

The following Ordinance having been previously proposed, considered and advertised for public comment upon by the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, on motion by Bernie K. Day, seconded by Ewell Harold and carried, is this day amended to include Article VI.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A LICENSE TAX ON DOGS IN PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAME, AND TO ENACT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DOGS AND CATS IN PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

ARTICLE VI

STERILIZATION AND IMMUNIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS OBTAINED FROM POUND OR ANIMAL SHELTER

1. (a) Every person residing in the County receiving a dog or cat placed to or with such person by any animal shelter or pound located in the County or receiving funding of any kind from the County, shall, within thirty (30) days of receiving such dog or cat or in the case of a dog or female cat less than six (6) months old or a male cat less than ten (10) months old, within thirty (30) days of the earliest date determined by the placing shelter or pound as safe for sterilization of such dog or cat, have such dog or cat spayed or neutered by a duly licensed veterinarian. Every person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars, plus Two (\$2.00) Dollars per day for each day such violation continues up to a maximum total fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and the pound utilized by the County may additionally revoke the placement and take possession of the unsterilized dog or cat.

(b) Every person with whom any dog or cat is placed by an animal shelter or pound located in the County or receiving funding of any kind from the County shall, at the time of such placement, deliver to the placing shelter or pound a deposit, in an amount to be determined by the County Administrator, after consultation with the County SPCA and any other party whom he deems necessary. The placing shelter or pound shall, in return, give to the party making the deposit a voucher in an amount equal to the deposit which can be presented to any veterinarian as a credit toward the cost of sterilization of such dog or cat. Upon proof of sterilization, the veterinarian performing such service shall be paid an amount equal to the deposit paid by the person whose animal is sterilized. Provided, however, that any charge by the veterinarian over and above the amount of the deposit shall be the sole responsibility of the person with whom the dog or cat is placed.

2. All dogs and cats prior to leaving the animal shelter shall have rabies, parvo and distemper shots at the cost of the person with whom the animal is placed.

3. Every animal shelter or pound located in the County or receiving funding of any kind from the County shall furnish every person residing in the County with whom a dog or cat is placed, at the time of placement, a form approved by the animal warden which shall contain or recite the following:

(a) The name and address of the person with whom the dog or cat is placed.

(b) The name and address of the shelter or pound making the placement.

(c) A description sufficient for identification of the dog or cat placed.

(d) The date of placement.

(e) In the case of a dog or female cat less than six (6) months old or male cat less than ten (10) months old, the earliest date upon which sterilization is determined to be safe for such dog or cat.

Any placement facility not complying with this section shall be subject to a fine of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars for each violation.'

4. Every person residing in the County receiving a dog or cat placed with such person by an animal shelter or pound located in the County or receiving funding of any kind from the County shall have the form provided to him pursuant to paragraph 3 above signed and dated by the duly licensed veterinarian neutering or spaying such dog or cat and shall file such form with the pound being utilized by the County, within 37 days of the date he received the animal, or in the case of a dog or female cat less than six (6) months old or a male cat less than ten (10) months old, within 37 days of the date designated upon which sterilization may first be safely performed. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.