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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOHNSON COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 2025-O-9

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY CODE
OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2015, the Board of Commissioners of Johnson County Indiana, approved Ordinance 2014-0-07, amended by Ordinance 2016-O-02, passed April 11, 2016, amended again by Ordinance 2016-O-15, passed December 12, 2016, amended by Ordinance 2016-O-16, passed November 28, 2016, amended by Ordinance 2020-O-04, passed July 27, 2020, amended by Ordinance 2021-O-11, passed August 9, 2021, amended by Ordinance 2021-O-19, passed August 22, 2022, amended by Ordinance 2023-O11, passed June 12, 2023, amended by Ordinance 2023-O-26;

WHEREAS, the average veterinary costs per adoptable animal at the Johnson County Animal Shelter currently exceeds the adoption fees charged by the Shelter; and

WHEREAS, based on the increasing costs to care for the animals, it is necessary for the Johnson County Animal Shelter to increase its adoption fees to better align with the actual costs of care necessary to prepare an animal for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Johnson County Code Title 15, Agriculture and Animals, shall be amended to contain the following sections:

§ 15-3-3-1 FEE SCHEDULE:

Fees set forth herein shall be collected by the JCAC and paid over to the Johnson County Auditor to be receipted into the Johnson County Animal Adoption Fee Fund (#4915).

- (a) **Impoundment Fee:** Impoundment fees for all animals shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the first day and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each additional day.
- (b) **Euthanasia Fee:** Euthanasia fees for all animals shall be Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00). Euthanasia services will not be provided solely at the owner’s request.

- (c) Disposition Fee: Disposition fees for all animals shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).
- (d) Voluntary Surrender Fee:
 - 1. Johnson County residents shall pay the following fees when voluntarily surrendering the following animals:
 - (a) Livestock: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00);
 - (b) Dog: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00);
 - (c) Cat: Forty Dollars (\$40.00);
 - (d) Other small animals: Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)
 - 2. Non-Johnson County Residents shall pay:
 - (A) For an Owner-Volunteer surrender a fee of not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00);
 - (B) For the surrender of a stray dog or cat a fee of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

JCAC reserves the right to turn away Non-Johnson County Residents seeking to surrender an animal subject to kennel space availability.

- 3. The surrender of a litter of less than 5 animals shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).
- 4. The surrender of a litter greater than 5 animals shall be Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00)
- (e) Medical Fee: Medical fees shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per domestic animal.
- (f) Quarantine Fee: Animals subject to quarantine may be quarantined at the JCAS at the owner's expense of:
 - 1. Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for animals 30 pounds and larger; and
 - 2. One Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) for animals under 30 pounds.
- (g) Adoption Fee: Adoption fees shall be as follows:
 - a. All Dogs: Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
 - b. Kittens under six months: One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00)

c. Cats six months and older: One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

Adoption fees may be waived or adjusted at the discretion of the JCAC Director in the event of JCAS overcrowding or depending upon the medical needs of the animal.

(h) Fees Imposed for Boarding Livestock: Pursuant to I.C. 35- 46-3-6(c), the JCAC shall require owners convicted of I.C. 35-46-3-1 *et seq.* and I.C. 15-17-18 *et seq.* to pay the costs of boarding livestock animals.

Adopted this 27th day of May, 2025.

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