

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Health – Animal Services

AGENDA DATE: CCA Introduction 08/04/09; Public Hearing 08/11/09

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 7 (Animals), Chapter 7.08 (Animals Generally), Section 7.08.080 (Animal Regulation and Disease Control Department Services – Fees) of the El Paso City Code by adding subsection F, authorizing a fee for microchipping.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District (“Health District”) had fees for various services, including microchipping. Since the City created the DOPH and took over the Animal Services function previously handled by the Health District, DOPH has continued to charge a fee for microchipping. The authorization for the City to continue charging the fee for microchipping last year was provided through the Budget Resolution, and this year DOPH is seeking Council authorization to continue charging this fee through an ordinance.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager)

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (ANIMALS), CHAPTER 7.08 (ANIMALS GENERALLY), SECTION 7.08.080 (ANIMAL REGULATION AND DISEASE CONTROL DEPARTMENT SERVICES – FEES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION F, AUTHORIZING A FEE FOR MICROCHIPPING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Title 7 (Animals), Chapter 7.08 (Animals generally), Section 7.08.080 (Animal regulation and disease control department services – Fees.) of the El Paso City Code, shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

7.08.080 Animal regulation and disease control department services--Fees.

For services rendered, the following fees identified in the adopted budget resolution for the current year or other appropriately adopted resolution by the City Council shall be charged:

- A. Euthanasia performed on owned animals at the owner's request;
- B. Impoundment of animal at the owner's request for euthanasia;
- C. Delivery of animals to owners;
- D. Handling of animal bodies brought to the program for disposal;
- E. Tick dips; and
- F. Microchipping of animals as required by Title 7 of the City Code, regardless of the place of performance of such service.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2009.

Section 3. Except as expressly herein amended, Title 7 (Animals), Chapter 7.08 (Animals Generally) of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

ATTEST:

John F. Cook, Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

Michael Hill, Director
Department of Public Health