

City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 21, 2010 Special Orders of the Day

SUBJECT: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 10-1457, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATING THE ANIMAL CONTROL LICENSING FEE SCHEDULE

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Approved by Jerome G. Groomes

City Manager

I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This item was continued from the September 7, 2010 meeting.

The city of Carson contracts with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (LACDACC) for its animal control services. LACDACC periodically reviews the fees that they charge for services and increases those fees when deemed necessary. The city of Carson received notification of the most recent increase in fees with the Fiscal Year 2010/11 service level and billing rate request from the LACDACC.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 10-1457 (Exhibit No. 1), which will amend Section 3310 of the Carson Municipal Code, animal licensing Fee Schedule, to be consistent with the LACDACC fees.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the flowing actions:

- 1. OPEN the continued Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
- 2. WAIVE further reading and INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 10-1457, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING POUND REGULATIONS AND AMENDING THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE."

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE any other action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

The city of Carson contracts with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (LACDACC) for its animal control services. As part of that agreement, Carson must either adopt the fees that LACDACC charges or institute a fee structure unique to the city of Carson and notify the LACDACC of that fee structure. LACDACC periodically reviews the fees that they charge for services and increases those fees when deemed necessary. The city of Carson received

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notification of the most recent increase in fees with the Fiscal Year 2010/11 service level and billing rate request from the LACDACC. A summary of the proposed changes to the fees in the CMC to align them with the fees of the LACDACC are as follows:

	Current	Proposed
License processing:	\$0.00	\$2.53
Dog license (unspayed/unneutered)	\$20.00	\$60.00
Dog license (spayed/neutered)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Senior citizen dog license (spayed/neutered)	\$5.00	\$7.50
Delinquency charge for annual renewal	\$20.00	*
* equal to cost of license		
Wild animal license fee	\$50.00	\$100.00
Voluntary identification registration (annual renewal)	\$5.00	\$10.00

All other licensing fees, including cat licensing fees, remain unchanged.

The animal control services that are provided by the LACDACC include housing of stray animals, special care when needed, veterinary costs, dead animal disposal, field services and animal licensing. The monthly cost to the city for providing these services to the residents of Carson averages \$30,430.49. That cost is reduced by fees collected for animal licensing. The monthly credit that Carson receives from animal licensing averages \$4,624.95. This credit reduces the cost of providing animal control services to an average of \$25,805.54 per month. If the proposed ordinance is adopted, and the fees are brought into alignment with those of Los Angeles County, it is estimated that the monthly credit could be approximately \$9,000.00. This would reduce the monthly cost of providing animal control services to \$21,430.49, or a net savings of \$4,375.05 per month.

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 10-1457, which will amend the Carson Municipal Code (CMC), Article III, Chapter 3, Section 3310, Fee Schedule, to be consistent with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control fees. The current CMC Article III, Chapter 3 Pound Regulations (Exhibit No. 2) is attached for reference.

The responsibilities of the LACDACC are generally limited to those animals that are typically kept as pets. Wild animals are viewed as the responsibility of the California Department of Fish and Game. If a wild animal is causing property damage, the LACDACC can be called upon to remove the animal. Otherwise, it is the policy of the LACDACC to leave the wild animals in the area that they inhabit. Previous efforts to relocate wild animals to non-residential areas have been unsuccessful since they are territorial by nature. This results in attacks on the relocated animals by the indigenous animals of any new area they are relocated to.

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V. FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impact is anticipated to be a reduction in actual costs incurred for providing animal control services to the residents of the city of Carson.

VI. <u>EXHIBITS</u>

- 1. City of Carson proposed Ordinance No. 10-1457. (pgs. 4-6)
- 2. Carson Municipal Code Chapter 3, Pound Regulations. (pgs. 7-11)

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-1457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING POUND REGULATIONS AND AMENDING THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the city of Carson contracts with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control and, as a result of that agreement, seeks to closely align the fees charged for animal licensing services with those charged by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control has experienced an increase in their costs of providing services and have subsequently increased the fees charged for providing animal licensing services; and

WHEREAS, the city of Carson seeks to obtain cost recovery for the increased cost of services provided by aligning the Fee Schedule contained within the Carson Municipal Code with the fees charged by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3310 of the Carson Municipal Code, related to the Fee Schedule for animal licensing, is hereby amended to read:

3310. Fee Schedule.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3300, Chapter 10.90 of Division 3, Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code is amended by amending Section 10.90.010, Part VI to read:

VI. Individual Animal Licenses.

Every person owning a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months shall obtain an annual license and tag for such dog or cat; except, there shall be a one-time-only fee for registration of discharged military dogs, for guide dogs or Seeing-eye dogs, for signal dogs trained to assist the hearing impaired, for service dogs trained to perform tasks to assist the physically handicapped, and for spayed or neutered dogs belonging to senior citizens upon payment of the following fees:

License processing fee

\$ 2.53



A. Dog license and tag fees:

1. Unnaltered (Unspayed/unneutered)	\$60.00				
2. Altered (Spayed/neutered)	20.00				
3. Senior citizen – Spayed/neutered dog	7.50				
4. Delinquency charge for annual license renewal equivalent	7.50				
to the cost of the license, will be added to the license fee if					
the renewal application is submitted more than 10 calendar					
days past the expiration date of a license, or if a license	.*·				
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application was not otherwise timely submitted.					
5. Replacement of tag or official license receipt	5.00				
6. Transfer of ownership	5.00				
7. Discharged military dogs (one-time registration fee)					
8. Guide dogs or Seeing Eye dogs, signal dogs, and service do	gs				
(one-time registration fee)	5.00				
9. Field enforcement fee: The owner or custodian of a dog					
found unlicensed by a department employee in the field will					
be charged a field enforcement fee.	40.00				
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B. Cat license and tag fees:					
1. Unspayed/unneutered	\$10.00				
2. Spayed/neutered	5.00				
3. Replacement cat tag	5.00				
4. Transfer of ownership	5.00				
5. Delinquency charge for annual license renewal equivalent	2.00				
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5. Delinquency charge for annual license renewal equivalent to the cost of the license, will be added to the license fee if the renewal is submitted more than 10 calendar days past the expiration date of a license, or if a license application was not otherwise timely submitted.

6. Field enforcement fee: The owner or custodian of a cat found unlicensed by a department employee in the field will be charged a field enforcement fee.

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Section 2. If any provision(s) of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that they would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted and published in the manner required by law.

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CHAPTER 3 POUND REGULATIONS*

Sections:

§ 3300 Adoption of Animal Control Ordinance.

§ 3301 Addition to Animal Control Ordinance.

§ 3303 Violations - Penalty.

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§ 3305 Wild Animals - Definition.

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§ 3309 Spaying or Neutering.

§ 3310 Fee Schedule.

*Editor's Note: Prior ordinances codified herein include Ordinance Nos. 2, 29, 72-222, 87-799, 91-933U and 91-933.

§ 3300 Adoption of Animal Control Ordinance.

Title 10, Animals, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 5, 1993, is hereby adopted by reference as the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Carson.

A copy of the Animal Control Ordinance has been deposited in the office of the City Clerk and shall at all times be maintained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 91-943, § 1; Ord. 95-1052, § 1)

§ 3301 Addition to Animal Control Ordinance.

Notwithstanding the provisions of CMC 3300, the Animal Control Ordinance is amended by adding Section 10.40.110 to read as follows:

10.40.110 Dogs - Prohibited in Public Parks.

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to allow said animal to enter upon any public park.

B. The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit the use of dogs on park property for teaching uses when approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Ord. 91-943, § 1)

§ 3303 Violations – Penalty.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter is guilty of an infraction which is punishable as provided in CMC 1200(b).

(b) Violation of Sections:

10.12.190 10.12.200 10.12.210(B) 10.20.280 10.20.310 10.28.060 10.28.100 10.32.020 10.32.040 10.32.070 10.32.080 10.37.030 10.37.040(c) 10.37.050(C) 10.37.050(F) 10.40.010 10.40.040 10.40.050 10.40.065(b) 10.48.060



10.80.020 10.84.030 10.86.010 10.86.020

of the Animal Control Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 91-943, § 1)

§ 3304 Repealed.

Repealed by Ord. 91-943.

§ 3305 Wild Animals – Definition.

Notwithstanding the provisions of CMC <u>3300</u>, the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Carson is amended by amending Section 10.08.250 thereof to read:

10.08.250 <u>Wild Animal.</u> "Wild animal" means any wild, exotic, dangerous, or nondomestic animal, including but not limited to mammals, fowl, fish or reptiles, except alligators which have been kept as pets within single family residential property occupied by the owners thereof located in the area now within the city limits of the City of Carson continuously since a date prior to the incorporation of the City of Carson on February 20, 1968.

(Ord. 91-943, § 1)

§ 3306 License Requirements.

Notwithstanding the provisions of CMC 3300, the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Carson is amended by adding to the list of animals set forth in Section 10.28.060 which do not require a license from the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control as tax collector, as item 20 thereof, the following.

20. Alligators which have been kept as pets within single family residential property occupied by the owners thereof located in the area now within the City limits of the City of Carson continuously since a date prior to the incorporation of the City of Carson on February 20, 1968.

(Ord. 91-943, § 1)

§ 3307 Proper Confinement.

Every person owning and keeping an alligator referred to in Section 10.28.060, item 20, as herein amended, shall keep such animal under proper confinement within the private residential property of the owner and shall not cause, permit or allow such animal to be or to run at large, and shall maintain such animal in all respects in the manner prescribed for the keeping of animals by Section 10.32.080. (Ord. 91-943, § 1)

§ 3308 Licensing - Dogs and Cats.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3300, Chapter 10.20 of Division 1, Title 10, of the Los Angeles County Code, is amended by amending Parts 1 and 2 to read as follows:

Chapter 10.20

DOGS AND CATS

Part 1

LICENSING

10.20.010 <u>License tags – Issuance – Fee.</u> Pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30801) of Division 14 and Section 31751 of Division 14.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, the director shall issue serially numbered metallic dog and cat license tags stamped with the name of the City of Carson and shall collect for each such tag the sum of \$1.00.

10.20.011 <u>License – Issuance by veterinarians and other qualified persons in unincorporated areas of the counce Conditions.</u> The director may authorize the issuance of dog licenses and cat licenses, as required by Section 10.20.01 persons practicing veterinary medicine in the City of Carson, or other persons approved by the director who meanifications established by the department. Said persons shall transmit records and negotiable papers to the department.

of animal care and control at intervals as established by the director, and collect and transmit to the director the fee required by this chapter for the issuance of such licenses.

10.20.020 Person deemed custodian when. Any person keeping or harboring any dog or cat for fifteen (15) consecutive days shall be deemed to be the custodian thereof and subject to licensing provisions within the meaning of this Division 1.

10.20.030 <u>License – Required – Costs.</u> Every person owning or having custody or control of any dog or cat over the age of four (4) months in the City of Carson shall obtain a license from the director for each of such dogs and cats and shall pay the fees for such licenses as set forth in Section 10.90.010.

10.20.035 <u>Senior citizen – Defined – Reduced rates.</u> A fee of one-half of the amount for dog licenses and cat licenses stated in Section 10.90.010 shall be charged to persons presenting proof and qualifying for senior citizen status. For purposes of this Title 10, persons over sixty (60) years of age qualify for senior citizen status.

10.20.040 Kennel dogs and cats – Individual license required when. An individual dog license or cat license shall be obtained for each dog or cat in addition to a kennel license when such dog or cat is not kept exclusively on the premises. No individual license shall be required for any dog or cat in transit, or when attending a dog show or cat show in the care of a kennel representative.

10.20.045 <u>Dog or cat breeding – License required – Fees.</u> Any person, except for a person possessing a valid kennel license who for pay or other compensation causes the breeding of a female dog or cat, shall obtain an animal breeding permit in the amount set forth in Section 10.90.010. Each permit shall authorize the whelping of no more than one (1) litter per female cat or dog in any twelve (12) month period and no more than one (1) litter per domestic household in any twelve (12) month period.

10.20.050 Exceptions from licensing requirement. The provision of this Division 1 do not require either a tag or a license for:

- 1. Any dog or cat found within the City of Carson when the owner thereof resides in the unincorporated portion of the County of Los Angeles or in any municipality within the county, and such dog or cat is wearing or has attached to it a license tag for the current year issued by such municipality or county;
- 2. Any dog or cat owned by or in the charge of any person who is a nonresident of the City of Carson or of the County of Los Angeles and is traveling through the City of Carson or the County of Los Angeles or temporarily sojourning therein for a period of not exceeding thirty (30) days;
- 3. Any dog or cat brought into the City of Carson and kept therein for not to exceed thirty (30) days for the exclusive purpose of entering the same in any bench show, or dog or cat exhibition, or field trials or competition;
- 4. Any dog or cat brought or sent in to the City of Carson from any point outside thereof for the exclusive purpose or receiving care in any dog or cat hospital, in the event that such dog or cat is kept at all times strictly confined within such hospital;
- 5. Any dog or cat wearing or having attached to it a license tag for the current year issued by a municipality within the County of Los Angeles when the owner thereof has, within one (1) year last past, moved his principal place of residence from such municipality to the City of Carson; provided, that such municipality similarly exempts from tag and license requirements dogs and cats wearing current license tags and owned by persons who have moved from the City of Carson to such municipality.

10.20.060 <u>Unvaccinated dogs and cats – Licensing permitted when.</u> The director may accept the payment of the fee for a license tag and a license for a dog or cat which has not been vaccinated as required by Division 1 on condition that the owner of such dog or cat, within five (5) days thereafter, have such dog or cat vaccinated and submit the required veterinarian's certificate to the director. Upon receipt of such certificate, the director shall issue the license tag and license.

10.20.070 <u>Unvaccinated dogs and cats – Time limit for vaccination when dog or cat is disabled.</u> A person who obtains a license without submitting a certificate of vaccination because of the infirmity or disability of the dog or cat shall, within ten (10) days after the termination of such infirmity or disability, cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated as required by Part 2 of this chapter.

10.20.080 <u>License and license tag – Period of validity – Dogs discharged from military service.</u> Each license and each dog license tag provided for in this chapter for a dog which has been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States shall be of indefinite duration, so long as the same individual owns or harbors the same dog. No fee shall be charged for such license over and above the \$1.00 required for the dog license tag.

10.20.090 <u>License and license tag - Period of validity - Guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs defined - Requirements.</u>

A. Every person owning or having custody or control of a dog or either sex over the age of four (4) months which comes within the definition of guide dog, signal dog, or service dog who submits proof to the director that such dog has been successfully trained as a guide dog, or as a signal dog, or as a service dog shall procure a dog license tag and a license, which dog license tag and license shall be good while such dog is owned or harbored by the same person. No fee shall be charged for such license over and above the \$1.00 required for the dog license tag.

B. As used in this section, "guide dog" means any guide dog or seeing-eye dog which was trained by a person licer under Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.

C. As used in this section, "signal dog" means any dog trained to alert a deaf person, or a person whose hearing is

impaired, to intruders or sounds.

D. As used in this section, "service dog" means any dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks to meet the requirements of a physically disabled person, including, but not limited to, minimal protection work, rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

10.20.110 License tag — Fee for spayed or neutered animals. Pursuant to Sections 30804.5 and 31751.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, any dog or cat license tag issued pursuant to Section 10.20.030 of this Part 1 shall be issued for one-half or less of the fee required if a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered.

10.20.120 Fees payable annually - Delinquency charge.

A. The license fees provided for in this chapter shall be paid annually to the director in the amount set forth in Section 10.90.010

B. A delinquency charge as provided in Section 10.90.010 shall be assessed when the license fees provided for in this chapter are not paid on or before the expiration date of the date the license is required to be obtained by the provisions of this title.

10.20.130 Recordkeeping and procurement of tags and receipts. The director shall procure the number of license receipts and dog and cat license tags needed each year, and shall keep a register wherein shall be entered the name and address of each person to whom any dog or cat license is issued, the number of such tag, the date of issuance thereof and a description of the dog or cat for which issued.

10.20.140 <u>License – Vaccination requirements and conditions</u>. The director shall not issue a dog or cat license unless the applicant exhibits a certificate signed by a veterinarian, licensed either by the state of California or by any other state to practice veterinary medicine, that:

A. The period elapsing from the date of vaccination with approved rabies vaccine to the date of expiration of the license being issued does not exceed the time as established by the state; or

B. Such dog or cat should not be vaccinated with rabies vaccine because such vaccination would jeopardize the health of such dog or cat due to infirmity or other disability, which infirmity or other disability, and the estimated date of termination thereof, is shown on the face of the certificate to the satisfaction of the director.

10.20.150 <u>License – Information to be shown on receipt.</u> When the director issues a dog or cat license, he shall show on the receipt the age of the dog or cat, the date of last vaccination and, if the license was issued without proof of vaccination, the reason therefor.

10.20.160 <u>License and license tag - Transfer permitted when - Fee.</u> If, during a license period, a dog or cat is sold or title to the dog or cat is otherwise transferred to a new owner, such new owner may apply to the director for a transfer of such dog's or cat's tag and license and pay a transfer fee of \$5.00. Upon receipt of such application and fee, the director shall issue a certificate of transfer of such tag, and the names and addresses of the former and new owners.

10.20.170 Replacement of lost tags. In case any license tag for an individual dog or cat is lost or destroyed, a duplicate thereof may be procured from the director upon the submission to the director of such proof as he may require and upon the payment therefor of the sum of \$5.00.

10.20.180 <u>Tag to be worn by dog or cat.</u> A license tag for an individual dog or cat shall be securely affixed to a collar, harness or other device which shall at all times be worn by such dog or cat, except while such dog or cat remains indoors or in any enclosed yard or pen.

10.20.190 <u>Keeping unlicensed dogs prohibited – Exception.</u> A person, other than an approved research institution, shall not have, harbor or keep, or cause or permit to be harbored or kept, any unlicensed dog or cat in the City of Carson.

10.20.200 Counterfeit or imitation tags prohibited. A person shall not attach to or keep upon any dog or cat, or cause or permit to be attached to or kept upon any dog or cat, any tag provided for in Section 10.20.010 of this chapter except a tag issued for such dog or cat under the provisions of this chapter, or attach or keep upon or cause or permit to be attached to or kept upon any dog or cat, or make or cause or permit to be made or have in possession, any counterfeit or imitation of any tag provided for in this chapter.

10.20.210 Removing tag from collar prohibited — Exception. An unauthorized person shall not remove from any dog or cat any collar or harness or other device to which is attached a license tag for the current year, or remove such tag therefrom.

Part 2

VACCINATION

10.20.220 Requirements generally.

A. Every person keeping, harboring, or having any dog or cat over four (4) months of age in the City of Carson shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated with rabies vaccine, by a person licensed by the state of California, or other state, to practice veterinary medicine, on or before the latest of the following dates:



- 1. Fifteen (15) days after first acquiring such dog or cat;
- Fifteen (15) days after bringing such dog into the City of Carson.
- B. No person shall cause a dog or cat under the age of four (4) months to be vaccinated with an approved rabies vaccine unless a veterinarian licensed by the state of California, or other state, determined that such vaccination is required to preserve the health or prevent the disability of such dog or cat.
- 10.20.230. Revaccination time Rabies vaccine. Every person keeping, harboring, or having a dog or cat in the City of Carson which has been vaccinated with an approved rabies vaccine shall cause such dog or cat to be revaccinated within a period of not more than:
- A. Twelve (12) months after the dog's or cat's initial vaccination if the dog or cat was between four (4) months and one (1) year in age at the time of such vaccination;
- B. Thirty-six (36) months after each prior vaccination.
- 10.20.250 Certificate of vaccination Information to be shown. Every person practicing veterinary medicine in the City of Carson who vaccinates a dog or cat with rabies vaccine shall immediately issue to the person to whom he delivers the dog or cat the original, and monthly to the director a duplicate, of a certificate signed by the veterinarian which states:
- A. The name and address of the owner or harborer of the vaccinated dogs or cats;
- B. The kind of vaccine used, the name of the manufacturer and the manufacturer's serial or lot number, and the date of the vaccinations;
- C. The breed, age, color and sex of the vaccinated dogs or cats.
- 10.20.260 Research institutions exempt from Part 2 requirements. This Part 2 of Chapter 10.20 does not apply to any approved research institution.
- 10.20.262 <u>County assistance to low-cost vaccination clinics</u>. The director may direct department personnel to assist at low-cost vaccination clinics operated by veterinary associations. The director shall charge for the services of department personnel at low-cost vaccination clinics operated by veterinary associations. This charge shall not include the time actually spent in the issuance of licenses. Rates shall be those established by the county auditor-controller.

(Ord. 92-984, 1)

§ 3309 Spaying or Neutering.

Notwithstanding the provisions of CMC 3300, the Animal Control Ordinance is amended by changing the title of Chapter 10.24 of Division 1, Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code to read "Spaying and Neutering," and by repealing Section 10.24.020 of said Chapter 10.24. (Ord. 92-984, § 1)

§ 3310 Fee Schedule.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section <u>3300</u>, Chapter 10.90 of Division 3, Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code is amended by amending Section 10.90.010, Part VI to read:

VI. Individual Animal Licenses.

Every person owning a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months shall obtain an annual license and tag for such dog or cat; except, there shall be a one-time-only fee for registration of discharged military dogs, for guide dogs or Seeing-eye dogs, for signal dogs trained to assist the hearing impaired, for service dogs trained to perform tasks to assist the physically handicapped, and for spayed or neutered dogs belonging to senior citizens upon payment of the following fees:

A. Dog license and tag fees:

Unspayed/unneutered				•			\$20.00
2. Spayed/neutered							10.00
3. Senior citizen – Spayed/neutered				*			5.00
4. Delinquency charge for annual lie	cense ren	ewal n	ot obtair	ned on or be	fore date of e	expiration	20.00
5. Replacement dog tag				•			5.00
6. Transfer of ownership					•		5.00
(Ord 02 004 84)							

