

DOG LICENSE FUND, # 010

BUDGET OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS:

A budget of \$23,279 is proposed in 2019 down slightly from 2018 based on actual cost projections. The levy is proposed to be \$13,000, up \$3000 from 2018. \$2279 in fund balance is included leaving an anticipated balance of approximately \$9000 at the end of 2019 based on a \$11,426 starting balance in 2018. The fund saw a loss of approximately \$4000 in the years 2015-2017. A \$3000 increase in the levy, animal control and shelter contracts though 2019 will stabilize expenses while a plan to increase license sales is in the works.

In 2017 a dog license database was established to allow officers access to a web-based dog license database maintained and updated by towns and the county, allowing for immediate identification for tagged dogs found. This saves everyone time and effort in addition to providing immediate and remote access.

Bayfield County contracts with an animal control officer who responds to calls as directed by the Sheriff's Office. Calls are paid at the rate of \$50 per call plus mileage. The County also has a contract with Superior Kennels. A flat fee of \$850 per month, less any receipts from pet owners for animals held until reclaimed, is in place through 2019.

Once collected, animals are kept at the Superior Kennel facility for five days for observation, cleaning, vaccination and to wait and see if the owners will claim the animal. After the waiting period, animals deemed adoptable are transferred to the Chequamegon Humane Association where the county currently pays a flat fee of \$44 per cat and \$55 per dog per month. The County is investigating alternate contracting options for 2019 that would allow for a flat fee.

January 1 balances for the fund were \$14,158.

Fund Description:

Bayfield County requires all dogs within the county to be licensed. The cost for licensing is \$5 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$12 for those dogs that are not spayed or neutered. Dog Kennel fees are \$55 for up to 12 dogs. Revenues from the sale of dog licenses is used to offset the cost of licensing supplies, mileage and per diem for

the animal control officer and to pay for the cost of boarding animals that are impounded.

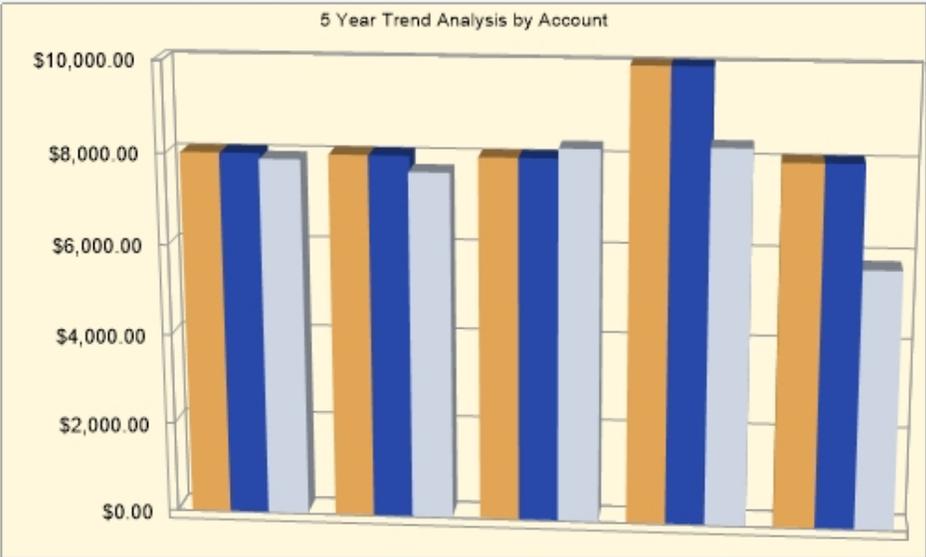
Licenses are sold by each Town Treasurer and monies collected are submitted to the county with property taxes. The county reimburses each town treasurer \$1 per tag to administer the program. In addition, the State receives 5% of the total revenue collected for dog licenses. On average 1500-2000 dog tags are sold annually.

In 2016 animals provisions were made to allow the Kennel facility to sell licenses when dog owners picked up their lost animals, unfortunately this has not occurred yet.

The chart below shows dog license proceeds over the past five years. 2018 is shown as of mid of early September.

810-81-44201 (Dog License Fund-Animal Control-Dog Licenses)

Classification Licenses and Permits, Nonbusiness licenses



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adopted	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Amended	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Actual	\$7,879.00	\$7,649.80	\$8,215.15	\$8,286.50	\$5,723.95