

**RESOLUTION # 21-37
INCREASING DOG LICENSING FEES**

RUSK COUNTY

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 **WHEREAS**, under Section 8-33 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinance the minimum
2 required fee for dog licensing is outlined as required by Wis. State Statute 174.05(2) , and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Rusk County dog license fee has never been raised beyond the
5 minimum required, and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the dog licensing fees are used to offset the animal shelter budget, and
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9 **WHEREAS**, additional staffing costs are being incurred due to increased utilization of
10 the shelter, and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the increase in dog licensing fees would increase the animal shelter budget
13 without increasing the tax levy, and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Animal Shelter Committee is recommending an increase of fees to:

	Current	New
Dog licensing per spay/neutered dog	\$5.00	\$7.50
Dog licensing per intact dog	\$10.00	\$13.50
Multiple dog license	\$30.00	\$60.00

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21 **WHEREAS**, the increase in fees will result in an estimated increase of approximately
22 \$7,000

23 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT. RESOLVED** by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors
24 that section 8-33 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows
25 to reflect the increase of fees:

26 (j) Under Wis. Stats. § 174.05(3), governing body of any county may by a majority vote
27 of the members present at any regular meeting may raise the minimum dog license tax on
28 dogs within its jurisdiction. The dog license tax in Rusk County is \$7.50 for a neutered
29 male dog or spayed female dog, upon presentation of evidence that the dog is neutered or
30 spayed, and \$13.00 for an unneutered male dog or unspayed female dog, or one-half of
31 this amount if the dog became five months of age after July 1 of the license year, and the
32 collecting official shall assess and collect a late fee of \$5.00 from every owner of a dog
33 five months of age or over (1) if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of
34 each year, or (2) within 30 days of acquiring a licensable dog, or (3) if the owner failed to
35 obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age. This late fee shall increase
36 under subsection (1) to \$30.00 if the license fee is not collected on or before July 1 of
37 each year. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into the local treasury as
38 revenue of the town, village or city in which the license was issued as stated in Wis.
39 Stats. § 174.05(5)

40 (n) Multiple dog license option. Under Wis. § 174.053(1) Any person who keeps more
41 than one dog may, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this chapter, apply
42 to the collecting official for a multiple dog license for the keeping of the dogs. Rusk
43 County has determined that such person shall pay for the license year a license tax of \$60
44 for 12 or fewer dogs and an additional \$3 for each dog in excess of 12. Upon payment of
45 the required multiple dog license tax and upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over
46 5 months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the collecting official shall issue
47 the multiple dog license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to
48 be kept by the person

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these fee increases will go into effect October 1,
52 2021
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ROLL CALL Board Members	AYB (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain/ Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	X		
2. JERRY BILLER	X		
3. ALAN RATHSACK	X		
4. TONY HAUSER	X		
5. TIMOTHY MILLER	X		
6. ROBERT STOUT	X		
7. RANDY TATUR	X		
8. LYLE LIEFFRING	X		
9. BILL MCBAIN	X		
10. KEN PEDERSEN	X		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	X		
12. JIM MEYER	X		
13. MARK SCHMITT	X		
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI	X		
15. TOM HANSON	X		
16. VACANT			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	X		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN	X		
19. KEN BROWN	X		
YB BECCA STRICKLEN	ABSENT		
YB MEGAN VANDOORN	X		
TOTAL			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

1st SCHMITT

2nd MILLER

No: _____ Yes: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: Kitzy Winters Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not) Annual estimate \$7,000.00

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 21 day of September, 2021 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
Connie Meyer
County Clerk, Rusk County

SUBMITTED BY:

Rusk County Animal Shelter Committee

Ken Pedersen

Ken Pedersen, Chairman

Jim Meyer

Jim Meyer

Ken Brown, Vice Chairman

Nancy Christianson

Bill Morgan