

2009-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 69 THEREOF ENTITLED ANIMALS TO INCREASE LICENSING FEES

WHEREAS, in 2007 the State of New Jersey passed a law allowing municipalities to increase the locally retained portion of dog licensing fees from \$7 to a maximum of \$21; and

WHEREAS, the last time these fees were increased by the State was 1978; and

WHEREAS, under the current fee structure the Borough of Haddonfield does not receive enough revenue in animal licensing fees to cover the State required expenses incurred.

Therefore, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Haddonfield, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 69 of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Haddonfield entitled Animals, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 69-19 of the codified ordinance is amended to increase the licensing fees for dogs as follows:

Article IV – Dog Licensing, Section §69-19 Licensing fees; late charges; exceptions.

A. Annual license fee. An annual license fee of [~~\$12~~] **\$17.00** consisting of the following:

- (1) To be retained by the Borough: [~~\$10.80~~] **\$15.80**
- (2) To be sent to the State of New Jersey: \$1.
- (3) To be sent to the State of New Jersey for the Pilot Clinic Fund: \$0.20.
- (4) An additional \$3 fee will be charged for those dogs not spayed or neutered. This additional fee is to be sent to the State of New Jersey and designated for the Animal Population Control Fund. Owners presenting a statement signed by a veterinarian or a notarized statement signed personally certifying that their dog has been sterilized are exempt from this fee.

2. Section §69-24 of the codified ordinance is amended to increase the licensing fees for cats as follows (changes are shown in bold):

Article V – Cats, Section §69-24 Licensing requirements.

G. Fee schedule: Fees for cat licensing shall be as follows:

(1) An annual license fee to cover registration and issuance of a registration tag or sleeve:

(a) For each non-neutered cat: [~~\$12~~] **\$16**

(b) For each neutered cat: [~~\$9~~] **\$13**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] and using strikethrough in the above ordinance is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the ordinance. Matter underlined and in bold thus is new matter.

SECTION II

The effective date of these increases will be February of the licensing year 2009.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

SECTION IV

If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court, the remaining sections and provisions shall, notwithstanding such holding, remain and be in full force and effect.

SECTION V:

This ordinance shall be in effect upon passage and publication according to law.

First Reading – January 9, 2009
Second Reading – January 27, 2009