

ORDINANCE NO. 1550

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AMENDING APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE, VOLUME I, CHAPTER 4: FEES, ARTICLE 4-3: ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Titles 9 and 11, cities and towns are authorized to regulate various aspects of animal control; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council have over time amended the animal control fee schedule (Ordinance No. 1311 - April 15, 2008, Ordinance No. 1416 - June 16, 2015 and Ordinance No. 1464 - February 4, 2018); and

WHEREAS, police staff recommends another fee schedule increase based on comparisons with other agencies and on April 2, 2024, presented such changes to the council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to council direction to staff and A.R.S. § 9-499.15, staff provided a 60-day notice of intent to increase the fee schedule and posted the increases on the city's website; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, a public hearing was held on the amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I IN GENERAL

The Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 4: Feess, Article 4-3: Animal Control Fee Schedule, is hereby amended in its entirety, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4-3 ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FEE</u>
License fees (dogs)	

Sterilized	\$10 per dog (\$5 per dog for senior citizens at least 62 years of age or older and physically disabled persons with proof of disability, such as, but not limited to, a disabled parking decal or a medical card in the name of the disabled person)
Non-sterilized	\$18 per dog
Impound fee for dogs at-large	\$40 per animal, per event \$20 additional per each subsequent impound
Microchipping fees	\$25 per at-large dog \$12 per adopted cat
Board fee (feeding, cleaning and general care)	\$10 per animal, per day
Dog kennel permit fees	
Commercial dog kennel permit	\$80 annually (12-month period)
Personal dog kennel permits	Class 1 (4-5 dogs): \$40 annually (12-month period, plus individual license fees) Class 2 (6-8 dogs): \$60 annually (12-month period, plus individual license fees)
Late fee	\$15 (delinquent 30 calendar days from date of expiration)
Quarantine fee (biting dogs)	\$40 per animal, per event (plus \$10 per day per animal board fee, plus applicable license and vaccination fees)
Tag replacement	\$5 per replacement
Pick up live dogs or cats for surrender	\$65 dogs/\$40 cats
Euthanasia fee	

Dogs	\$110
Cats	\$75

Vaccinations (rabies only)

Dogs (3 months and older)	\$15 per animal
Puppies (less than 3 months)	\$15 per animal
Cats (any age)	\$15 per animal

Surrender Fee

Cats	\$40
Dogs	\$65

Adoption fees (includes sterilization)

Dogs	\$90 per animal / Puppy \$200
Cats (any age)	\$70 per animal / Kitten \$150

The Director or his/her designee may waive adoption fees during official adoption events to encourage adoptions to reduce high inventories of animals.

The Director or his/her designee may also request payment for reasonable expenses relating to livestock adoptions.

Individuals that hold a class 3 personal dog kennel permit prior to January 5, 2019, may continue owning, maintaining or harboring 9-12 dogs, provided they are up to date on permit fees and dog licensing, and may continue to renew their permit until such time they decide to surrender such permit or fail to pay the renewal charge of \$80.

SECTION II

REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or in conflict with any part of the code adopted herein by reference are also hereby repealed.

SECTION III

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, clause or portion of this ordinance, or any part of the code adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid, pre-empted or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. JOEL STERN
City Attorney