RESOLUTION NO. 2025-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEE FOR BEEKEEPING PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-18.4 (b) (APPLICATION FEE FOR BEEKEEPING PERMIT) OF TITLE 3 (ANIMAL REGULATIONS) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHAPTER 1 (IN GENERAL) AND ADDING THE BEEKEEPING APPLICATION/RENEWAL FEE TO THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF USER AND REGULATORY FEES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa introduced for first reading Ordinance No. 2025-01, which among other things, will amend Article 3 of Chapter 1 and Chapter VI of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code establishing rules and regulations relating to beekeeping and permit requirements consistent with the City's health, safety and welfare requirements; and

WHEREAS, subsection (b) of Section 3-18.4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 3, once adopted, provides that each application and renewal for a beekeeping permit shall be accompanied by an application/renewal fee as established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Constitution and the laws of the State of California, the City is authorized to adopt and implement rates, fees, and/or charges which do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing such services; and

WHEREAS City staff conducted a fee study to determine optimal pricing for the City to recover operating expenses for the processing of permits for keeping of domesticated bees; and

WHEREAS based upon the fee study, a fee of $150 would be permissible, but the City Council has determined to set the permit fee at $75 for the initial permit, which will last two years, and $75 for permit renewal fee; and

WHEREAS the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing at its regular meeting on January 21, 2025, to consider the proposed fees for keeping of domesticated bees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish the amount of the application and renewal fee for a beekeeping permit as forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application and renewal fee will allow the City to recover a portion of the reasonable costs incurred by the City in processing a beekeeping permit application and renewal application without unduly burdening beekeeping in the community; and

WHEREAS all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa as follows:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in this Resolution are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines, based upon the data, information, analysis, and oral and written documentation presented to the City Council concerning the proposed application/renewal fee for the beekeeping permit applications, that the proposed application/renewal fee does not exceed the reasonable costs of processing said applications.

Section 3. Both the application and renewal fee for a beekeeping permit shall be Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) per application and per each subsequent renewal application.

Section 4. The Beekeeping application and renewal fee shall be added to the City's Consolidated Schedule of User and Regulatory Fees.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2025.

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John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brenda Green, City Clerk Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 2025-xx and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2025, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 22nd day of January, 2025.

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Brenda Green, City Clerk