



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Regulatory Services**

Date: August 9, 2004
To: Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to: Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Amendments (1) Regarding Animal Impoundment and Board Fees and (2) Ferrets and Related Requirements**

Recommendation: Approve fee adjustments for animal impoundment and daily board fees to help offset real costs of animal care and control services. Approve legalization of ferrets, the requirement of their rabies vaccination and licensing, and authority to contain and observe such animals in the event of a human bite.

Previous Directives: Fee adjustments for animal impoundment and daily board fee were part of the approved 2004 Budget.

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Presenters in Committee: Bill Anderson, Deputy Director, Environmental Services, Regulatory Services; and Bob Marotto, Manager, Animal Care and Control Program

Financial Impact

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): **See statement below.**
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

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Financial Statement:

Adjustments of the daily board fee and progressive animal impound fee were approved as part of the '04 budget, and will help to offset the actual costs of animal care and control services. Additional annual income from an adjusted daily board fee will be approximately \$14,805. Additional annual income from an adjusted progressive impound fee will be approximately \$19,740.

Community Impact:

Fee adjustments are fiscally prudent and they help to make the Animal Care and Control Program more cost-effective and self-supporting. Legalization of ferrets is directly responsive to their increased popularity as pets and the absence of undue risks to public health and safety.