

Ordinance 2025-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FEES ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, there exists an ordinance (2024-05) establishing Animal Control fees in Jackson County, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as "Animal Control Fees Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the present amending ordinance is intended to merely amend the referenced ordinance and update the schedule of animal control fees; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County has the authority to regulate animals and the possession thereof within the County limits; and

WHEREAS, that authority includes the ability to establish fees to support the requirements established by the County and the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Animal Control Fees Ordinance has established fees which need to be revised from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Animal Control Ordinance sets out those situations in which the Jackson County Animal Control Administrator will assess and collect animal control fees; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Animal Control Program revenue supports animal control operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of the County of Jackson, State of Illinois that hereafter the following animal control fees are established in Jackson County and shall be collected by the Jackson County Animal Control Administrator. These fees will then be remitted to the Jackson County Treasurer in accordance with section 7 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/7), unless required otherwise by applicable state statute or regulation. The Animal Control Ordinance contains information concerning fines related to ordinance violations.

RABIES TAGS

The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals obtaining rabies vaccination tags for dogs from the Jackson County Animal Control Administrator:

Spayed or Neutered Dogs:

One-year tags: \$7.00

Three-year tags: \$18.00

Intact Dogs:

One-year tags: \$14.00

Three-year tags: \$36.00

ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY SERVICE FEES

The following fees will be imposed on the owner(s) of animals who receive the following services:

Specimen prep for rabies test: \$50.00

Microchip fee at clinic: \$5.00

Microchip fee Return to Owner (RTO): \$10.00

Transportation: A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed to recover costs associated with the transport of an animal by Animal Control personnel. This fee applies when an animal is picked up or relocated by an Animal Control Officer, or his or her designee, using County vehicles and equipment, including, but not limited to, the transport of stray, injured, dangerous, or impounded animals from the location of capture to the animal control facility or other authorized destination. This fee is in addition to any applicable impoundment, boarding, or other service fees assessed under this Ordinance.

Pick Up (owned): \$25.00

Pick Up (not owned): \$5.00

Overtime: A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed for services performed by Animal Control personnel outside the posted public operating hours of the Animal Control facility, including evenings, weekends, and County-recognized holidays. This fee is in addition to any other applicable service, impoundment, or boarding fees assessed under this Ordinance.

Trap Rental (weekly): \$10.00

Dead Animal Disposal: A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per animal shall be assessed for the collection, transport, and lawful disposal of a dead animal by Animal Control personnel. This fee applies whether the animal is collected from public property, a roadway, or private property at the request of the property owner or responsible party.

RECLAIMING FEES and PUBLIC SAFETY FINES

The following fees and fines shall be imposed on all individuals who are found guilty of violating the Jackson County Animal Control Ordinance or seeking to reclaim an animal, owned by them, but taken into the custody of the Jackson County Animal Control program, for whatever reason:

Dog at Large Fee:

\$25.00 – first occurrence

\$50.00 – second occurrence

\$75.00 – third occurrence

Owner Surrender Fee:
\$30.00 – In County
\$100.00 – Out of County

Impoundment Fees:
\$30.00 – first occurrence
\$60.00 – second occurrence
\$90.00 – third occurrence

Public Safety Fines:

Biting Dog:
\$25.00 – first occurrence
\$50.00 – second occurrence
\$75.00 – third or subsequent occurrence

Dangerous Dog:
\$50.00 – first occurrence
\$100.00 – second occurrence
\$150.00 – third or subsequent occurrence

Vicious Dog:
\$300.00 – first occurrence
\$500.00 – second occurrence
\$750.00 – third occurrence; or the amount required pursuant to Section 10 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/10), whichever is greater.

The biting dog fine shall be waived if it is the first impoundment and the owner, agent, or caretaker has the animal spayed or neutered within 14 days after being reclaimed and the owner submits proof thereof to the Jackson County Animal Control Administrator within a timely manner.

Vicious Dog – Failure to spay/neuter and microchip: \$500.00 fine in addition to impoundment fees.

Boarding Fees (per day):
\$35.00 – Dangerous or Vicious Dog
\$30.00 – Bite Dog
\$25.00 – Regular boarding

10-Day Hold Fees:
\$300.00 – Bite Dog
\$350.00 – Dangerous or Vicious Dog

Spay/Neuter Refundable Deposit: \$150.00

Retention of Animals: Payment of all assessed fees does not guarantee the return of an animal to its owner. The Animal Control Administrator may refuse to release any animal if return of the animal would be contrary to state law, County ordinance, a court order, a forfeiture proceeding, or in the interest of public health and safety. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, cases involving dangerous or vicious animals, evidence in a criminal proceeding, animals subject to

quarantine, or animals deemed unsuitable for release due to health or welfare concerns.

No animal will be released to the owner until all fees and fines (if applicable) set forth in Section 3 have been paid in full.

Criminal Penalties Not Affected by Surrender: The voluntary surrender of an animal to Jackson County Animal Control does not absolve, release, or otherwise exempt any person from criminal liability, civil penalties, or other enforcement actions arising from violations of the Illinois Animal Control Act, the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act, or any applicable County ordinance. The County may pursue prosecution, fines, or other remedies notwithstanding the surrender of the animal.

Superseding Prior Ordinances

Upon its effective date, this Ordinance replaces and supersedes all previous ordinances which establish fees for the specific circumstances identified above.

Effective Date

This Amending Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Jackson County Board.

Adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County Board held on

August 19, 2025.

C. J. Calandro

C.J. Calandro, Chairman

ATTEST:

Frank L. Byrd

Frank L. Byrd, Jackson County Clerk