

ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2015 SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ANIMALS,  
SECTION 90.20, PET LICENSE REQUIRED, SECTION 90.23, IMPOUNDMENT, 90.24, RECLAMATION BY OWNER OR  
CUSTODIAN, AND 90.25, ADOPTION OF DOG OR CAT; TIME LIMIT, OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT CODE OF  
ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to 1) adjust the fees charged to persons licensing, reclaiming and/or adopting dogs and cats, 2) amend the time period for impounding cats, and 3) to establish a trap, neuter and release pilot program for feral cats.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY, that the Frankfort Municipal Code, Sections 90.20, 90.23, 90.24 and 90.25, are hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 90.20 PET LICENSE REQUIRED.**

(A) All dogs and cats over the age of six months old which are kept, harbored or owned within the city shall be licensed and registered with the Humane Society and locally participating veterinarians. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued upon payment of an annual license fee.

(B) The license fee for each animal shall be:

(1) Neutered or spayed dogs and cats: \$10.

(2) Unneutered or unspayed dogs and cats: \$40.

(C) An unneutered or unspayed animal shall be exempt from the higher license fee if the owner/harbinger provides the licensing authority a statement to show that the animal cannot be safely altered due to the age, health condition.

(D) Failure to comply with this section constitutes a violation of this subchapter and subjects the owner or harbinger to the penalties and fees sections of this subchapter.

**§ 90.23 IMPOUNDMENT.**

A. Any dog or cat found running at large, or any nuisance animal within the city limits whether licensed or unlicensed, may be taken up by the Animal Control Officer and impounded in the shelter designated as the city animal shelter and, there, confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than five days exclusive of the date of seizure unless sooner claimed by the owner, harbinger, custodian or person entitled to possession thereof, and may thereafter be destroyed in a humane manner if not otherwise claimed or adopted. Cats will be held for five days and may be destroyed in a humane manner, if not otherwise claimed or sold thereafter, unless they are wild, based upon Humane Society guidelines of what constitutes feral, and cannot be handled then they may be euthanized humanely as soon as possible. A reasonable effort shall be made by the animal shelter to contact the animal's owner within impoundment periods before the animal is destroyed.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of Chapter 90 of the city of Frankfort code of ordinances, the city hereby establishes a 5 year pilot program to address the issue of the increasing population of feral cats within in the city. For such feral cats, the Humane Society is hereby authorized to develop and implement a program to trap, neuter and release back into their environment these feral cats after sterilization, vaccination against the threat of rabies and other diseases as determined to be necessary, and ear tipped for easy identification. (2) The Humane Society shall maintain records necessary to determine whether this pilot program is effective in reducing the number of feral cats within the city and provide a written report to the city concerning this pilot program every 6 months. (3) The Humane Society is authorized to euthanize feral cats that, due to poor health and other reasons as determined by the Humane Society, should not be released back into the environment. (4) This pilot program shall expire five years from the date of the passage of this ordinance unless amended or renewed by the Board of Commissioners.

**§ 90.24 RECLAMATION BY OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.**

Any owner, custodian or other person entitled to possession of a dog or cat may reclaim the dog or cat upon payment of a pickup fee of \$30 for altered animals and a pickup fee of \$80 for unaltered animals and a boarding fee, both payable to the city designated animal shelter. There must also be proof that the animal has been or is licensed according to ordinance and proof that the dog has been inoculated against rabies.

**§ 90.25 ADOPTION OF DOG OR CAT; TIME LIMIT.**

(A) The manager of the animal shelter may transfer title to any dog or cat held after the legal detention period provided herein has expired and the animal has not been claimed by its owner, harbinger, custodian or other person entitled to possession thereof.

(B) The person to whom title is being transferred must license the dog or cat according to city ordinance and secure and pay for a rabies inoculation for the animal, the applicable pickup fee, boarding fee and any other applicable charges as determined by the Humane Society.

First Reading on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

Final Adoption on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

S/William I. May, Jr.  
T/Mayor

Attest:

S/Ramona W. Newman  
T/City Clerk

Summary: This ordinance adjusts the fees charged to persons licensing, reclaiming and/or adopting dogs and cats, amends the time period for impounding cats, and establishes a trap, neuter and release pilot program for feral cats.

S/Robert C. Moore  
T/City Solicitor