

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Issue:

Approve an animal fee schedule to be utilized by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, while performing the duties outlined in LCC Chapters 5.25, 6.05, and 6.15.

Recommendation:

The Lewis County Public Health Department has a list of approved fees from 2024 associated with their previous animal control responsibilities. These responsibilities have been assumed by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the related fees should be moved and adopted as the Lewis County Sheriff's Office's Animal Fee Schedule. Recommend approving the new fee schedule.

Background Facts:

- 1) The Lewis County Public Health Department has previously been tasked with animal enforcement, including investigations for the Dangerous Animal Decisions Board and kennel inspection and licensing, and has been using an approved fee schedule while performing those duties. (See Attachment 1, bottom of page 7 and top of page 8.)
- 2) The Lewis County Sheriff's Office has assumed these responsibilities and has been working under the direction of the Director of Public Health using their fee schedule for the past couple of months and needs the relevant animal fee schedule moved to the Sheriff's Office for future use. (See Attachment 2.)
- 3) The fee for registering a dangerous animal is not explicitly listed in the 2024 Public Health fee schedule. Past registrations show the fee being used for dangerous animal registrations was \$50, which is the same as a Commercial Kennel 10-15 Dogs. (See Attachment 2.)

Attachment 1 – Public Health Services 2024 Fee Schedule (See pages 7 and 8).

Attachment 2 – Proposed LCSO Animal Fee Schedule with tracked changes.