

On September 22, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and subsequently approved changes to Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code (Animals) related to the imposition of a new fee for issuing or renewing animal licenses in the field and modifications to the delinquency charge assessed for untimely renewals or failure to timely procure the required animal license. The second reading of the Ordinance occurred on September 29, 2009 providing for an effective date of October 30, 2009. Specifically, these changes affect residents of the County's unincorporated communities and include:

- Imposition of a field enforcement of \$40 per location for animal licenses issued or initiated in the field by Department of Animal Care and Control staff. The fee will be assessed per location to recover the costs associated with issuing new licenses, renewal of lapsed licenses, and related activities.
- Modification of the flat \$20 delinquency charge to an amount equal to the amount of the animal license. Examples: \$10 unaltered cat license = \$10 delinquency charge, \$20 altered dog license = \$20 delinquency charge, \$60 unaltered dog license = \$60 delinquency charge. This modification was made to more appropriately weigh the delinquency charge based on the value of the animal license.