

R-18-053

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IMPLEMENTS MANATEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 12-10, PROVIDING A LICENSE FEE FOR DOGS AND CATS; PROVIDING FOR A FEE FOR THE REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FEES FOR VARIOUS OTHER SERVICES; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE ADOPTION OF DOGS AND CATS; REPEALING RESOLUTION R-12-222; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 12-10 providing for animal services related matters; and

WHEREAS, on October 30th, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners adopted R-12-222 to adjust adoption, impound and license fees; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of R-12-222, the cost of providing animal services has changed including the cost of supplies, materials, and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of licensing fees for dogs and cats will assure increased compliance and continuation of redemption fees for impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, other fees are necessary and appropriate for the various services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Division must have discretion to reimburse, adjust, or waive fees under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of adoption fees for dogs and cats is necessary and appropriate; with the approval of the Public Safety Director, adoption fees may be reduced or waived for special events or promotions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

Section 1: Fee list. The license, impound and other fees are listed in attached Exhibit A of this resolution.

Section 2: Licensing of dogs and cats. The fee to be collected by Manatee County from the veterinarian for each license certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00). The veterinarian may charge his or her client a fee. The license certificate is valid for one year. The year begins on the date the license certificate is issued. A serial numbered license tag will also be issued if the client does not have one. This serial numbered license tag is to

remain attached to the animal in accordance with the animal ordinance.

Section 3: Impounded animals for redemption. In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 12-10, owners may redeem impounded animals after payment of all appropriate fees, charges, and costs. The fee for the redemption of impounded animals is noted in Exhibit A of this resolution. The owner of an impounded animal shall be required to pay all charges, vaccination fees, including rabies vaccination, license certificate/tag charges and any incurred medical costs, prior to the redemption of an animal.

Section 4: Fee waivers. Animal Services shall have the discretion to adjust or waive fees.

Section 5: Dogs and cats available for adoption. After the appropriate period of confinement, impounded dogs and cats may be placed for adoption. The fees for adoption shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for dogs, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for cats and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for kittens. The Seniors for Seniors program will allow citizens of age 55 and older to adopt animals that are 7 years of age and older at a rate of Ten dollars (\$10.00). The Military Families and First Responders Program will have adoption fees waived for those citizens with proper identification. If the Shelter is at 80% capacity for dogs and/or cats, the adoption fees will be waived. The adoption fee does not include the required license fee for Manatee County residents. The fees are noted in Exhibit A of this resolution. The license fee must be paid at the time of adoption. An adoption includes a health check, spay or neuter (sterilization), vaccinations including rabies, microchip with registration and an adoption kit. With the approval of the Public Safety Department Director or their designee, adoption fees may be reduced or waived for special events or promotions.

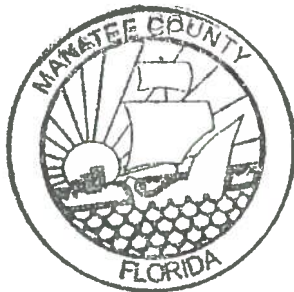
Section 6: Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners at which time Resolution 12-222 shall be repealed.

Section 7: Repeal. All prior resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed in so far as such inconsistencies exist.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in open session with a quorum present and voting this,

27th day of November, 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



By: *Risalle Trau*
Chairperson

ATTEST:

**Angelina "Angel" Coloneso
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By: *Rubin Nath, DC*
Deputy Clerk