



Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code Title 6 – Animals

- **Mandatory Spay and Neuter for Dogs**
- **Restrict the Sale of Dogs, Cats and Rabbits in Pet Shops**

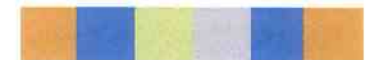
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Mandatory Spay and Neuter - Effective October 1, 2015

All dogs must be spayed or neutered by 6 months of age unless exempted (Mandatory for Cats at 4 months of age since 2010)

- Help with pet overpopulation
- Public safety – roaming and bites
 - According to the ASPCA spayed or neutered dogs may be less likely to bite
- Health of the dogs
 - Overall health benefits outweigh the risks
 - One retrospective study of 40,000+ dogs showed that sterilization increased life expectancy by 13.8% in males and 26.3% in females (© 2013 Hoffman et al)
 - Medical Exemption available





Spay and Neuter Benefits

“Altered pets make better companion animals by reducing the incidence of many undesirable behaviors such as heat cycles, roaming, marking, aggression. Many of these behaviors lead to people surrendering their pets to animal shelters.

The procedure has no effect on a pet's intelligence or ability to learn, play, work or hunt. Most pets tend to be better behaved following surgical removal of their ovaries or testes, making them more desirable companions.” - AVMA website





Mandatory Spay and Neuter - *Exemptions

- Medical (permanent or temporary with Veterinarian approval)
- Law enforcement / Search and rescue / Service animals
 - Breeding stock for these purposes
- Certified show dogs / Competition or Herding dogs
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 - Does not have to be actively participating in shows

*** All require documented proof**



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Animal Care Services



Mandatory Spay & Neuter - Implementation

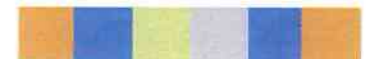
- Public education (\$5,000)
- Spay/neuter vouchers (Increase by \$30,000)
- Mobile services (Fix LB)/Other low cost options (FOLBA)
- Low Cost clinics available
- Other partnerships and grant opportunities
- Enforcement through administrative citations and license canvassing
 - Addition of one Part time License Inspector (\$21,000)





Mandatory Spay & Neuter - Fiscal Impact

- Lost revenue as a result of the differential between the unaltered license fee (\$95) and the altered license fee (\$20) - \$187,500
- Implementation costs (marketing, vouchers, enforcement) - \$56,000
- Costs to be recovered through an increase in licensing fees
 - \$8 increase to the altered license fee (from \$20 to \$28)
 - \$4 increase to the senior discounted altered license fee (from \$10 to \$14)
 - \$10 increase to the unaltered license fee (from \$95 to \$105)
 - Additional License Canvasser will also help to bring in additional revenue





Restrict the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits at Pet shops.

- No person or animal shop shall engage in the sale, barter, giving away, or transferring of dogs, cats or rabbits unless the person or animal shop sells, barter, gives away, or transfers:
 - *Dogs bred and reared within the city in compliance with section 6.16.190;*
 - *Dogs, cats or rabbits obtained from a publicly operated Animal Shelter;*
 - *Dogs, cats or rabbits obtained from a private humane society or duly incorporated organization devoted to the rescue, care and adoption of stray, abandoned or surrendered dogs, cats or rabbits.*
 - *A certificate of source will be required*

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