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<b>To:</b>	Policy & Finance Committee
<b>From:</b>	Sue Southey, Manager Planning and Regulatory Services
<b>Endorsed by:</b>	Pim Borren, Chief Executive
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed Dog Control Fees for 2016/17</b>
<b>DECISION</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the proposed Dog Control Fees for 2016/17 be approved

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the proposed Dog Registration Fees for 2016/17.

## **Background Information**

There are 5,685 known dogs within the Masterton District and of these 5,347 are registered. The percentage of registered dogs is 94.5%. Of the 337 unregistered a percentage of these will have left the district without the owners advising the Council.

Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 allows for the Territorial Authority to set fees.

## **Dog Registration Fees**

Dog (Animal) Control Officers have in 2015/16 year registered an additional 67 dogs and the department is able to generate the same or more income this year, so there is no necessity to increase the fees from the 2015/16 year.

All registration fees not paid by the 1st day of the second month of registration (1st August) will incur a 50% penalty imposed under section 37(2) (f) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Last year all those with previously registered dogs, whose registration remains outstanding on 1 July, were sent a reminder notice advising of the imposition of the penalty and that if their dog is not registered they will also be infringed.

This was very successful and saved many dog owners from having to pay the penalty fees.

Infringement fees are \$300 and are sent to the Court in Upper Hutt for collection.

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## Dog Control Fees

## Proposed 2016/17

Urban Neutered	\$80.00
Urban Entire	\$125.00
Urban Menacing Neutered	\$90.00
Urban Menacing Entire	\$140.00
Permit Breeder	\$80.00
Rural 1 <sup>st</sup> Dog	\$80.00
Rural 2nd and Subsequent	\$20.00
Rural Menacing	\$90.00
Dangerous Neutered	\$125.00
Dangerous Entire	\$195.00

## Other Dog Control Charges

## Proposed Fees (incl GST)

Sustenance fee (per day)	\$12.00
Poundage Fee: First impounding	\$66.00
Second impounding	\$122.00
Third & subsequent impounding (within 12 months)	\$153.00
Surrender a dog for euthanasia	\$31.00
Microchipping of impounded dog	\$43.00
Microchipping of Masterton registered dog	\$20.00
Permit application to keep more than two dogs in urban area including breeder	\$51.00
Breeder permit holder urban registration per dog	\$80.00
Re-homing fee for impounded dog	No charge
Replacement registration tag	\$5.00
Collars	Actual cost plus 10%
Costs & expenses relating to impounding and securing impounded dogs	Actual cost plus 10%

## **Stock Impounding Fees**

## **Poundage Fee Per day**

## **Sustenance Fee Per day**

For every horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, foal, mule, ass, ox, bull, cow, steer, heifer or calf	\$13.00	\$13.00
For every ram, ewe, wether, lamb or goat	\$6.50	\$7.00
For every boar, sow or pig	\$12.50	\$13.00

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For the second and subsequent impounding in one year of the stock of any particular owner, the above poundage fees are increased by 50%.

## **Fees for Giving Notice of Impounding**

For writing and delivering of any notice or sending any notice by post	\$25.00
For inserting any notice in one or more newspapers	\$40.00 or costs

## **Charge for leading, driving or conveying stock**

Actual cost incurred, with a minimum charge of \$75.00 (GST inclusive).