

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:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
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| 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.