

CITY OF WARRENSBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 27, 2018

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: A Proposal to Modify the Animal Shelter Fees

BACKGROUND:

During a recent review of Old Drum and Friends Animal Shelter, it was revealed that our adoption fees needed a review. Animal Shelter Sarah Patton contacted several shelters and discovered fees were variable among shelters (see attachment 1). Many shelters use dynamic adoption fees meaning, more desirable animals (kittens, puppies, and pure breeds) have a higher adoption fee than adult animals. A few shelters still use set pricing. We are proposing the shelter adopt dynamic pricing for our adoptable animals as outlined in attachment 2. We would still have our Paws It Forward program and we would still retain the ability to have adoption specials. Additionally, we are proposing a cost break for a second kitten as research shows that kittens do better in pairs.

ISSUE:

Modifying Animal Shelter fees to be more in line with the area market

STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact should be positive as we see increased adoption fees for more desirable animals and reduced fees for animals with a decreased demand. These fees more closely match the pet market and can be adjusted to meet the supply and demand needs.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:

The economic benefits and impact would be minimal

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of the attached fee structure for Old Drum and Friends Animal Shelter

Sincerely,

Rich Lockhart
Chief of Police

cc: City Manager

Attachments: 1. Fee comparison of surrounding shelters
2. Proposed Fee Structure for Old Drum and Friends