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AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS

By Goodman

Amending Title 4, Chapter 64 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Animals and Fowl: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets, and Rabbits.

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

Section 1. That Section 64.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

64.20. Collars and tags required. Every person required to obtain a dog or cat license under this chapter shall place and keep around the neck of the dog or cat a permanent-type collar or harness when the animal is in public. ~~to which shall be securely attached the metallic license tag issued at the time the license was applied for.~~ License tags are not required to be worn on the collar of the dog or cat if the animal is licensed and microchipped and the microchip number is registered with Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. No person shall make, sell, purchase, possess, place or allow to be placed on any dog or cat any metallic tag of the same form, shape, or appearance as the official metallic license tag issued by Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. Collars may not exceed two (2) pounds in weight and must be made of durable material strong enough to hold the animal it is intended for. Collars or harnesses may not cause injury to the animal. Violations of this provision are subject to an administrative fine.

Section 2. That Section 64.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

64.30. License application and fee. (a) Every person required to obtain a license under this chapter shall make application to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control for a dog or cat license. The license shall expire on January thirty-first of each year. 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 and Control shall provide each dog and cat licensed ~~hereunder~~ with a metallic tag upon which shall be stamped or engraved the ~~register~~ registration number of the dog or cat. 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. A "sibling" license shall be available for spayed or neutered dogs and cats residing in the same household for an annual fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each dog or cat after the initial fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) is paid for the first dog or cat. The annual fee for an unneutered or unspayed dog or cat shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). Individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall pay a reduced annual license fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each dog or cat. 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 Manager of Minneapolis Animal Care and 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) Minneapolis Animal Care and Control may contract with approved veterinary clinics, pet stores, animal day care centers and other businesses as approved by Minneapolis Animal Care and Control to receive dog and cat license applications and to remit the application and fee to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.

(f) Payment of outstanding fees and fines. No license shall be issued or renewed until all outstanding fees, fines or other financial claims of the city have been remitted to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.