

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Acting Mayor

Prepared by: Department of Health and
Human Services

For reading: February 17, 2009

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Date: 3-3-09

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2009-29

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION
17.25.060E. REGARDING SPAYING AND NEUTERING DOGS AND CATS
ADOPTED FROM THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CENTER, AND AMENDING
SECTION 17.70.010 FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING STERILIZATION DEPOSITS.**

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 17.25.060E is amended to read
as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

17.25.060 Adoption exceptions and requirements.

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E. Any dog or cat over the age of four months adopted from the animal
care and control center shall be spayed or neutered [PRIOR TO
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE ANIMAL TO THE ADOPTING
OWNER] **except if, in the determination of a licensed veterinarian,
a medical delay is required due to the health or age of the animal.**
~~, EXCEPT IF, IN THE DETERMINATION OF A LICENSED
VETERINARIAN, A MEDICAL DELAY IS REQUIRED DUE TO THE
HEALTH OR AGE OF THE ANIMAL].~~ The chief animal control officer
shall establish procedures to accomplish spay/neuter, either at the
animal care and control center, or through arrangements with the local
veterinary community and establish an appropriate fee structure, using
customary market prices for such medical services in order to
implement this section.

1. Any person who adopts a dog or cat that is not [TOO YOUNG
TO BE] spayed or neutered at the time of adoption, shall agree
in writing to have the animal spayed or neutered [STERILIZED]
by a date specified. The date specified for sterilization may be
altered upon the written recommendation of a licensed
veterinarian. Proof of sterilization shall be submitted to the
animal care and control center upon completion. The person
adopting the animal shall provide for the expense of the required
sterilization.

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(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03)

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 17.70.010A.5.c. is amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

17.70.010 Animal care and control fee schedule.

A. The chief animal control officer shall provide for collection and disbursement of the following fees and refunds in the administration of Title 17:

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5. Adoption:

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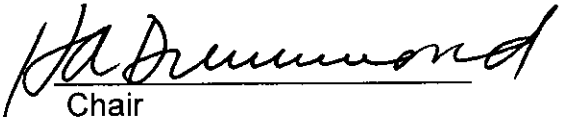
c. If the animal is not spayed or neutered at the time of adoption, the chief animal control officer may require [A WAITING PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED,] a deposit equal to the cost of the sterilization [SHALL] to be made at the time of the adoption, to be refunded within 30 days following presentation of proof of sterilization to the animal care and control center. Proof of sterilization must be in the form of a signed document from a licensed veterinarian.

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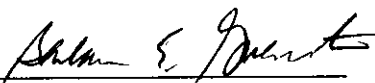
(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03; AO No. 2003-152S, § 11, 1-1-04; AO No. 2004-86, § 8, 5-18-04)

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of March, 2009.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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REGARDING STERILIZATION DEPOSITS.

Sponsor: ACTING MAYOR
Preparing Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:		(In Thousands of Dollars)				
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	
Operating Expenditures						
1000 Personal Services						
2000 Non-Labor						
3900 Contributions						
4000 Debt Service						
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others						
Less: 7000 Charges to Others						
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
REVENUES:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CAPITAL:						
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp						

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Economic effects are expected to be neutral for expenditures and revenues.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Adopters will pay market prices for sterilization surgeries at local veterinary clinics.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 112-2009

Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

From: ACTING MAYOR

Subject: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION 17.25.060E. REGARDING SPAYING AND NEUTERING DOGS AND CATS ADOPTED FROM THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CENTER, AND AMENDING SECTION 17.70.010 FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING STERILIZATION DEPOSITS.

Spaying and neutering dogs and cats is an important part of responsible pet health care and an essential component in humanely decreasing animal overpopulation and the euthanasia of homeless pets in animal shelters.

The Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center (AACCC) strategic plan calls for reducing the number of animals received at the shelter. Promoting spaying and neutering is critical in fostering this important objective.

Since 2003, unsterilized dogs and cats adopted from AACCC were transported to local clinics for spaying or neutering prior to going home with their adoptive families.

The contract for sterilization services included options to renew through 2009. However, the contractor elected not to renew their contract and it expired January 31, 2009. Efforts to gain a new contractor for these services, including issuance of an invitation to bid and numerous meetings and discussions with potential providers, were unsuccessful. No clinics are capable of or interested in partnering with the municipality to accomplish the required surgeries.

Before spaying/neutering pets prior to adoption began in 2003, adopters paid a refundable spay/neuter deposit at the time of adoption. Pet owners then had 30 days to complete the surgery and show evidence of the sterilization. Either a refund was issued upon compliance or a citation and fine for non-compliance.

This refundable spay/neuter deposit system requires reinstating since there is not a spay/neuter vendor in place. A code change is required in order to make that possible.

Taking a spay/neuter deposit is seen as a method to continue the AACCC adoption program while the municipal administration explores alternative methods

1 to ensure all pets adopted from AACCC are spayed or neutered. Staff is currently
2 researching placement of an on-site spay/neuter clinic which would provide a
3 permanent solution for the AACCC program.
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6 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED
7 ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION
8 17.25.060E. REGARDING SPAYING AND NEUTERING DOGS AND CATS
9 ADOPTED FROM THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CENTER, AND
10 AMENDING SECTION 17.70.010 FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING
11 STERILIZATION DEPOSITS.
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14 Prepared by: Diane Ingle, Director, Department of Health and
15 Human Services
16 Concur: James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney
17 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
18 Respectfully submitted: Matt Claman, Acting Mayor

Content ID: 007411**Type:** Ordinance - AO**Title:** Assembly Ordinance amending AMC Section 17.25.060 regarding spaying and neutering dogs and cats adopted from the Animal Care and Control Center and Section 17.70.010 fee schedule regarding sterilization deposits**Author:** maglaquijp**Initiating Dept:** HHS**Description:** Assembly Ordinance amending AMC Section 17.25.060 regarding spaying and neutering dogs and cats adopted from the Animal Care and Control Center and Section 17.70.010 fee schedule regarding sterilization deposits**Date Prepared:** 2/10/09 2:35 PM**Director Name:** Diane Ingle**Assembly Meeting Date:** 2/17/09 SPECIAL MEETING**Public Hearing Date:** 3/3/09 SPECIAL MEETING

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CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION