

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ANIMAL  
IMPOUND AND BOARDING FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mankato reopened its animal impound facility on January 1, 2025, to provide safe and humane care for dogs as described in Minnesota State Statute 347.17; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mankato desires to improve the structure specific to animal impound and to animal boarding services within the City's fee schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, an analysis of dogs impounded and retrieved by owners between January 1, 2025, and September 15, 2025, demonstrates that the average stay for retrieved dogs is just over a one day stay, with costs incurred by the City including food, staff time, cleaning, and medical evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed fee structure of a \$40 impound fee and a \$30 per day boarding fee reflects a reasonable recovery of actual costs for care and retrieval of impounded dogs, while ensuring the cost is not a prohibitive barrier for owners reclaiming their dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, animals housed at the impound facility are not retrieved by their owners, the City recognizes that full cost recovery in such cases is not feasible and that a balance must be struck between operational costs and fairness to responsible dog owners, recognizing every effort will be made to achieve foster and/or adoption for dogs not retrieved; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed structure is consistent with fee ranges charged by other Minnesota municipalities, while supporting the City's goal of efficient, effective, and humane animal care.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Mankato that the City's fee schedule (attached) is hereby updated to include the following:

- Animal Impound Fee: \$40 per incident
- Boarding Fee: \$30 per day (beginning at time of impound)

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

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Najwa Massad, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Renae Kopischke, City Clerk