

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

4 APRIL 2012

AGENDA ITEM C1

DOG CONTROL FEES FOR 2012/13

Purpose of Report

To set the dog control fees for 2012/13.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree the Dog Control fees for 2012/13 (Appendix 1).*

1. Background and discussion

The Dog Control Act 1996 gives territorial authorities the power to set fees for the registration and control of dogs. Section 37 of the Act sets out that the fees shall be made by resolution of that authority and that the fees shall be advertised once set. The Dog Control Act but does not prescribe that the resolution to set fees must be part of the Annual Plan process.

Council resolved in April 2011 to set dog control fees separately from Annual Plan process.

The proposed fees for 2012/13 are included in Appendix 1. In line with the Council's Dog Control Policy (Section 5.8) the dog control activity is self funding. There are no proposed fee increases from the 2011/12 year.

Some minor adjustments have been made to the penalty fees. The Dog Control Act 1996 requires that the penalty fee shall not exceed 50% if the fee that would have been payable if the dog had been registered on the first day of the registration year.

There will be the opportunity to simplify the registration fee structure. This can be done as part of a review of the Dog Control Policy. A review of the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw is earmarked for 2012/13 depending on the resources available for the review of bylaws.

Officers have held discussions with Masterton District Council regarding a streamlining of our fees, but this process will be quite involved due to the different operational structures, overhead costs, and subsequent significant

differences in the respective fees. We have agreed to not undertake any collaborative work on this area for this financial year, but will revisit it for the next financial year.

2. Conclusion

The proposed fees for 2012/13 reflect the cost of the dog control activity and so it is recommended there is no increase to dog control fees from the 2011/12 year.

3. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Dog Control Fees for 2012/13

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DOG REGISTRATION FEES

Approved Owners	
<i>Desexed</i>	
Urban	\$55.00
Rural	\$32.00
<i>Entire</i>	
Urban	\$78.00
Rural	\$43.00
<i>Late Fees</i>	
<i>Desexed</i>	
Urban	\$82.00
Rural	\$47.00
<i>Entire</i>	
Urban	\$117.00
Rural	\$66.00
General Owners	
<i>Desexed</i>	
Urban	\$83.00
Rural	\$47.00
<i>Entire</i>	
Urban	\$117.00
Rural	\$66.00
<i>Late Fees</i>	
<i>Desexed</i>	
Urban	\$123.00
Rural	\$70.00
<i>Entire</i>	
Urban	\$175.00
Rural	\$98.00
Other	
Flat fee for 5 plus Rural Dogs	\$206.00
Late fee for 5 plus Rural Dogs	\$309.00
Surrender a dog for euthanasia	\$30.00
Micro-chipping a dog	\$42.00
Permit application to keep more than two dogs in an urban area including breeder	\$37.00
Breeder permit holder urban registration per dog	\$69.00
Re-homing fee for impounded dogs	\$69.00
Costs and expenses relating to impounding and securing impounded dogs	Actual costs plus 10%
Replacement registration tag	\$5.00
Collars	Actual cost plus 10%

Impounding Fees	
First Impounding	\$66.00
Second Impounding	\$107.00
Third Impounding	\$127.00
Feeding (per day)	\$10.50