

DOG LICENSE FUND, # 810

BUDGET OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS:

A budget of \$24,000 is proposed in 2022 down \$500 from 2020. The levy is proposed to be \$13,000, the same as 2020.

With a beginning balance in 2020 of \$8,963 the fund is stable with expenditures close to operating revenues. Continued efforts to increase dog license sales are underway.

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 time and effort in addition to providing immediate and remote access to the information.

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 2022.

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 continues to discuss a flat fee contract with CHA.

The County also helps fund spay/neuter option. In 2022 the county plans to work with area veterinary clinics to encourage neutering clinics and efforts.

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

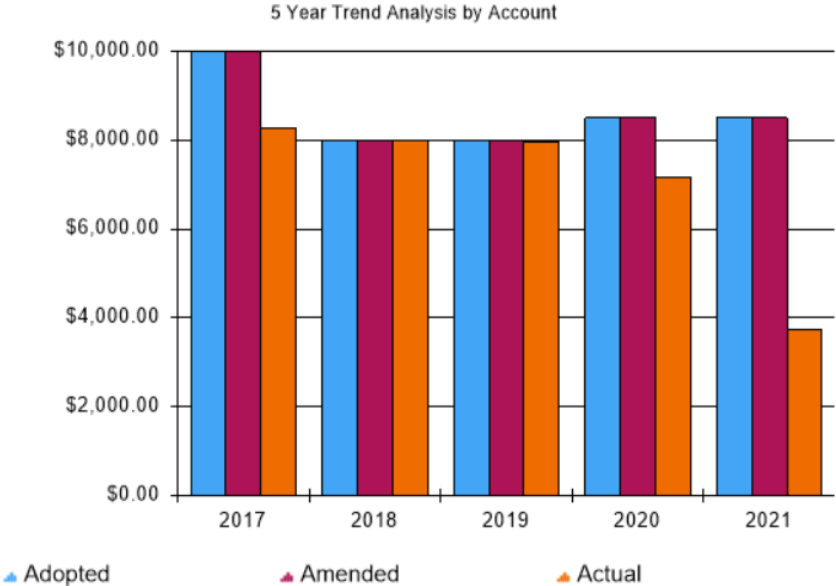
the animal control officer and to pay for the cost of boarding animals that are impounded.

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.

The chart below shows dog license proceeds over the past five years. 2021 is shown as of mid September. It is anticipated that proceeds from licenses will be down in 2021.

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

Classification **Licenses and Permits, Nonbusiness licenses**



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adopted	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Amended	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Actual	\$8,286.50	\$7,982.50	\$7,962.70	\$7,155.10	\$3,731.10