ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Winnebago County Code is entitled "Animal Control Ordinance of Winnebago County"; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Ordinance of Winnebago County sets forth fees and charges for the adoption of dogs and cats, for the owner release of dogs and cats, and for reclaiming impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago has established and maintained an animal shelter for the purposes of holding impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago recognizes that the costs of holding impounded animals at the shelter can be financially burdensome to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago has established the position of Animal Control Administrator as required by the Illinois Animal Control Act, and recognizes that it would be advantageous to grant the Animal Control Administrator flexibility to reduce the number of animals being held at the county shelter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of Winnebago County, Illinois, that the following fee changes be enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, that Section 14-116 of the Winnebago County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (changes are in bold);

Sec. 14-116, Fee Schedule.

The following fees and charges shall be paid prior to the rendition of services or release of the animal:

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<td>(1) Dog Registration:</td>
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<td>a. If the owner provides evidence that the dog has been spayed or neutered¹, or the dog is under one year of age, annually...</td>
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<td>b. If the dog is fertile, annually...</td>
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<td>c. If the owner is in possession of a valid hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually...</td>
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<td>(2) Cat registration:</td>
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a. If the owner provides evidence that the cat has been spayed or neutered\(^1\), or the cat is under one year of age, annually…20.00
b. If the cat is fertile, annually…30.00
c. If the owner is in possession of a valid hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually…20.00
d. Hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually…30.00

(3) Vaccination for reclaimed animals…12.00

(4) Room and board:
   a. Per day, per dog…\(^2\) 12.00
   b. Per day, per cat…\(^2\) 8.00
   c. Per day, per dog quarantined for biting…\(^2\) 20.00
   d. Per day, per cat quarantined for biting…\(^2\) 15.00

(5) Biting animals;
   a. Veterinary examination for biter animals… 25.00
   b. Owner release of biter animals… no charge

(6) Handling charge for impounded animals:
   a. Animals wearing current registration tags, or having a department-approved identification implant, at the time of impoundment…15.00 for first offense, 50.00 for second offense, and 75.00 for any subsequent offense
   b. Animals not wearing current registration tags, nor having a department-approved identification implant, at the time of impoundment… 35.00

(7) Adoption:
   a. Dogs: All dogs… 110.00
   b. Cats:
      Cats up to 1 year old… 85.00
      Cats 1 year and older… 40.00

All dogs and cats shall be spayed or neutered, registered, vaccinated, and receive preventative health care before adoption.
c. Exotic:
   Preventative health care... 20.00

d. Small Mammal:
   Preventative health care... 7.00

(8) Euthanasia per dog or cat at owner’s request for low income only:
   a. Cat, brought in to facility... 37.00
   b. Cat, pick up... 55.00
   c. Dog, brought in to facility... 50.00
   d. Dog, pick up... 60.00

(9) Owner release of unwanted animals:
   a. Where the owner is a resident of the county:
      1. Per adult dog... 25.00
      2. Per adult cat... 20.00
   b. Where the owner is resident of the county, per puppy or kitten under three months of age... 5.00
   c. For animals other than dogs or cats brought to the facility... 7.00
   d. For dog, cat or other animal picked up at owner’s home in the county, per dog, cat or other animal... 35.00
   e. For each additional puppy or kitten under three months of age picked up at owner’s home in county... 5.00

(10) Disposal of dead animals:
   a. Dogs brought to the facility... 25.00
   b. Dogs picked up by officer... 45.00
   c. Cats brought to the facility... 15.00
   d. Cats picked up of officer... 35.00

(11) Duplicate license fee... 5.00

(12) Microchip per dog or cat... 35.00

(13) 2nd offense owned running at large fees:
   a. Spay of dog... 175.00
b. Neuter of dog... 145.00

c. Additional fine... 25.00

(14) Low income only\(^3\) spray/neuter voucher... 20.00

The chairman of the county board is authorized to enact a temporary registration fee reduction at his or her discretion, in order to promote compliance with Sections 14-66 and 14-67 of this code, provided a) that any such reduction complies with Section 3 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/3) as now enacted, or hereafter amended, including maintaining a minimum differential of ten dollars ($10.00) between altered and unaltered animals, with ten dollars ($10.00) of that differential to be deposited county animal population control fund or in the State's Pet Population Control Fund and b) that any such reduction is enacted to assist low-income pet owners to become in compliance with Sections 14-66 and 14-67 of this code.

The animal services administrator is authorized to modify adoption fees set forth in subsection (7) above, and room and board fees set forth in subsection (4) above, and handling charge fees set forth in subsection (6) above, to promote the reduction in the number of animals being held at the county shelter. The animal services administrator shall provide a report to the county administrator each month which sets forth the fees that have been modified, or waived in each subsection above, including the total values of modifications and waivers in each subsection.

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\(^1\) Acceptable evidence of alteration consists of certification by the veterinarian performing the alteration procedure or a notarized statement made by the seller of the animal indicating that it had been spayed or neutered while in his/her possession.

\(^2\) For any part of a day that the animal is in the custody of the shelter.

\(^3\) Low income only follows established WIC guidelines.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance Amendment shall be effective upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby directed to prepare and deliver a certified copy of the Ordinance Amendment to the Administrator of the Winnebago County Animal Services Department.

The above and foregoing Ordinance Amendment was adopted by the County Board for the County of Winnebago, Illinois, this 26th day of October, 2018.

Frank Haney, Chairman of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Tiana McCall, Clerk of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois
TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

The Public Safety Committee presents the following Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Winnebago County Code regarding animal adoption, owner release, and owner reclaim fees, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Safety Committee

Dave Fiduccia, Chairperson
Aaron Booker
Dorothy Redd
Fred Wescott
Eli Nicolosi
Dan Fellars

(To Adopt)

Dated this 26th day of October, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Safety Committee

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