



**Austin City Code Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Amend Section 3-4-21 of the City Code relating to animal registration requirements to establish a lifetime City registration for spayed and neutered pets and to increase registration fees for animals that are not spayed or neutered; and to amend the Fee Schedule of Ordinance No. 100903-9 accordingly.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Item from Council directing City Manager to prepare an ordinance for lifetime City pet registration for spayed and neutered animals, May 12, 2005.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

Background

On May 12, 2005, the City Council approved a Resolution No. 20050512-046 directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance to provide for lifetime registration of spayed and neutered pets and raising the annual registration for intact animals from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Under the proposed revision if the dog or cat has been sterilized at the time of registration, the annual registration shall not be required and the registration will be valid for the life of the dog or cat.

The owner or handler of a sterilized dog or cat that has a lifetime registration must still ensure that the dog or cat is vaccinated for rabies as required by Chapter 3-3 (Rabies Prevention) for the lifetime of the dog or cat.

The effective date of the amendment shall be July 1, 2005. A sterilized dog or cat that is currently registered must reregister at its next annual registration expiration to obtain the registration valid for the life of the dog or cat.

The fee schedule contained in Title 3 shall be amended to reflect the increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for annual registration of an intact animal pet. The lifetime registration for a sterilized animal will remain at \$5.00.

Requested Council Action

Amend Ordinance No. 100903-9 relating to Austin City Code Title 3 Animal Regulation, Section 3-4-21, Registration Requirement, establishing a lifetime City registration of spayed and neutered pets and raising

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