

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED COUNTY ORDINANCE**

NAME OF ORDINANCE: Lee County Animal Abuser Registry Ordinance

I. DESCRIPTION OF ORDINANCE

A. Statement of Purpose

The proposed Ordinance is designed to protect animals in Lee County from animal abuse crimes. By creating the Registry, sellers of pets and animal shelters can easily identify individuals who have been convicted of animal abuse crimes or have been enjoined from animal possession by court order, and who cannot purchase or adopt animals by virtue of court order or by being listed on the Registry.

B. Narrative Summary of Ordinance (Several Sentence Summary)

People who have abused animals in the past are likely to do so in the future and studies show that there is a near 100% recidivism rate for certain types of abuse crimes. The Ordinance creates a Registry for individuals convicted of animal abuse crimes and prohibits their contact with animals for a period of time, depending upon the crime(s). The Registry also lists individuals who are prohibited from contact with animals by virtue of a court order. Registrants are required to pay the Sheriff's Office a registration fee and keep information on the Registry updated. Pets sellers and animal shelters are required to check the Registry before selling or adopting animals to confirm that buyers and adopters are not on the Registry.

C. Principal Division(s) or Department(s) Affected (List)

Lee County Sheriff's Office

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II. Fiscal Impact on County Agencies/County Funds
(This section to be completed by Division of Budget Services)

A. What is estimated Demand?
(Develop Indicators)

B. What is estimated Workload?
(Develop Indicators)

C. What are the estimated costs:

	1ST YEAR \$'s	2ND YEAR \$'s
	<u>Existing</u> <u>New</u>	<u>Existing</u> <u>New</u>
PERSONNEL		
FRINGE		
OPERATING		
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
TOTAL		

D. List the anticipated revenues to cover costs identified in II.C. above. If a fee is to be charged, answer the following:

1. What is the basis (rationale) for the fee?
2. Fees collected will partially offset administration of the Registry:
\$15 Initial Registration
\$5 Annual Renewal
\$5 Address or name change
2. Do the anticipated fees cover the full cost of operation? If not, what percentage of the costs are covered?

E. Give a brief narrative analysis of the information contained in II.A. through D. above.

Fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance will be deposited by the Sheriff's Office into the Sheriff's operating account to partially offset the administrative and maintenance costs of maintaining the Registry.