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Memorandum 19-154

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019
SUBJECT: ANIMAL SHELTER FEES

Resolution 19-081(S) includes an additional amendment to the fee schedule under Animal Shelter adoption fees.

In 2015 the Sustainable Animal Shelter Review Committee reviewed and made recommendations for the animal shelter fees, which included the shelter charging for necessary costs incurred that ensure an animal is fit and ready to go to its new home.

Currently the fee schedule lists the cost to adopt a pet is \$75.00, which is the amount the shelter pays the City, and includes verbiage that "Animals being adopted shall be spayed or neutered, properly licensed and vaccinated. Associated fees shall be the responsibility of the adopting party." The language is unclear and doesn't identify the actual cost incurred to adopt a pet, or that the cost varies depending on the animal.

This amendment will bring the City of Homer Fee Schedule in line with the Animal Shelter's charges to adopt a pet, which includes vet checks, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and microchipping. It will help eliminate any confusion for the public interested in adopting an animal who may be looking at our fee schedule for reference.

RECOMMENDATION: Move to substitute Resolution 19-081(S) for 19-081.