

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
2 Requested by: County Executive/Pierce County Auditor
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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-104**

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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 4.58.020,**
10 **“County Auditor Fees,” and Section 6.04.030, “Fees,” of the**
11 **Pierce County Code by Updating the List of Items and**
12 **Related Fees for which the County Auditor Charges; Adding**
13 **a Convenience Fee for Credit, Debit and Electronic Internet**
14 **Payments; Providing the Authorization to Establish Agents**
15 **for the Purpose of Selling Pet Licenses; and Setting an**
16 **Effective Date.**
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18 **Whereas**, Section 4.58.020 of the Pierce County Code sets forth the various fees
19 charged by the Pierce County Auditor for various items, and Section 6.04.030 of the
20 Pierce County Code sets forth the fees for animal license tags; and
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22 **Whereas**, the current fee schedule in Section 4.58.020 has been in place since
23 December 2003, and many of the items now fall under Chapter 2.04, “Public Records
24 Inspection and Copying Procedure,” of the Pierce County Code as amended by
25 Ordinance No. 2007-76s2, and therefore, the list of items and related fees need to be
26 updated; and
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28 **Whereas**, new personalized tags will be made available for purchase; and
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30 **Whereas**, Auditor services such as Pet Licensing and Election Candidate Filing,
31 which require payment at the time of transaction, are being made available to citizens
32 on-line; and
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34 **Whereas**, a convenience fee will help to defray the cost of credit, debit and
35 electronic internet payments; and
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37 **Whereas**, establishing agents for the purpose of selling pet licenses will make
38 licensing pets more convenient for pet owners and thereby should increase compliance;
39 and
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41 **Whereas**, the proposed fee adjustments are necessary to reflect the allowable
42 costs associated with each item; **Now Therefore**,

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44 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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1 Section 1. Section 4.58.020, "County Auditor Fees," of the Pierce County Code
2 is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated
3 herein by reference.

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5 Section 2. Section 6.04.030, "Fees," of the Pierce County Code is hereby
6 amended as set forth in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by
7 reference.


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9 Section 3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2010.


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11 PASSED this 8th day of December, 2009.

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13 ATTEST:

14 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**
15 Pierce County, Washington

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18 **Denise D. Johnson**
19 Clerk of the Council

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22 **Roger Bush**
23 Council Chair

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26 **Pat McCarthy**
27 Pierce County Executive
28 Approved Vetoed _____ this
29 16 day of December,
30 2009.

31 Date of Publication of
32 Notice of Public Hearing: November 18, 2009

Effective Date of Ordinance: January 1, 2010



(Only those portions of Chapter 4.58 that are proposed to be amended are shown.
 Remainder of text, tables, and or figures is unchanged.)

4.58.020 County Auditor Fees.

A. Precinct list printout	\$12.00
B. Precinct labels	\$12.00
C. Precinct walking list.....	\$12.00
D. District printout, list or labels	\$300.00 per district
E. Legislative or County Council district map (small).....	\$.50
F. Legislative or County Council district map (large)	\$2.00
G. Precinct committee officer labels.....	\$.75 per sheet
H. CD containing data (County wide).....	\$75.00
I. Data (50,000 records or more)	\$40.00
J. Data (49,999 records or less)	\$20.00
K. District file	\$20.00
L. Abstracts on diskette	\$20.00
M. Standard G.I.S. generated map.....	\$20.00
N. Custom G.I.S. generated map	\$60.00
O. Absentee ballots returned data	\$15.00 per day
P. Absentee ballot list.....	\$.25 per page
Q. Absentee ballot labels	\$.75 per sheet
R.A. File Transfer Protocol (FTP).....	\$.015 per image
B. Standard maps	in accordance with current production cost
C. Custom maps.....	in accordance with current production cost
D. Personalized tags small	\$6.00
E. Personalized tags large.....	\$8.00
F. Debit, credit and electronic internet payment for on-line services.....	up to \$1.50 per transaction
G. Duplicate marriage packets	\$6.00

(Ord. 2007-76s2 § 2 (part), 2007)



(Only those portions of Chapter 6.04 that are proposed to be amended are shown.
Remainder of text, tables, and or figures is unchanged.)

6.04.030 Fees.

The license fees for the ownership, keeping, or having control of dogs and/or cats in unincorporated Pierce County shall be as follows:

A. Adult Dogs:	
altered.....	\$ 20.00
unaltered.....	\$ 55.00
B. Adult Cats:	
altered.....	\$ 12.00
unaltered.....	\$ 55.00
C. "Temporary Tag" dogs/cats (30 days)	\$ 0.00
D. "Juvenile" dogs (up to 6 months old).....	\$ 10.00
E. "Juvenile" cats (up to 6 months old).....	\$ 6.00
F. Duplicate License Tag for a dog or cat.....	\$ 5.00
G. Reduced rates for senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, and individuals with a permanent disability:	
1. Dogs:	
altered.....	\$ 10.00
unaltered.....	\$ 30.00
2. Cats:	
altered.....	\$ 5.00
unaltered.....	\$ 30.00

In order to receive the fee advantage for altered dogs and cats, an individual must provide either proof of alteration from a licensed veterinarian or a written statement from a licensed veterinarian that the spay/neuter procedure would be harmful to the animal.

Individuals with a permanent disability, residing in unincorporated Pierce County, qualify for the reduced fee specified in G. above, provided that the dogs and cats are not used for a commercial purpose. To qualify for this reduced fee, individuals with a permanent disability must provide proof of permanent disability to the Auditor, or the Auditor's designated licensing agent, in the form of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or documentation showing at least 30 percent permanent disability, a Washington Department of Licensing parking placard issued for permanent disability under RCW 46.16.381, or any other means that the licensing agency, Auditor, or the Auditor's designated licensing agent deems an appropriate proof of permanent disability.

The Pierce County Auditor is authorized to establish agents for the purpose of selling pet licenses on its behalf. The agents shall be allowed to collect a service charge of \$4.00 for each new pet license or renewal transaction. This service fee may be negotiated at a different rate if included in a contract for shelter and adoption services.

(Ord. 2008-14 § 1 (part), 2008; Ord. 2005-108 § 1 (part), 2005; Ord. 2002-19s3 § 2 (part), 2002; Ord. 98-10 § 1, 1998; Ord. 97-111 § 4 (part), 1997; Ord. 95-151S § 4 (part), 1996; Ord. 92-35 § 3 (part), 1992; Ord. 90-152 § 1, 1990; Ord. 89-235 § 1, 1990; Ord. 87-40S § 3 (part), 1987)

