

**RESOLUTION 19-R-123**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR FEES AND COSTS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS WITHIN MARION COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has amended Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code establishing rules and regulations governing animals kept in Marion County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to amend the Schedule of Fines and Penalties, and Fees and Costs relating to regulations governing animals kept in Marion County;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

**SECTION 1. FINES AND PENALTIES.** The Board hereby amends the fines and penalties attached hereto as Exhibit A to be assessed for violations of Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code. All fines and penalties including violations related to dangerous dogs shall be paid to the Clerk of Court at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The Schedule of Fines and Penalties attached hereto provides fines for first, second, third and subsequent violations.

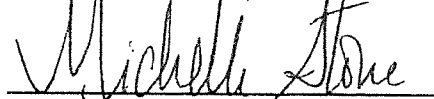
**SECTION 2. FEES AND COSTS.** The Board hereby amends the fees and costs to be assessed and collected by Marion County Animal Services attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL.** All resolutions or parts thereof of Marion County in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Board.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
MICHELLE STONE, CHAIRMAN

**ATTEST:**

By:   
DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

**Marion County Animal Services  
2019 Schedule of Fines and Penalties  
Exhibit A**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Offense</b>
4-7	Impounding authority of officers, interference prohibited	\$250	MCA*	MCA*
4-8	Licensure, exemptions, requirements	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-9 (a)	Rabies vaccination required – Failure to have animal vaccinated	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-9 (c)	Failure by veterinarian to comply with reporting rabies vaccinations	\$150	\$300	MCA*
4-10 (a), (b), (c)	Microchipping-Failure to have animal microchipped	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-11 (a), (b)	Control of animals – On or off the real property limits of the owner	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-11 (e)	Control of animals – Results in bite or injury to a person or an animal. Failure to confine humanely while in heat (estrus)	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-11 (f)	Control of animals – Livestock fencing minimum requirements	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-12	Animals creating a nuisance	\$200	\$400	MCA*
4-13	Humane treatment for animals; improper tethering	\$200	\$400	MCA*
4-14	Animals in motor vehicles or vessels	\$200	\$400	MCA*
4-15(g)(1)	Animal Abuse Offender possessing animals	MCA*	MCA*	MCA*
4-15(h)	Person transferring animal to Animal Abuse Offender	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-15(e)	Failure to contact Maintaining Agency to update Registry information	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-17(b)(4)	Impoundment, redemption, adoption Microchip requirements after quarantine	\$100	\$200	MCA*
4-18(a), (b), (c)	Sale of dogs and cats-public or private streets, rights-of-way, flea market, private parking lots or any open air venue sales prohibited; violation of pet shop provision	\$150	\$300	MCA*
4-19	Requirement for sales of dogs and cats-Failure to provide health certificate	\$200	\$400	MCA*
4-22	Violating any dangerous dog provision	\$500	MCA*	MCA*

4-28	Irresponsible Pet Owner	\$300	\$400	MCA*
4-29	Kennel License Violation	\$150	\$300	MCA*

\*Mandatory Court Appearance

**Marion County Animal Services  
2019 Schedule of Fees  
Exhibit B**

<b>Adoption Fees:</b>	
Dog or cat adoption	\$ 50.00
Multiple dog or cat adoption (second, third animal adopted at the same time)	\$ 25.00
Small livestock (sheep, goats, pigs, etc.)	\$ 25.00
Large livestock (cow, llama, alpaca, etc.)	\$ 100.00
Horse (includes Coggins)	\$ 125.00
Fowl (chickens, geese, pigeons, doves, etc.)	\$ 3.00
Pocket pet (rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.)	\$ 5.00
Exotic bird (macaws, parrots, cockatiels, parakeets, etc.)	Market Value
Reptile	\$ 10.00
Special Adoption Pricing	Per Event
<b>Boarding Fees:</b>	
Under 100 pounds, not classified as dangerous, per day	\$ 8.00
Over 100 pounds, not classified as dangerous, per day	\$ 12.00
Dangerous Dog, per day	\$ 15.00
Quarantine for rabies suspect, per day	\$ 15.00
Livestock, per day	\$ 15.00
<b>Capture and Restraint Fees:</b>	
Search or immobilization per non-dangerous dog, per officer	\$ 25.00
Search or immobilization for each classified dangerous dog per officer	\$ 50.00
Livestock hauling (per loaded mile)	\$ 3.00
Livestock hauling per officer or agent dispatched	\$ 25.00
Landlord animal removal fee, per animal	\$ 50.00
Dead animal carcass removal/disposal (dog or cat)	\$ 20.00
Re-confine livestock	\$ 50.00
<b>Dangerous Dog Fees:</b>	
Annual registration - 1 <sup>st</sup> year	\$ 500.00
Annual registration - subsequent years	\$ 250.00
Spay/neuter (only offered if under MCAS custody)	\$ 200.00
Tranquilization	\$ 25.00
Dangerous dog sign, per sign	\$ 10.00
Transport to veterinarian or boarding facility	\$ 50.00
Dangerous dog hearing fee	\$ 100.00
Dangerous dog 2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent hearing/appeal fee	\$ 200.00
<b>Euthanasia Fees:</b>	
Euthanasia fee (for old, injured, sick animals—may require a note from Vet)	\$ 50.00
<b>Licensure Fees:</b>	
Sterile cats and dogs not classified as dangerous (or under 6 months of age)	
One year duration	\$ 10.00
Three year duration	\$ 30.00
Non-sterile cats and dogs over 6 months of age not classified as dangerous	
One year duration	\$ 75.00
Three year duration	\$ 225.00
Dangerous dog license - due yearly	\$ 150.00
Replacement license	\$ 5.00
Irresponsible pet owner license fee	\$ 100.00

<b>Microchip Fees:</b>	
Chip, implant, and national registration	\$ 15.00
<b>Retail Pet Shop:</b>	
Quarterly Inspection Fee	
4-25 animals	\$ 45.00
26-50 animals	\$ 90.00
51-75 animals	\$ 135.00
76-100 animals	\$ 180.00
<b>Kennel Fees:</b>	
License Fee	\$ 100.00
Semi-annual Inspection Fee	
4-25 animals	\$ 45.00
26-50 animals	\$ 90.00
51-75 animals	\$ 135.00
76-100 animals	\$ 180.00
Re-inspection fee of kennel	\$ 50.00
<b>Other Fees:</b>	
Owner surrender (dog, cat, exotic, pocket pet)	\$ 50.00
Owner surrender without cage for exotic or pocket pet	\$ 25.00
Trap rental, per week (not pro-rated)	\$ 15.00
<b>Redemption Fees:</b>	
First impoundment *	\$ FREE
Second impoundment *	\$ 50.00
Third and subsequent impoundment *	\$ 100.00
First impoundment for dangerous dog *	\$ 100.00
Second impoundment for dangerous dog *	\$ 150.00
Third and subsequent impoundment for dangerous dog *	\$ 500.00
First impoundment for livestock *	\$ 50.00
Second impoundment for livestock *	\$ 100.00
Third and subsequent impoundment for livestock *	\$ 150.00
Redemption spay/neuter package (dog/cat); in lieu of other redemption/boarding fees	\$ 50.00
<b>(*And pay for license, microchip, rabies vaccine, any medications and boarding fees if applicable)</b>	
<b>Rescue Group Fees:</b>	
Dog or cat	\$ FREE
Redemption fee (one time waiver)(also must make legal: rabies vacc., license & chip)	\$ 20.00
Exotic	Per Species
Horse (Includes Coggins)	\$ FREE
<b>Special Care Fees:</b>	
Special dietary needs, per day	\$ 8.00
Veterinary, first-aid, and other personal care, per treatment	\$ 15.00
Medical supplies, per treatment	\$ 10.00
De-wormer treatment, per dose	\$ 7.00
Equine de-wormer	\$ 15.00
Farrier	\$ 50.00
FeLV test	\$ 10.00
Heartworm test	\$ 10.00

Coggins test	\$ 25.00
Flea prevention/treatment	\$ 15.00
Other special care (not listed)	Actual cost
<b>Special Handling Fees:</b>	
Preparation and packaging of laboratory specimens (under 100 pounds)	\$ 25.00
Preparation and packaging of laboratory specimens (over 100 pounds)	\$ 50.00
Shipping	Actual cost
<b>Sterilization Fees (Dog or Cat Spay/Neuter):</b>	
Public Surgery - Low Income	\$ 20.00
Public Surgery	\$ 75.00
Dangerous dog (only offered if dog is under MCAS custody)	\$ 200.00
<b>Vaccination Fees:</b>	
Rabies vaccination - one or multiple year duration (provided to the public as walk-in service with purchase of county license)	\$ 15.00
Canine/feline combo vaccine (not provided to the public as walk-in service)	\$ 10.00
Bordetella vaccine (not provided to the public as walk-in service)	\$ 10.00
Other vaccines as warranted (i.e. Canine Flu)	Actual cost
Equine vaccines	Actual cost