



Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

Date: March 27, 2024
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Chief Michael Pooley
Subject: Proposed increase in fees for Animal Control and Records Division.

The Apache Junction Police Department ("AJPD") is requesting the mayor and council direct staff to move forward with the increases to the Animal Control and Records Division prices. With the rising costs of time, supplies and process changes, the AJPD needs to change the fees for customer services at Animal Control and the Records Division.

The last time the fees have been changed for Animal Control was in 2018. There has been a significant rise in the cost of medical care, food and personnel. The budget for the Animal Control Division of the police department does not fully cover the daily cost of running an animal shelter.

The Records Division similarly has experienced an increase in services with paper and personnel due to time-consuming public record request of note and the incredible cost for redactions to body camera footage. Newly passed laws address the ability to charge for this particular service.

A comparison study has been made with 25 different agencies throughout the valley and AJPD is significantly lower in most fee areas.

We request authorization to post the anticipated new fees for 60 days as per state statute and a follow-up public hearing for adoption.