

# Elk Creek Kennel

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Dear Senators and Agriculture Committee,

We need to be reasonable with our fee increases. This will drive many out of business. The Ag department wants \$600,000 for this program. Never in past 22 years have they needed even \$500,000. This law was never intended to be FEE FUNDED. The tax paying citizens asked and rallied for this law, thus they are suppose to pay for the bigger percentage with their taxes through State General Fund monies. If you feel an increase is warranted, keep it within reason. 25%

There is no reason to charge any PREMISES dual fees! This is a premises inspection. One fee for one premise.

Do not allow the Agriculture Department to appoint the Advisory Board. That will result in hand-picking, and puppets. This is not how government works. We always need different perspectives brought to the table. We can not all the Ag. Department to run rogue. They need input, advise, and guidance by those that live this law daily.

Thank you,

Jim Westhoff

Senate Agriculture Committee

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