

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 179-37

INCREASE THE WAUKESHA COUNTY SURCHARGE ON DOG LICENSE FEES FOR  
THE RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, rabies is an acute and almost invariably fatal viral disease; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Ordinance 148-72 modified the Waukesha County code to allow for the administration of a rabies control program, administered by the Environmental Health Division in the Department of Parks and Land Use; and

WHEREAS, the rabies control program is administered in Waukesha County in accordance with Chapter ATCP 13 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors has the authority pursuant to sec. 174.05(3), Wis. Stat. to raise the minimum dog license fee by imposing an additional surcharge on dogs within its jurisdiction by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County surcharge on the dog license fee was most recently increased in the 2004 Waukesha County Board Adopted budget from one dollar to three dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current surcharge is insufficient to fund current rabies control program costs, mainly staffing of the 1.00 FTE humane animal officer for the administration of the rabies control program; and

WHEREAS, increasing the surcharge prior to the adoption of the annual budget would provide municipal clerks in Waukesha County sufficient time to modify their individual fee schedules for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the additional surcharge will be included in the Department of Parks and Land Use's 2025 proposed budget.


THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the surcharge on the dog license fee charged in Waukesha County shall be increased from three dollars to five dollars for the specific purpose of funding a county-wide rabies control program.

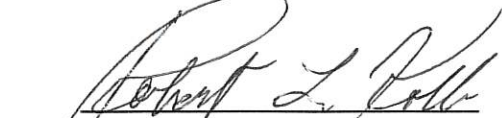
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be for licenses issued on or after January 1, 2025.

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Presented by:  
Land Use, Parks & Environment Committee

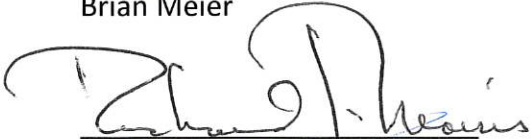
  
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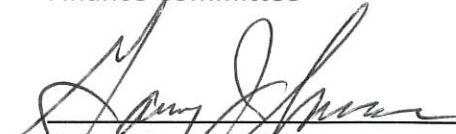
  
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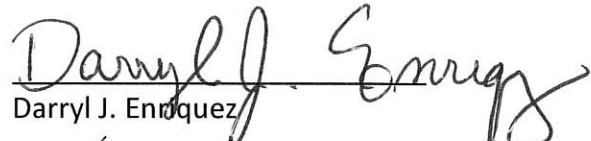
  
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Approved by:  
Finance Committee

  
Gary J. Szpara, Chair

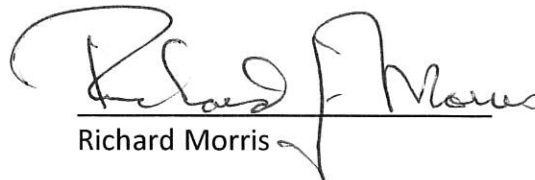
  
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Darlene M. Johnson

  
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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 9/30/2024,   
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X  
Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/30/2024,   
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

**INCREASE THE WAUKESHA COUNTY SURCHARGE ON DOG LICENSE FEES FOR THE RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM**

This ordinance increases the dog license surcharge fee by \$2.00 per license for an estimated 15,000 licensed dogs in Waukesha County, as will be reflected in the Department of Parks and Land Use's 2025 proposed budget. The surcharge fee increases from \$3.00 to \$5.00 and was last increased as part of the 2004 Waukesha County Adopted Budget. The department estimates that this will increase total dog license revenues by \$25,000, commencing for licenses issued on or after January 1, 2025. The \$25,000 increase is due to the \$2.00 higher surcharge per license, offset by a decrease in 1,667 purchased licenses, based on prior-year history. See table below. The increase of \$25,000 in dog license revenue will be used to fund the existing county-wide rabies control program.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>24 vs 25 Bud</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total Dog License Revenue	\$46,119	\$47,163	\$45,411	\$50,000	\$45,963	\$75,000	\$25,000
Dog License Surcharge	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$5	\$2
Total Purchased Licenses	15,373	15,721	15,137	16,667	15,321	15,000	-1,667

*William Duckwitz*

William Duckwitz  
Budget Manager  
8/30/2024  
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VOTE RESULTS >

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YES

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NO

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ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

**Ordinance 179-O-038**

Ordinance 179-O-038: Increase the Waukesha County Surcharge on Dog License Fees for the Rabies Control



**Passed By Majority Vote**

D1 - Styza	AVE	D10 - Thieme	AVE	D19 - Enriquez	AVE
D2 - Euclide	AVE	D11 - Howard	M	D20 - Schellinger	AVE
D3 - Morris	S	D12 - Wolff	AVE	D21 - Gaughan	AVE
D4 - Batzko	AVE	D13 - Leisemann	AVE	D22 - Szpara	AVE
D5 - Grant	AVE	D14 - Mommaerts	AVE	D23 - Hammitt	ABSENT
D6 - Walz	AVE	D15 - Kolb	AVE	D24 - Bangs	AVE
D7 - LaFontain	ABSENT	D16 - Crowley	AVE	D25 - Johnson	AVE
D8 - Koremenos	AVE	D17 - Meier	ABSENT		
D9 - Heinrich	AVE	D18 - Nelson	AVE		

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