

Dog Fees Update

Roque Salinas, MPA

Executive Director

11/4/2025

Summary

- A review of city services was performed, and it was determined that dog microchipping and pet registration should be offered to the public for free.
- Options
 - Approve
 - Deny

Current Data

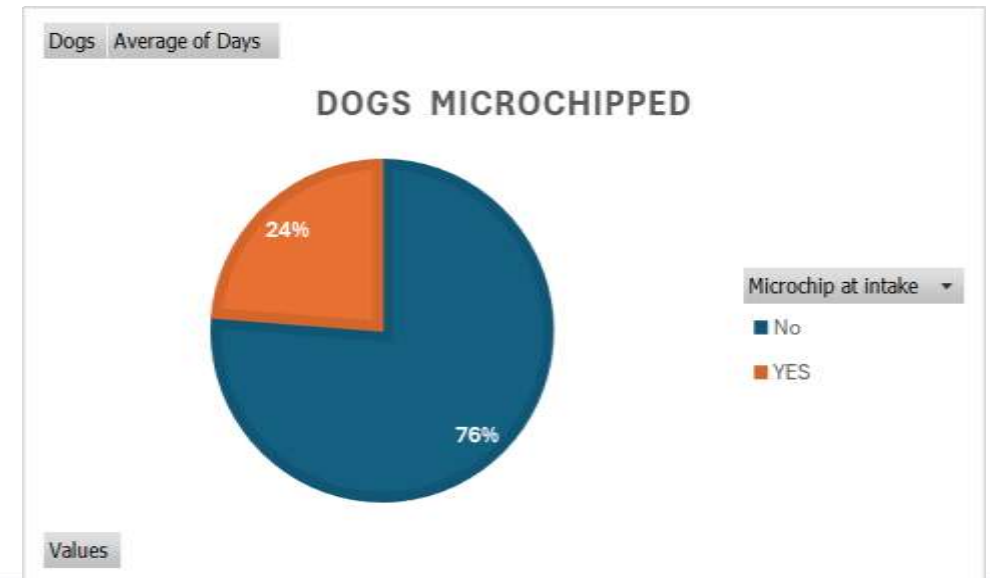
- In 2024, a total of thirty-eight (38) dogs were registered with the City. As of 2025, twenty-five (25) additional dogs have been registered, for a combined total of sixty-three (63) dogs since 2024.
- However, many owners have failed to renew their annual registration. The City currently has thirty-two (32) active registrations.

Row Labels	Count of Address
+ 2024	38
+ 2025	25
Grand Total	63

Dogs microchipping at intake

- From January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the City impounded 72 dogs; only 21 or 29% were chipped. -Microchipping started.
- From January 1, 2024, through October 15, 2025, the City has impounded 101 dogs; only 24, or 24% were chipped.

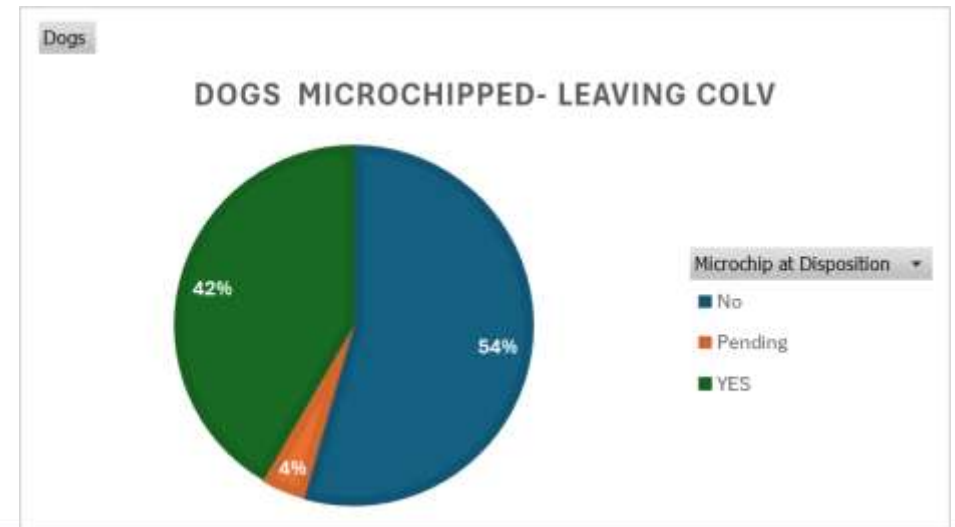
Microchipped	Dogs	Average of Days
No	77	18.23
YES	24	1.75
Grand Total	101	14.31683168



Dogs Microchipping at Disposition

- It is considered a best practice for animal shelters to microchip dogs and other pets. Most shelters microchip pets upon intake or before adoption to ensure permanent identification.
- Leon Valley microchips every dog leaving our custody and every dog registered with the City. The City has microchipped 18 dogs that have left our facility and has 7 dogs pending chipping.
- The City also held a vaccine drive in August, where 9 more dogs were chipped.
- The City is making progress with dogs in our care. however, we are not making major improvements with the public.

Microchipped	Dogs
No	55
Pending	4
YES	42
Grand Total	101



Chipping Change in Price

Current:

Leon Valley resident:

- (1) Free with an active City of Leon Valley Pet License.*
 - a. Limit of 4 per address.*
- (2) \$15.00 without an active City of Leon Valley Pet License.*
 - a. Limit of 4 per address.*

Non-Leon Valley Resident:

- (1) \$20.00 per dog- Limit of 5 dogs per person.*

New Fees

Leon Valley resident

- 1. Free microchipping*
 - a. Limit of 4 active microchips per address*

Non-Leon Valley Resident

- 1. \$20.00.*

The City manager, or designee, is authorized to reduce or waive fees for adoption events or where necessary to advance the goals of the department to reduce animals in city kennels.



Registration Change in Price

A4.002 City Pet License

Current

City pet license:

(1) Spayed/neutered animals: \$5.00.

(2) Unaltered animals: \$15.00.

New Fees

City pet license:

(1) Spayed/neutered animals: \$0.00.

(2) Unaltered animals: \$0.00.

Price Comparison

City	Cost- Resident	Cost- non resident	Chip Required	Pet registration cost	Annual renewal	Comment
San Antonio	\$ -	\$ 15.00	Yes	No city license	No	Chip is the pet license
Converse	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Yes	Free	No	Can be waived by staff- Chip is the pet license and no annual registration
Kirby	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Yes	No city license	N/A	No city license
Schertz	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Yes	\$ 10.00	No	Chip is the pet license
Live Oak	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Only when picked up city	Free	Yes	
Alamo heights	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	No	Free	No	Free with microchip
Cibolo	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Yes	Free	Yes	Can be waived by staff- Chip is the pet license and no annual registration
Leon Valley	FREE	\$ 20.00	Yes	Free	Yes	Chip is the pet license

* Yellow section for Leon Valley is pending City Council Approval

WHY IS IT FREE????

- The cost to feed and maintain a dog is significantly higher than the cost to microchip it. Additionally, staff time is required to attend to the dogs, which takes time away from responding to other at-large animals and code enforcement activities.

Fiscal Impact

- The current registration fees are five dollars (\$5.00) for altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and cats and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for unaltered animals. Eliminating these fees will result in a loss of revenue previously collected through registrations.
- However, the current permit system charges a fee per permit, ranging from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00). Removing the permit requirement will also reduce associated costs for the Planning and Zoning Department.
- Under the proposed update, the new microchip-based registration system will be free to use for the Animal Control Department.

Microchipped vs Non-Microchipped

Dogmicrochipped	Item	Cost	Staff time	Average stay	frequency	\$ cost	Staff cost	Total cost
No	Feeding, Cleaning, and Exercise	\$ 2.50	1	18	18	\$ 45.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 405.00
No	Vacancies/Testing (Heartworm parvo testing rabies vaccination DHLPP)	\$ 80.00	2	18	1	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 120.00
No	Spav/neuter	\$ 120.00	4	18	1	\$120.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00
No	Rescue coordination	\$ -	0.5	18	6	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Total		\$ 202.50	7.5	18	26	\$245.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 785.00

Dogmicrochipped	Item	Cost	Staff time	Average stay	frequency	\$ cost	Staff cost	Total cost
Yes	Feeding, Cleaning, and Exercise	\$ 2.50	1	2	2	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Yes	Vacancies/Testing (Heartworm parvo testing rabies vaccination DHLPP)	\$ -	0	2	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yes	Spav/neuter	\$ -	0	2	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yes	Rescue coordination	\$ -	0.5	2	1	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Total		\$ 2.50	1.5	2	3	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00

Registered Animals

- The current registration fees are five dollars (\$5.00) for altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and cats and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for unaltered animals. Eliminating these fees will result in a loss of revenue previously collected through registrations.
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Row Labels	Count of Project Type	Average of Total Fees
2024	38	\$7.68
2025	25	\$8.48
Grand Total	63	\$8.00

Row Labels	Sum of Total Fees
2024	\$291.70
2025	\$212.00
Grand Total	\$503.70