Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 05/21/2026

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider approval to increase animal shelter boarding fees.

Submitted by: MacKenzie Reid, Animal Control Supervisor

Recommended City Council Action:
Increase animal shelter boarding fees from $10 per day to _____.

BACKGROUND:

The Animal Shelter is currently charging $10 per day for animals in our care. This fee applies to animals involved in arrests, bite quarantines, and county animals housed at our facility. The purpose of this fee is to help cover the cost of food, cleaning, and the general wellbeing of the animals.

When an animal is brought into the shelter, we provide food, water, bedding, daily cleaning, exercise, and basic medical care. Kennels are cleaned two to three times per day, and animals are regularly taken outside to play and reduce stress.

For arrest and quarantine cases, we provide the required daily care and monitoring. For county animals, however, the shelter provides full-service care. This includes posting found animals, contacting owners, transporting animals to and from veterinary appointments, and providing complete daily care throughout their stay.

The current boarding fees have not been updated in many years. Looking back to approximately 2008, the daily rate was the same as it is today, despite the significant increase in operational costs, supplies, veterinary expenses, and overall animal care standards.

Year	Animals Housed	Total Animal-Days	Average Stay
2024	308	4,053	13.15 days
2025	292	4,644	15.90 days
2026 (YTD)	105	630	6.00 days

As animal care costs continue to rise, it is important to reevaluate the current boarding fees to ensure the shelter can continue providing safe, clean, and humane care for all animals in our custody.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS:

See attached paperwork

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Boarding fees around the County
- Animal Shelter Economics Spreadsheet

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This fee is most heavily paid by Washington County where we typically bill and collect $20,000 per year based on our $10 per day fee. Any increase would presumably increase the funds collected from the County proportionately unless the fee became an inhibition for them to bring animals to our shelter.

Respectfully Submitted: MReid

MacKenzie Reid, Animal Control Supervisor

Content Review:

Chuck Gillette, City Manager

Ivins City Animal Shelter Economics

Analysis of Boarding Costs per Animal per Day

5/13/2026

All Expenses are based on the current Shelter Budget for FY27

Costs are separated into Animal Collection Costs Versus Animal Boarding Costs

Description of Expense	Amount		Boarding Costs %	Boarding Costs $	Collection Costs %	Collection Costs $
Depreciation of Capital Costs of $2.5M Animal Shelter	$100,000	per year	100%	$100,000	0%	$0
Staffing Costs (Wages, Taxes, Benefits, Uniform, Training)	$ 254,217	per year	70%	$177,952	30%	$76,265
Other Building Costs	$ 19,950	per year	100%	$19,950	0%	$0
Animal Expenses	$ 18,500	per year	100%	$18,500	0%	$0
Office/Shelter Misc Supplies & Equip	$ 12,800	per year	70%	$8,960	30%	$3,840
Vehicles	$ 10,000	per year	50%	$5,000	50%	$5,000
Insurance	$ 2,500	per year	50%	$1,250	50%	$1,250
				$331,612		**$86,355**

All Animals - Days at the Shelter

Year	Animals	Days	Avg Days
2024	308	4053	13.159
2025	292	4644	15.904

Animal-Days

2025 4644

Analysis of Cost Per Day of Boarding	
$21.53	Animal Shelter Depreciation Expense
$49.87	All Other Expenses
$71.41	**Total Boarding Costs**

Boarding fees:

Saint George: $5 but maybe changing to $10

La Verkin: $15 a day for City. $25 a day for County

Washington: $10 a day

Hurricane: $10 a day