

The following ordinance proposed by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County at a regular meeting on April 11, 2011 and after public discussion this day, April 11, 2011, on motion by Lock Boyce, seconded by Ron Knight and carried, is hereby adopted:

An Ordinance to repeal and reenact Ordinance 92-309, to regulate the operation of a county animal pound, spay and neuter policies, and animal adoptions.

1. The County shall maintain an animal pound in accordance with the Comprehensive Animal Care Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines contained in Section 3.2-6500 et seq., of the Virginia Code, and as amended from time to time. An animal confined pursuant to this ordinance shall be kept for a period of not less than five (5) days, such period to commence on the day following the day the animal is initially confined in the pound, unless sooner claimed by the rightful owner.
2. Any person wishing to adopt an animal from the pound shall pay an adoption fee of \$32.00 for a dog and \$22.00 for a cat. The prior policy of requiring a deposit for spay and neuter services and rebating that deposit to veterinarians performing spay and neutering services is hereby abolished.
3. Any person being a rightful owner of a dog or cat in the custody of the pound shall pay a reclaim fee of \$25.00 for the release of the dog or cat. Provided that if a dog is properly licensed, tagged, and has a current vaccination there will be no reclaim fee.
4. Each new owner who adopts an animal from the pound shall sign a sterilization agreement in the event that the animal has not been previously sterilized and shall, within seven days of the

sterilization, cause to be delivered or mailed to the pound or releasing agency written confirmation signed by the veterinarian who performed the sterilization pursuant to Section 3.2-6575 of the Code of Virginia, as amended from time to time. The confirmation shall briefly describe the dog or cat; include the new owners name and address; certify that the sterilization was performed; and specify the date of the procedure. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$150.00.

5. The pound may place the dog or cat with a releasing agency. The releasing agency shall comply with the mandatory sterilization procedures contained in Section 3.2-6574 of the Code of Virginia, as amended from time to time. Any person violating subsection A or B of 3.2-6574 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00.

This ordinance shall become effective on April 11, 2011.

Voting Aye: Ron Knight, Lock Boyce, and Roger Hayden

Voting Nay: Crystal Harris and Karl Weiss