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N.5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

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Re: Agenda item N5 Code Enforcement

From: Joan Irvine, District 1

I think that either outsourcing code enforcement or hiring PT staff would be beneficial to Redondo Beach for most code violations.

The basis for the cost/revenues of outsourcing code enforcement - using the leaf blowers as an example: "If 5 citations were issued in a 10-hour work week, which is an extremely high estimate based on the hours invested per citation issued even when staff have had targeted addresses, at \$100 per fine and expecting a 15% recovery under existing citation format, the City could collect approximately \$3,900 annually."

However, fines for other violations are much higher.

- The fine for a dog owner not picking up feces is \$285
- The fine for littering is \$485.
- Therefore, 15% recovery is \$42.75 or \$72.75 which would more than cover the PT of \$30/hr

The cost of a dog license is pro-rated (see below). I would suggest that the fine for not obtaining a dog license be a minimum of \$250. This would encourage people to register their dogs. I would also suggest that dog owners can avoid the first fine if they obtain a dog license within 10 days. Since dogs are required to wear their dog tags, Code Enforcement can see if a dog has a tag or not. Plus if it is the same as on the Esplanade, most dogs will be in the parks during the week from $6 \, \text{AM} - 9 \, \text{AM}$ and $5 \, \text{PM} - 7 \, \text{PM}$; weekends it is more spread out throughout the day.

I can't find the data right now, but if I remember correctly, less than 30% of dogs in Redondo Beach have licenses. Therefore, just knowing that the City is actually enforcing codes should increase compliance.

Unaltered Dog License	\$60.00
Altered Dog (Spayed/Neutered) License	\$20.00
Unaltered Dog License - Owners 60 years and above	\$30.00
Altered Dog License - Owners 60 years and above	\$10.00

Thank you.

Joan Irvine