

ORDINANCE 2006-Or-____
By Samuels

**Amending Title 4, Chapter 62 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to
Animals and Fowl: In General.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 64 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows.

64.10. License required. No person shall keep, harbor, or maintain care, custody, or control over any dog or cat over four (4) months of age, for a period in excess of five (5) days, without first having obtained a ~~dog or cat license from the department of licenses and consumer services~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. This section shall not apply to any premises maintained by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed pet shop operator. ~~Every person convicted of a violation of this provision shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Violations of this provision may result in an administrative fine.~~ (Code 1960, As Amend., § 810.010; Ord. of 6-13-75, § 2; 83-Or-181, § 1, 7-29-83; 86-Or-113, § 1, 5-23-86) Charter references: Authority to require dog license, Ch. 4, § 5(8).

Section 2. That Section 64 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows.

64.30. License application and fee. (a) Every person required to obtain a dog license under this chapter shall make application to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control ~~the department of licenses and consumer services~~ for a dog or cat license. ~~The license which shall expire on January thirty-first of each year, next after the issuance. The annual fee for such a license shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for unspayed or unneutered dogs, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for spayed or neutered dogs or puppies under eight (8) months of age. Every person required to obtain a cat license under this chapter shall make application to the department of licenses and consumer services for a cat license which shall expire on January thirty first next after the issuance. The annual fee for such a license shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for unspayed or unneutered cats, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for spayed or neutered cats or kittens under eight (8) months of age.~~ As a condition for the issuance of a dog or cat license, the applicant shall certify that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies in conformance with the requirements of this Code.

(b) Minneapolis Animal Care & Control ~~The department of licenses and consumer services~~ shall provide each dog and cat licensed hereunder with a metallic tag upon which shall be stamped or engraved the register number of the dog or cat ~~and the year registered. The design of such metallic tags shall be changed each year.~~ The annual fee for a dog or cat license required by this Code shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a spayed or neutered dog or cat; verification that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered is required. The annual fee for an unneutered or unsprayed dog or cat shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). A lifetime license is available for dogs and cats that are spayed or neutered and are micro-chipped. Certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is spayed or neutered is required for a lifetime license. The microchip number and manufacturer must be provided for the lifetime license to be issued. The fee for a lifetime license issued on or before December 31, 2006 shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee for a lifetime license issued after December 31, 2006 shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00). There shall be no reimbursement of any license fee, including lifetime, upon the death or removal of the animal from the city and fees shall not be prorated. Animals declared dangerous and potentially dangerous are not eligible for lifetime licenses.

~~(c) Dogs in training with or trained by a recognized program with an established curriculum for training dogs for service to persons with disabilities, and dogs and cats awaiting adoption in foster homes under a recognized pet adoption program, shall be exempt from the license fees in this section. To qualify for an exemption, such programs shall be approved by the director of licenses and consumer services~~ Manager of Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.

~~(d) Transfer of License. Licenses obtained under this chapter are not transferable from one owner to another owner. Licenses obtained under this chapter are not transferable from one animal to another.~~

~~(e) The department of licenses and consumer services~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control may contract with approved veterinary clinics to receive dog and cat license applications and to remit the application and fee to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. ~~the department. The department may further contract to pay the veterinary clinics processing the applications two dollars (\$2.00) per license to cover administrative expense.~~

Section 3. That Section 64 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows.

64.40. Duplicate tags. ~~If in case the metallic license tag issued for a dog or cat is lost or stolen, the original applicant upon presenting and surrendering to the department of licenses and consumer services~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control the license or receipt issued when the dog or cat was licensed as herein provided, shall receive a duplicate tag and a duplicate license upon payment of a five dollar (\$5.00) duplication fee to ~~the department of licenses and consumer services,~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. ~~which duplicate license shall be issued as the original license. No person shall be granted a duplicate tag and license unless the original tag has been lost or stolen, and the department of licenses and consumer services may, before issuing such duplicate tag and license, require an affidavit to be made and furnished by such applicant for a duplicate tag and license, setting forth the fact that such tag has been lost or stolen and is not at the time in his possession.~~

Section 4. That Section 64 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follow.

64.140. Dogs and cats purchased or adopted from animal control shelter: spaying or neutering required. (a) When a dog or cat not previously sterilized is sold or released for adoption by ~~the city animal control shelter~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control, the buyer or adopting party must:

(1) Sign a written agreement to have the dog or cat sterilized. If the dog or cat is less than six (6) months old, the buyer or adopting party shall agree to have the animal sterilized by the age of six (6) months. If the dog or cat is more than six (6) months old, the buyer or adopting party shall agree to have the animal sterilized within thirty (30) days of purchase or adoption. and Proof of sterilization by a licensed veterinarian must be provided to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control upon sterilization of the animal.

~~(2) Deposit with the animal control shelter a fee to help cover the cost of sterilization and administration. The fee shall be set by the commissioner of health.~~

~~b) Upon receipt by the animal control shelter of a signed statement from a veterinarian attesting that the animal has been sterilized, the shelter shall remit the deposited fee, less the administrative fee, to the veterinarian.~~

~~(b) (c) The commissioner of health Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is authorized to establish a cooperative program to perform sterilizations pursuant to this section before the buyer or adopting party takes custody of an animal. The program may involve sterilizations at the animal control shelter using volunteer veterinarians, or transportation of animals to and from a veterinary hospital for sterilization at that location.~~

~~(c) (d) No person, having agreed in writing to have an animal sterilized pursuant to this section, shall intentionally fail or refuse to have such sterilization performed within the time specified in the agreement. Violation of this subsection is a petty misdemeanor punishable by a an administrative fine not to exceed of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Further, ~~the commissioner of health or the commissioner's representatives~~ Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is are authorized to seize any animal which the owner has failed to sterilize in accordance with this section. ~~and to resell the animal or destroy the animal accordingly. In such a case, the deposited with the animal control shelter Minneapolis Animal Care & Control shall be forfeited.~~~~

~~(e) — Upon written application by the buyer or adopting party, the commissioner of health Minneapolis Animal Care & Control may waive the provisions of this section requiring sterilization, upon a showing that the animal is a verifiable purebred breeding animal.~~

~~(f) (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the commissioner of health Minneapolis Animal Care & Control to sterilize a dog or cat which has been reclaimed by its owner, or for which the period to reclaim as owner has not expired. (92-Or-138, § 1, 11-6-92)~~