

REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

TAX: Local Taxes and Fees

ISSUE: Animal Control/Animal Cruelty

BILL NUMBER(S): SB488/HB527

SPONSOR(S): Senator Rich/Representative Randolph

MONTH/YEAR COLLECTION IMPACT BEGINS: July 1, 2012

DATE OF ANALYSIS: November 30, 2011

SECTION 1: NARRATIVE

- a. **Current Law:** A county or municipality may impose and collect a surcharge up to \$5 on the civil penalty for a violation of a local ordinance relating to animal control or animal cruelty. The proceeds of the surcharge are used to pay the costs of training animal control officers.

- b. **Proposed Change:** Increases the surcharge to \$15 on violations of local ordinances relating to animal cruelty or animal control. Allows for \$1 of the surcharge to be retained by the clerk of court, \$5 of the surcharge to be used for the costs of training animal control officers and the remainder to be used to subsidize the costs to spay or neuter dogs and cats in shelters or whose owners have volunteered to have their animal sterilized. The owners may not be charged more than the cost of sterilization, less the subsidy paid from the surcharge.

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF DATA AND SOURCES

Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) 3 year survey
 Alachua County Animal Control Services and Clerk of Court
 Pinellas County Animal Control Services
 Florida Population Estimates for Counties - EDR

SECTION 3: METHODOLOGY (INCLUDE ASSUMPTIONS AND ATTACH DETAILS)

SECTION 4: PROPOSED FISCAL IMPACT

Local Impact: All Funds	FY 2012-13 Cash	FY 2012-13 Annualized	FY 2013-14 Cash	FY 2014-15 Cash	FY 2015-16 Cash
High	\$ 2.1m	\$ 2.1m	\$ 2.2m	\$ 2.3m	\$ 2.4m
Middle	\$ 0.9m	\$ 0.9m	\$ 1.0m	\$ 1.0m	\$ 1.1m
Low	\$ 0.7m	\$ 0.7m	\$ 0.8m	\$ 0.8m	\$ 0.8m

SECTION 5: CONSENSUS ESTIMATE (ADOPTED 12/2/11) The conference adopted the middle estimate.

	FY 2012-13 Cash	FY 2012-13 Annualized	FY 2013-14 Cash	FY 2014-15 Cash	FY 2015-16 Cash
General Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
State Trust	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Total State Impact	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Total Local Impact	.8	.8	.9	.9	1.0
Total Impact	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.1

Total Ordinance Violations

County	2009 All Citations (\$)	2010 All Citations (\$)*	2009 animal control/abuse citations(##)**
Alachua	\$ 81,452	\$ 89,003	415
Bay	\$ 31,140	\$ 43,255	
Brevard	\$ 522,180	\$ 267,257	
Broward	\$ 1,924,000		
Charlotte	\$ 157,152	\$ 225,890	
Citrus	\$ 61,145	\$ 16,950	
Clay	\$ 34		
Collier	\$ 553,342	\$ 2,382,918	
Desoto	\$ 23,441		
Escambia	\$ 324,249	\$ 267,782	
Flagler	\$ 53,411		
Hardee	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,320	
Hernando	\$ 362,793	\$ 169,092	
Highlands	\$ 30,903	\$ 46,885	
Hillsborough	\$ 2,208,943		2,156
Indian River	\$ 300,819	\$ 271,994	
Jackson	\$ 1,500		
Lake	\$ 35,694	\$ 41,103	974
Lee	\$ 231,723	\$ 198,251	
Leon	\$ 162,395		200
Levy	\$ 7,568		
Manatee	\$ 119,875	\$ 76,950	212
Marion	\$ 80,392	\$ 49,799	81
Martin	\$ 81,895	\$ 132,041	
Miami-Dade	\$ 5,301,626		115,036
Monroe	\$ 755,291		
Nassau	\$ 13,830	\$ 10,765	
Okaloosa	\$ 27,112	\$ 4,300	
Okeechobee	\$ 100,615	\$ 15,611	
Orange	\$ 565,207		1,413
Osceola	\$ 208,435		
Palm Beach	\$ 142,924	\$ 164,952	705
Pasco	\$ 109,864		
Pinellas	\$ 234,938	\$ 287,202	883
Polk	\$ 27,123	\$ 38,421	
Putnam	\$ 19,255	\$ 90,558	
Santa Rosa			571
Sarasota	\$ 501,113	\$ 405,362	571
Seminole	\$ 162,855		
St. Johns			140
St Lucie	\$ 179,160		
Sumter	\$ 15,718		20
Volusia	\$ 430,481	\$ 543,298	365
Wakulla	\$ 12,357	\$ 41,418	84
Walton	\$ 23,588	\$ 194,685	
Washington	\$ 4,704		
Grand Total	\$ 16,193,998	\$ 6,077,062	123,826

Data sent from Clerk - 35% paid

*-DFS is still in the process of certifying data submitted by counties and municipalities

** - 3 year survey data submitted by Florida Animal Control Association. Estimate 40-50% of citations are p

All fines	2009	2010	% growth
Counties with 2010 data	\$ 4,509,846	\$ 6,077,062	34.8%

	County	2009 # of animal control/abuse citations**	2009 Population		
1	Sumter	20	95,326	0.02%	
2	Marion	81	330,440	0.02%	
3	Wakulla	84	31,791	0.26%	
4	St. Johns	140	183,572	0.08%	
5	Leon	200	274,803	0.07%	
6	Manatee	212	318,404	0.07%	
7	Volusia	365	507,105	0.07%	
8	Alachua	415	256,232	0.16%	
9	Sarasota	571	389,320	0.15%	
10	Santa Rosa	571	144,508	0.40%	
11	Palm Beach	705	1,287,344	0.05%	
12	Pinellas	883	931,113	0.09%	
13	Lake	974	291,993	0.33%	
14	Orange	1,413	1,108,882	0.13%	
15	Hillsborough	2,156	1,196,892	0.18%	0.14%
16	Miami-Dade	115,036	2,472,344	4.65%	0.45%

2009 Florida Population 18,750,483
less Miami 16,278,139

	2009 Pop.	avg cit./pop	2009 Citations
Florida (less Miami)	16,278,139	0.14%	22,701
Miami			115,036
			137,737

<u>Citations</u>						
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
158,397	182,157	200,372	210,391	220,910	231,956	243,554
15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
148,067	170,277	191,264	205,381	215,651	226,433	237,755
<div style="text-align: center;">\$10 surcharge</div>						
09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
\$ 1,480,668	\$ 1,702,768	\$ 1,912,644	\$ 2,053,815	\$ 2,156,506	\$ 2,264,331	\$ 2,377,548
High			\$ 2,053,815	\$ 2,156,506	\$ 2,264,331	\$ 2,377,548
Middle 45%			\$ 924,217	\$ 970,428	\$ 1,018,949	\$ 1,069,896
Low 35%			\$ 718,835	\$ 754,777	\$ 792,516	\$ 832,142