



# Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

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**Date:** July 11, 2024  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Chief Michael Pooley  
**Subject:** Proposed Article 4-3 fee adjustments for Animal Control Division.

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In the spring, the Apache Junction Police Department (“AJPD”) requested the mayor and council direct staff to move forward on implementing increased new fees for the Animal Control Division. This adjustment is necessary due to rising expenses in time, supplies, and operational processes. The current fees for customer services at Animal Control Division have not been updated since 2018 and during this time, there has been a significant rise in expenses related to medical care, food, and personnel. As a result, the budget allocated to the Animal Control Division within the police department does not sufficiently cover the daily operational expenses of running an animal shelter.

A comparative analysis conducted with 25 other agencies across the valley indicates that AJPD's fees are notably lower in most areas.

In accordance with council guidance and A.R.S. § 9-499.15, staff issued a 60-day notice of intent to adjust the fee schedule and posted the proposed increases on the city's website.