



Animal Control Advisory Board Agenda September 19, 2022

Minutes Resolution

Discussion Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action of modifying 2.03.005 Identification, Registration Tag, and Microchip.

Background Information:

The current ordinance requires all animals that reside in the city to be registered and microchipped. The two cities that surround Joshua, (Burleson and Cleburne) do not require pets to be registered annually. Many other cities are moving away from this practice and are either doing away with it completely or they are changing the requirement to where all pets must be microchipped.

Tracking annual registrations is very time-consuming and costly. I feel like the time spent each year keeping registrations current could be better utilized by adding patrol hours and being more proactive than reactive in the community. Additionally, such time would allow for more community interaction, adoption events, and community education.

If we were to move to require all pets to be microchipped and do away with the annual registration requirement, I would propose reducing the microchip fee for residents from \$20 to \$12. Additionally, we would participate in National Pet ID Week and offer free microchipping that week.

Financial Information:

Current Fees:

Sterilized Registration Fee: \$5

Unsterilized Registration Fee: \$10

Micro Chip Fee: \$20

Statistics

Number of households in Joshua (2016-2020): 2,928

Number of Animal-Ownning Households:

Dog-owning households: $.384 \times 2,928 = 1,124$

Cat-owning households: $.254 \times 2,928 = 744$

Total Households with cats and dogs = 1,868

Estimated Number of Pets in Joshua:

Dogs: $.614 \times 2,928 = 1,798$

Cats: $.457 \times 2,928 = 1,338$

Total number of pets in Joshua = 3,136

Current License Status (January 1, 2022 to August 30, 2022):

Current: 33

Inactive: 17

Total Licenses: 50

City Contact and Recommendations:

Amber Bransom

Staff seeks recommendations from the board.

Attachments:

- **Current Ordinance**
- **Sample Ordinance: City of San Antonio**