

1/5/2016

ORDINANCE NO. 29986

An ordinance amending Chapter 7, "Animals," of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 7-2.6; adjusting fees for redeeming an impounded animal from a city animal shelter; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Subsection (a) of Section 7-2.6, "Redemption of Impounded Animals," of Article II, "Animal Services; City Animal Shelters," of Chapter 7, "Animals," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

"(a) To redeem an impounded animal from a city animal shelter, the owner of the animal must provide proof of ownership and pay to the director the following fees:

(1) a redemption fee of:

(A) \$27 [~~50~~] for an animal delivered for impoundment to a city animal shelter by a person other than a city employee in the performance of official duties; or

(B) \$27 [~~50~~] for an animal delivered for impoundment to a city animal shelter by a city employee in the performance of official duties;

(2) \$10 [~~15~~] for each night the animal is housed in a city animal shelter;

(3) \$10 [~~19~~] for a rabies vaccination of a dog, cat, or ferret if the owner cannot show either:

(A) a current certificate of vaccination for the animal; or

(B) proof that the animal was not vaccinated due to health reasons as verified by a licensed veterinarian;

(4) the applicable registration fee for a dog or cat under Section 7-4.2, if the owner cannot show proof of current registration;

(5) \$15 for a microchip implant and initial national registration of a dog or cat, unless:

(A) the animal was injected with a microchip implant prior to impoundment; or

(B) a licensed veterinarian certifies that the animal should not be injected with a microchip implant for health reasons; and

(6) \$60 [~~139~~] for the sterilization of a dog or \$60 [~~139~~] for the sterilization of a cat, unless:

(A) the animal was spayed or neutered prior to impoundment;

(B) the animal is under six months of age;

(C) a licensed veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat should not be spayed or neutered for health reasons or is permanently non-fertile;

(D) the animal is being held for sale by a retail pet store or for adoption by animal services or an animal welfare organization;

(E) the animal is a competition cat or competition dog;

(F) the animal is a service animal; or

(G) the owner of the animal has, or obtains at the time of redemption, a valid intact animal permit for the animal under Section 7-4.11 of this chapter.”

SECTION 2. That Chapter 7 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance. Any proceeding, civil or criminal, based upon events that occurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance are saved, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WARREN M. S. ERNST, City Attorney

By *Eileen Jones*
Assistant City Attorney

Passed JAN 13 2016



PROOF OF PUBLICATION – LEGAL ADVERTISING

The legal advertisement required for the noted ordinance was published in the Dallas Morning News, the official newspaper of the city, as required by law, and the Dallas City Charter, Chapter XVIII, Section 7.

DATE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL JAN 13 2016

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DATE PUBLISHED JAN 16 2016

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rose C. Liss".