

**ORDINANCE NO. 560  
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 560.5)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF  
RIVERSIDE PROVIDING FOR LOW-COST,  
NON-PROFIT, PUBLIC SPAY AND  
NEUTER CLINICS FOR DOGS AND CATS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

**Section 1. AUTHORITY FOR CLINICS.** Pursuant to California Food & Agricultural Code Sections 30503 and 31751.3, the Director of the Department of Animal Services is hereby authorized and directed to establish clinics where residents of the County of Riverside may have dogs and cats spayed or neutered in a humane manner.

- a. Fees for services provided by such clinics shall be determined in a minimum amount to offset the cost of operating such clinics and shall be consistent with the intent of this ordinance for providing low-cost, non-profit, spay and neuter services to the public. Fees shall be established by the Board of Supervisors.
- b. Persons submitting dogs or cats for the spay and neuter services shall sign a consent form certifying under penalty of perjury that they are the owner of said animals or are otherwise authorized to present the animal for the spay or neuter operation and such persons may be required to furnish proof of such ownership or authority.
- c. Such consent shall contain a waiver of any and all liability of the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services, and any other county employees for any injury or death to an animal arising out of the aforementioned operation or any services provided incidental thereto.
- d. The Riverside County Department of Animal Services shall establish a return date by which a person submitting animals for the aforementioned operation shall pick-up said animals or be subjected to reasonable board and care fees to commence the day after such return date.
- e. Failure to pick up an animal within fifteen (15) days of said return date shall be deemed abandonment of said animal and the Department of Animal Services may dispose of it by sale, adoption or destruction.

**Section 2. FEES FOR SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES.** The fees for spay and neuter services at clinics established by the Riverside County Department of Animal Services shall be as follows:

- a. Any dog: \$100.00

b. Any cat: \$55.00

The above spay and neuter fees shall be included in the flat-rate adoption fee at the time of adoption if the dog or cat is adopted from an animal shelter operated by the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

**Section 3. FEE FOR CONTRACT SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC SERVICES.**

The fee for contract spay and neuter clinic services at a shelter operated by the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for a full day of services shall be \$6,862.00.

**Section 4. FEES FOR CONTRACT SHOT CLINIC SERVICES.** The fees for contract shot clinic services and spay/neuter bus services for a full day of services shall be as follows:

- a. Contract Shot Clinic and Microchipping Services \$3,000.00
- b. Spay and Neuter Bus Services \$3,000.00

**Section 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**Adopted:**

560 11/02/1976 (By General Election) (Eff: 11/12/1976)

**Amended:**

- 560.1 Item 9.7 of 12/11/2007 (Eff: 01/10/2008)
- 560.2 Item 9.15 of 07/14/2009 (Eff: 08/13/2009)
- 560.3 Item 9.1 of 08/10/2010 (Eff: 09/09/2010)
- 560.4 Item 9.3 of 08/16/2011 (Eff: 09/15/2011)
- 560.5 Item 19.1 of 01/07/2020 (Eff: 02/06/2020)