

Memo

To: Village Board

Fr: Mark Roberts, Code and Safety Coordinator

Re: Consider transportation fee for transporting a dog or cat to the Humane Society

Date: February 21, 2014

Recently Monica Hoff, one of our animal control officers, asked if the Village was charging the residents a transportation fee when they picked up an animal. In the past when the village contracted with the Bay Area Humane Society for pick up we charged the resident a pick up fee when the Humane Society billed us.

We did not charge a pick up fee when Green Bay was providing us with this service and have not been since our new providers took over. Monica explained that other municipalities recoup a portion of the cost by charging the animal owners when they claim the animal(s) from the Humane Society. Once an owner claims their pet(s) it would show on the invoice, which Monica collects, reviews and gives to us. The owner would then be mailed an invoice from the Village for the transportation fee. Please see attached memo from Monica in regard to the transportation fee.

Staff suggests we add a transportation fee of \$50.00 per animal and add this fee as soon as the ordinance can be changed and noticed as required.

Village Board is asked to amend the ordinance allowing for an animal transportation fee of \$50.00.



Animal License/Transport Fee

Recommendations: Currently the Village of Allouez charges a license fee of \$5.00 per dog that is spayed /neutered and \$10.00 per dog that is not spayed/neutered. It is recommended that the unspayed /unneutered license fee be raised to \$30.00. This is to support and encourage spaying /neutering of pets and the responsible and selective breeding of dogs vs. the “accidental/unplanned” breeding of pets and the volume breeding of “puppy mills”. Additionally, the savings to those dog owners that spay/neuter pays for the cost of surgery in the life of the dog.

License fees in neighboring municipalities for comparison include:

Village of Howard-spayed/neutered-\$5.00—unspayed/unneutered-\$30.00
Village of Suamico- spayed/neutered-\$10.00—unspayed/unneutered-\$25.00
Village of Bellevue-spayed/neutered-\$7.00—unspayed/unneutered-\$30.00
Town of Pittsfield- spayed/neutered-\$5.00—unspayed/unneutered-\$30.00
City of Green Bay- spayed/neutered-\$5.00—unspayed/unneutered-\$25.00
Town of Ledgeview- spayed/neutered-\$5.50—unspayed/unneutered-\$10.50

In the past, the cost of transporting a dog or cat to the Humane Society was passed on to the pet owner when it was charged to the Village by the shelter. Since the Bay Area Humane Society no longer provides transport service, the cost is no longer reflected on their invoice. In order to recoup the village expense of transporting these animals to the shelter, recommend the village charge a transport fee directly to the pet owner.

Transport fees in neighboring municipalities for comparison include:

Village of Howard-\$47.00
Village of Suamico- \$50.00
Village of Bellevue- \$35.00, Neglect fee (Village has to care for animals, ie horses) - actual cost of care for animals plus 10%
Town of Pittsfield- \$50.00

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Hoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Hoff
Animal Control/Humane Officer
Department of Code and Safety Enforcement
Village of Allouez
February 2014