. The rates, fees and charges set forth herein are sufficient only to recover the cost of providing the service for material for which the fee or charge is levied.

Section 3. Dog License Fees

(a) A person having custody or control of any dog over the age of 4 months shall pay an annual license fee. The term of the license for dogs less than 12 month of age is one year. The term of the license for dogs 12 months or older which have been vaccinated is 1, 2 or 3 years as determined by the person from whom the license fee is collected. In no event shall the term of the license extend beyond the remaining period of validity for current rabies vaccination.

(b) The license fee is:

1. \$12.00 for 1 year;
2. \$22.00 for 2 years;
3. \$30.00 for 3 years.

(c) The license fee for a male dog that has been neutered or a female dog that has been spayed is:

1. \$3.00 for 1 year;
2. \$5.00 for 2 years;
3. \$7.00 for 3 years.

(d) Licenses shall be obtained when the dog reaches the age of 4 months. A dog license shall become delinquent 30-days after it is due and payable. A delinquency penalty of \$10.00 shall be added to each license fee for late payments. License and delinquency fees shall not be prorated. Duplicate license tags shall be secured at a cost of \$1.00.

(e) The owner of a guide dog shall procure a license but no license fees shall be levied.

Section 4. Shelter Fees

The following fees shall be paid to the animal control officer to redeem impounded animals.

(a) For animals weighing less than 25 pounds, excepting dogs: \$10.00;

(b) Animals weighing 25 pounds or over, including Bovine animals, horses, mules, burros, sheep, hogs or other stock, excepting dogs: \$35.00;

(c) Dogs:

\$22.00 First Impoundment;  
\$32.00 Second Impoundment;  
\$42.00 Third Impoundment and any subsequent impoundment within 12 months from the most recent impoundment month.

Vicious dogs: Additional \$35.00;  
Female dog in season: \$25.00 first redemption and \$50.00 subsequent redemptions.

Section 5. Food and Care Fees

In addition to the redemption fees set forth above, the animal control officer shall collect the following fees and charges from persons redeeming impounded animals:

- (a) \$5.50 per day first impoundment;
- (b) \$8.00 per day for all subsequent impoundments within 12 months from the most recent impoundment month.

Section 6. Repeals

Resolution No. 79-16 is hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Resolution is effective the 15th day of April, 1987.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 1987, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Mower, Councilmembers Bergens, Corlett, and Wiknich.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pearson.

ABSTAIN: None.

  
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Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk