



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: November 17, 2015 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Timothy W. Lutz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Requested Closures of Tulare County Animal Services and Temporary Reduction of Adoption Fees.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the closure of Tulare County Animal Services to the public on November 28, 2015, December 26, 2015, and January 2, 2016;
2. Direct staff to post notices on these closures at the shelter and on the Animal Services website; and
3. Approve a reduction in adoption fees on November 25, 2015, December 19, 2015, and December 23, 2015 in an effort to increase the number of animals adopted prior to the end of the year.

SUMMARY:
Tulare County Animal Services normal operating hours on Saturdays are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is requested that Animals Services offices be closed to the public November 28, 2015, December 26, 2015, and January 2, 2016. These days are significant because each is a Saturday following a County holiday. Animal Services responds to approximately 17 calls on a typical working day, compared to an average of 5 calls on the aforementioned dates.

Due to the reduced workload anticipated on these Saturdays, it would be more efficient and cost effective to allow staff time off. Tulare County Animal Services would continue

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its usual 24-hour on-call practice, and remain available to respond to emergencies. It is therefore requested that the office be closed on the specified days.

Additionally, in an effort to increase the number of dogs and cats who get adopted prior to the end of the calendar year, Tulare County Animal Services is requesting a temporary reduction in adoption fees. This is an experimental approach to gauge the impact of costs on adoption. The number of cats in the shelter is higher than usual for this time of year, and due to dogs having to be re-located to a temporary shelter, it would be advantageous to reduce the population at that site. The requested fee amendments are: Cats – reduction from \$50 to \$10. Dogs - reduction from \$70 (\$80 if the dog must be licensed) to \$20. Prices would be in effect on three dates: November 25, 2015, December 19, 2015, and December 23, 2015. Animals are currently located at a temporary kennel while renovations occur to the Animal Services facility, and an increase in pet adoptions will reduce the number of animals in care.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost. Based off adoption rates historically seen in the months of November and December, it is anticipated that roughly 100 dogs and 90 cats will be adopted this year during these months. There would be a difference of approximately \$8,600 by charging a reduced rate for adopting an animal on the days the sale occurs. The reduction in revenue will be offset with donations made through Friends of Tulare County. Currently there is \$20,000 available from this funding source.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness. Closing the shelter on a low demand day and reducing the number of pets in care, increases operational efficiency.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy Lutz
Director of Fiscal Operations

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) None

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTED)
CLOSURES OF TULARE COUNTY) Resolution No. _____
ANIMAL SERVICES AND TEMPORARY) Agreement No. _____
REDUCTION OF ADOPTION FEES.)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the closure of Tulare County Animal Services to the public on November 28, 2015, December 26, 2015, and January 2, 2016;
2. Directed staff to post notices on these closures at the shelter and on the Animal Services website; and
3. Approved a reduction in adoption fees on November 25, 2015, December 19, 2015, and December 23, 2015 in an effort to increase the number of animals adopted prior to the end of the year.