ORDINANCE NO. 1624

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FEES PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Whereas, Chapter 11 of the Solano County Code requires an amendment in order to empower the Department of General Services, rather than the Agriculture Department, to establish fees for animal care services; and

Whereas, Chapter 4 of the Solano County Code requires an update in order to address revisions to the fee schedule for the services of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

Section 1.

Section 11-110.2 (B) of the Solano County Code is repealed.

Section 2.

Section 11-117 is added to read:

Sec. 11-117 – General Services Department

The County Department of General Services, on behalf of the Division of Animal Care and Control, pursuant to the provisions of California Food and Agriculture Code §§ 30501 et seq. and pursuant to this ordinance, is empowered to establish those fees for the specific services listed in attached Exhibit “XVII” and incorporated by this reference. This schedule of fees shall repeal all prior fee schedules adopted by the Board of Supervisors for reimbursement by fees for services on behalf of the Animal Care and Control Division of the Department of General Services.
Section 3.

Section 4-21 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-21. Removal of dead animals.

(a) All dead animals located on public property shall be handled and removed by the animal care manager or designee where the owner of the animal is unknown. (Ord. No. 927, '2.)

(b) To the extent that a dead animal handled and removed by the animal care manager or his designee can be identified, the owner of any such animal shall be billed for pick up and disposal fees in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

Section 4.

Section 4-22 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-22. Fees.

(a) The Division of Animal Care and Control shall charge, receive, and collect fees for the performance of services related to impoundments, redemptions, adoptions, licenses, boarding, extraordinary calls for service, and for such other functions performed in support of said services. The specific service for which a fee is charged, the amount of such fee, and the time and method of payment of such fee shall be determined and set by resolution of the board of supervisors. (Ord. No. 927, '2.)

Section 5.

Section 4-55 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-55 Disposition of dangerous animals.

(a) The owner or keeper of an animal which has bitten any person or a domestic animal, or has otherwise been declared a dangerous animal after a hearing, may be required as a condition of the release of the animal from confinement or impoundment, in addition to paying for all costs of the hearing and any impoundment, to comply any or all of the following conditions imposed by the Hearing Officer in the written orders:
(1) Immediately register the animal with animal control. The fee for a permit to keep dangerous animals shall be established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors for each month term. The permit expires at the end of each term and is renewable. The renewal permit fees shall be the same as those fees set forth in this section.

(8) All dangerous dogs shall receive a micro-chip and permanently wear a Dangerous Dog tag. In addition to the permit fees outlined in section 4-55(a)(1), the owner or keeper of the dog shall pay for the micro-chip and tag. The Division of Animal Care and Control shall maintain on file the assigned micro-chip and tag numbers. The owner or keeper shall immediately notify the division of animal care and control if the tag is lost or stolen and replace it for a fee set forth by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors. Failure to report the lost or stolen tag or to replace it is a misdemeanor.

(11) Pay all fees related to impoundment, food, medication and special handling of the dangerous animal in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 6.

Section 4-81 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-81. License required.

Any person owning or operating any kennel, cattery or animal facility as defined in this chapter shall obtain a license therefor. Applications for license shall be on forms provided by the director of animal control. Any person applying for a license to operate a kennel or cattery shall pay a license fee in accordance with the fee schedule set forth by the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. No. 927, '2.)

Section 7.

Section 4-87 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-87. License fees.

The fees for a commercial kennel or cattery, a hobby kennel or cattery, or for an animal facility, shall be determined and set by resolution of the board of supervisors. Payment of the required license fees shall entitle the commercial kennel or cattery licensee to maintain and operate ten runs. For each additional run, an additional fee determined and set by resolution of the board of supervisors shall be charged. Animal license tags may be purchased by commercial and
Section 8.

Section 4-139 of the Solano County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 4-139. Licensing of dogs

(a) Every person owning or having control, custody, or possession of any dog over four months of age within the county shall purchase a license within (30) days of ownership or possession of the dog, or within thirty (30) days of establishment of residence in the county.

(b) The license will be purchased only after a current rabies vaccination certificate has been issued by a licensed veterinarian. The license will be valid for one year from the date of vaccination and a full fee of twelve (12) months will be charged.

(c) Dog owners renewing dog licenses will apply for the dog license within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the current license and a full fee of twelve (12) months will be charged.

(d) At the dog owner's option, a two- or three-year license, with fees charged accordingly, may be purchased as long as there is a valid rabies vaccination which does not expire before the end of the licensing period.

(e) Those dog owners who obtain a dog license after thirty (30) days of ownership or possession, or after the thirty (30) day license renewal period, will be charged a late penalty in accordance with the fee schedule set forth by the Board of Supervisors.

(f) A transfer license must be obtained if a currently licensed animal is given or transferred to another county resident.

(g) Senior citizens age sixty-five (65) and older will be entitled to a free three year license for one dog, which is renewable at no charge every three years. Additional licenses may be purchased at regular rates.

(h) A discounted license fee will be assessed for certified working dogs, including but not limited to, police, fire, search and rescue, dogs for the blind, hearing dogs, and therapy assistance dogs. Licenses for these dogs will be one year licenses, and must be renewed annually. The discounted fee for these licenses will be established by the Board of Supervisors.

(i) All fees and penalties for dog licenses (including courtesy, transfer, and
duplicate licenses) will be determined and set by resolution of the board of supervisors.

(j) Puppies younger than four months of age adopted from the animal shelter will be issued a provisional identification tag. This tag will expire when the puppy receives its primary rabies vaccination at four (4) months of age. (Ord. No. 927, '2; Ord. No. 1101, '1; Ord. No. 1160, '1; Ord. No. 1225 '1; Ord No. 1322, '1; Ord. No. 1444; Ord. No. 1528, '1.)

Section 9.

This Ordinance will be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 10.

A summary of this Ordinance will be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, in the Fairfield Daily Republic, a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on
Dec. 3, 2002

AYES: Supervisors Kondylis, Kromm, Silva, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

[Signature]
William Carroll, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Michael D. Johnson, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

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