

Ordinance No. 00270

[Council Meeting Minutes of 01/12/10](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 270

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington amending Sections 6.02.070, 6.06.020 and 6.06.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, relating to animal control licensing

WHEREAS, in order to address animal control issues in the City of Lakewood, the City has establishes an animal licensing program, adopted by ordinance and codified in Chapters 6.02 and 6.06 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, among others; and,

WHEREAS, more effective animal control services would be available or enhanced where the City's animal licensing regulations tied to an annual year basis, rather than an unspecified twelve month period; and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate to amend applicable redemption penalties to be consistent with practical needs; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Lakewood to amend its animal licensing regulations accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN as follows:

1. That Section 6.02.070 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

6.02.070 Redemption of Dogs.

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The owner of any dog impounded under this Chapter may redeem said dog within forty-eight hours from time of impounding by paying to the Animal Control Agency a redemption fee of ~~\$60.00~~ \$50.00 for the first time impounded within any twelve month period. A redemption fee of ~~\$100.00~~ \$75.00 for any subsequent impound within any twelve month period shall be collected. If a dog is wearing a current pet license at the time of the first such impound, no redemption fee shall be collected. In addition to the redemption fee, the redeemer shall pay, as a boarding charge for the caring and keeping of such dog, the sum of \$5.50 per day for each day, including the first and last days, that the dog is retained by the impounding authority. This boarding charge will be collected for all dogs retained by the impounding authority, including dogs wearing a current pet license at the time of their first impound within any twelve month period. The redemption fee shall be paid to the City of Lakewood. It is provided, however, that if the dog is not currently licensed, the owner must obtain a valid, current license for the dog prior to redemption, and that prior to the redeemed dog being released to the owner, said owner must show a receipt or other satisfactory proof that all redemption fees and/or licensing fees have been paid in full. If such dog is not redeemed by the owner within forty-eight hours, then any person may redeem it within the next forty-eight hours by complying with the above provision, and in case such dog is not redeemed at the end of such time, it may be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of within the discretion of the Animal Control Agency. (Ord. 260 Â§ 1, 2001; Ord. 149 Â§ 1, 1997; Ord. 40 Â§ 1 (part), 1996.)

2. That Section 6.06.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

6.06.020 Purchase of License.

All dog or cat licenses shall be obtained by paying the required license fee in the amounts and within the time limits as provided in this Chapter to the City or to such other agency as the City authorizes to issue licenses and collect license fees. The license shall remain in force ~~for a period of twelve months from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth~~

~~month~~ until December 31st of the year of issuance. There is no prorating of any license fee. Renewal licenses shall retain the original expiration period whether renewed prior to, on or after their respective expiration periods. The applicant shall be furnished with such license and metal tag. The tag shall be attached to a collar or harness which will be worn by the dog or cat at all times. The shape of the tag shall not be the same two consecutive years. (Ord. 149 Â§ 5, 1997; Ord. 40 Â§ 3 (part),1996.)

3. That Section 6.06.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

6.06.040 Late Payment Penalty.

A. Any person who fails to obtain a license ~~within 60 days of the date that the license renewal notice was mailed or delivered (if not mailed)~~ by February 28, each year, for renewal licenses, shall pay a late payment penalty of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per license, in addition to the license fee.

It is provided, however, that during the year 2002 there shall be no penalties assessed for late payments. (This provision shall automatically sunset after the year 2002.)

B. No late payment penalty shall be charged on new license applications. (Ord. 260 Â§ 4, 2001; Ord 149 Â§ 7, 1997; Ord. 40 Â§ 3 (part), 1996.)

4. That if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitu-tionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force in effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary, as provided by law, and on January 1, 2002.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 10th day of December, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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