

# Memo

To: Village Board

Fr: Mark Roberts, Code and Safety Coordinator

Re: Increase license fee for unsprayed/unneutered dogs

Date: February 21, 2014

Recently Monica Hoff, one of our animal control officers, conducted a cost comparison between our municipality and several other municipalities in regard to animal license fees. Currently we charge \$5.00 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$10.00 for those not spayed or neutered.

She suggested we raise the animal fee for animals not spayed or neutered to \$30.00, which will be more in line with the other municipalities and to encourage owners to have their pets spayed and neutered. Please see attached memo from Monica in regard to the recommended fee increase.

Village Board is asked to amend the ordinance allowing for an animal license fee increase to take effect in November when residents can begin to get their pet licenses for 2015.



## 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,

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Village of Allouez  
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