

**CITY OF EL PASO,  
TEXAS AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**



**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Services

**AGENDA DATE:** January 20, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME:** Michael Wachsmann, **PHONE NUMBER:** (915)212-8742  
Animal Services Interim Director

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

**SUBGOAL:** 8.3 Enhance animal services to ensure El Paso's pets are provided a safe and healthy environment

**SUBJECT:**

A Resolution amending Schedule C of the FY2026 Budget to add a \$50 registration fee for dogs designated as 'Vicious Dogs' under Section 7.12.070 of the City Code. The fee aligns with the new regulations established in the companion ordinances, creating Sections 7.12.070 and 7.12.080, which define and regulate aggressive and vicious dogs.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The companion ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 7.12 establishes a process to designate certain dogs as "Vicious Dogs." Enforcement of this ordinance requires a corresponding amendment to Schedule C to authorize a registration fee.

This resolution adds a \$50 Vicious Dog Registration Fee, matching the existing fee for Aggressive Dogs. Ensures cost recovery and compliance with Section 7.12.070 of the City Code. Becomes effective upon Council approval and effective date specified in the resolution.

**COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:**

N/A

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

FY2026 Budget Resolution adopted August 12, 2025.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Amount: \$50

Funding Source: Special  
Fund

Account: 441320

**REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**

N/A

| NAME | AMOUNT (\$) |
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| NA   | NA          |
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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Wachsmann  
Michael Wachsmann, Animal Services, Interim Director

**RESOLUTION AMENDING SCHEDULE C FOR  
THE CITY OF EL PASO FY2026 FEE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of El Paso adopted the Budget Resolution for FY2026 on August 12, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 48 of the Budget Resolution provides that any revisions or additions to the fees listed in Schedule C, or the process or formula use for setting fees, shall be approved by simple resolution of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 7.12.070 authorizes the City to charge registration fees for a dog designated as a vicious dog; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to add a new registration fee for designated vicious dogs as authorized by Title 7 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this Amendment to Schedule C ensures cost recovery and sound fiscal management.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That Schedule C, attached to the FY2026 Budget Resolution and effective September 1, 2025, shall be amended effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, as set forth in Attachment A, to add a new registration fee for designated vicious dogs.

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Renard U. Johnson  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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*Mona M. Heydarian*  
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Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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*Michael D. Wachsmann*  
Michael D. Wachsmann, Interim Director  
Animal Services Department

“Attachment A”

| Department      | Account | Fee Description | Detail                   | Municipal Code Section                                      | FY 2026 Adopted Fees | FY 2026 Revised Fees |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Animal Services | 441320  | Registration    | Vicious Dog Registration | Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code 822.043. Registration | \$0.00               | \$50.00              |