

ORDINANCE NO. 4369

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-7-47 (LICENSE B REQUIRED; DISPOSITION OF REVENUE), 5-7-48 (SAME B TAX IMPOSED; TAX RATES; WHEN TAX PAYABLE) and 5-7-49 (SAME B APPLICATION; ISSUANCE; RECORDS TO BE KEPT) 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 own a dog or cat four months old or older within the city unless such dog or cat is licensed, as required by the provisions of this article.
- (b) All dog and cat 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.
- (c) The owner of a dog or cat required to be licensed by this article shall obtain the license and pay the license tax within 30 days of moving into the city, acquiring the animal, or attainment of the required age by the animal, which ever is later.
- (d) The owner of a dog or cat with an existing license required by this article shall renew the animal=s license and pay the license tax within 10 days after expiration of such animal=s license.

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; expiration.**

- (a) There is hereby imposed a license tax on dogs and cats required to be licensed by this article, as follows:
- (1) For any male or female dog or cat the license tax for a one year license shall be \$30 for a dog, and \$10 for a cat, and the license tax for a three year license shall be \$75 for a dog and \$25 for a cat, except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3) or (4) below.
  - (2) For any spayed or neutered dog or cat, the license tax for a one year license shall be \$10 for a dog, and \$2 for a cat, and the license tax for a three year license shall be \$25 for a dog and \$5 for a cat.
  - (3) For any hearing dog, seeing eye dog or service dog, a license shall be required but no license tax shall be charged.
  - (4) For any dog owned by a person 65 years of age or older, there shall be a \$5 discount in the applicable license tax for a one year license, and a \$15 discount in the license tax for a three year license.
  - (5) The owner of an animal required to be licensed by this article may elect to obtain a one year license or a three year license, and shall pay the corresponding license tax at the time the license is obtained.

- (b) A one year license shall be valid for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of issuance; provided, however, that the license shall expire on the last day of the month in which the rabies vaccination of the licensed animal expires.
  
- (c) A three year license shall be valid for a maximum period of 36 months from the date of issuance; provided, however, that the license shall expire on the last day of the month in which the rabies vaccination of the licensed animal expires.

Section 3. That Section 5-7-49 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. 5-7-49 Same--application; issuance; records to be kept.**

Any owner may obtain a dog or cat license by making a signed written application to the city manager or the manager=s designee. The application shall contain the name, sex, age, breed and description of the dog or cat and the name and address of the owner, and shall be accompanied by the amount of the license tax and a certificate of vaccination or other evidence from a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or cat is inoculated against rabies and the expiration date of the vaccination, or . Upon receipt of a proper application, accompanied by the amount of the license tax and a proper certificate of vaccination or other evidence, the city manager or the manager=s designee shall issue a license receipt and an appropriate tag to the owner, and shall record upon the receipt and upon records maintained by the city the name and address of the owner, the date of issuance, the period of time for which issued and date of expiration of the rabies vaccination, the serial number of the license and the sex, age, breed and description of the dog or cat.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective at the time and on the date of final passage; provided, however, that for one year licenses issued prior to December 18, 2005, the license tax shall be one twelfth of the license tax otherwise established, for each month for which the license shall remain valid, and provided further that for three year licenses issued prior to December 18, 2007, the license tax shall be one thirty sixth

of the license tax otherwise established, for each month for which the license shall remain valid.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

Mayor

Final Passage: December 18, 2004

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