

ORDINANCE NO. 3414

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-7-47 (LICENSE--REQUIRED; DISPOSITION OF REVENUE), Section 5-7-48 (SAME--TAX IMPOSED; TAX RATES; WHEN TAX PAYABLE) and Section 5-7-52 (SAME--DUPLICATE TAGS), all of Article C (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS), Chapter 7 (ANIMALS AND FOWL), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-7-47 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-7-47 License--required; disposition of revenue.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to be the owner of a dog four months old or older within the city unless such dog is licensed, as required by the provisions of this article.

(b) All dog license taxes collected pursuant to this article shall be paid into the general fund from which sufficient funds for the operation and maintenance of the animal shelter may be provided, as authorized by council.

Section 2. That Section 5-7-48 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-7-48 Same--tax imposed; tax rates; when tax payable.

There is hereby imposed an annual license tax on dogs, except seeing eye and hearing dogs that are trained and serve as a guide or hearing dog for the persons and in the manner described in section 3.1-796.87 of the Virginia Code, for each calendar year at the following rates, and due and payable as follows:

(1) For any male or female dog which shall be four months old or older on or before January 31 of the year, the license tax for that year shall be \$10 and shall be paid by the owner on or before January 31 of said year.

(2) If any male or female dog shall become four months of age, or if a dog of that age or older shall come into the possession of an owner, between January 31 and November 1 of any year, the license tax for that year shall be \$10 and shall be paid by the owner within 10 days of the dog attaining the age of four months or coming into the possession of the owner.

(3) If any male or female dog shall become four months of age, or if a dog of that age or older shall come into the possession of an owner, after October 31 of any year, the license tax of \$10 for the succeeding calendar year shall be paid by the owner within 10 days of the dog attaining the age of four months or coming into the possession of the owner.

(4) For any unsexed dog (a neuter), the provisions of this section with respect to other dogs shall apply but the annual license tax shall be \$2.

(5) If any dog coming into the possession of an owner on or before October 31 of any year has a current license in another jurisdiction, a full credit shall be allowed on the cost of obtaining the first city license.

Section 3. That Section 5-7-52 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-7-52 Same--duplicate tags.

If a dog license tag shall become lost, destroyed or stolen, the owner shall at once apply to the director of finance for a duplicate license tag, presenting the original license receipt, if available. Upon affidavit of the owner that the original license tag has been lost, destroyed or stolen, the director of finance shall issue a duplicate license tag which the owner shall immediately affix to the collar of the dog. The director of finance shall endorse the number of the duplicate and the date issued on records of his office and on the face of the original license receipt, if available. The fee for a duplicate tag shall be \$1.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: November 18, 1989