

# ORDINANCE

No. 10-451<sup>st</sup> Reading OCT 05 2010

Date to Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_

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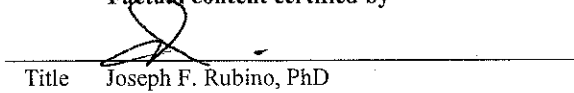
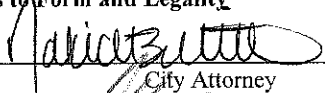
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Passage \_\_\_\_\_

Date Resubmitted to Council \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved as to Form and Legality

Factual content certified by



City Attorney

Title Joseph F. Rubino, PhD  
Director of Health & Human Services

Councilman /woman \_\_\_\_\_

presents the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON TO INCREASE THE FEES PAYABLE FOR DOG LICENSING AND REDEMPTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Trenton wishes to amend Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Trenton, entitled "Animals", in order to increase the fees payable for dog licensing and redemption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Trenton as follows:

1. Chapter 21, Section 21-4 of the Code of the City of Trenton is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **21-4. Dog license fees.**

- A. Any person applying for a license and registration tag shall pay an annual fee of \$12 for each dog licensed the sum of one dollar for the registration tag for each dog, and the sum of \$0.20 for each dog license. In addition, there shall be an additional fee of \$3 for each dog which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization.
- B. Dogs used as guides for blind persons, commonly known as "Seeing Eye Dogs", hearing-ear dogs and service dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs hereinabove provide for, except that the owner or keeper of such dog shall not be required to pay any fee therefore. [Amended 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 04-6].
- C. An additional fee of \$15 shall be made for anyone applying for a dog license renewal on or after the first day of February of each year.
- D. A charge of \$3 shall be made for the replacement of a dog license tag after the applicant has provided proof or sufficient evidence that the initial license was issued for the dog in question.
- E. In addition to any fees imposed by this or any other section, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-31, the annual fee to license any dog declared "potentially dangerous" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-23 shall be \$700. [Added 10-18-2001 by Ord. No. 01-91]

2. Chapter 21, Section 21-8 of the Code of the City of Trenton is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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## 21-8. Seizure and redemption.

A. Whenever any licensed dog wearing a registration tag is impounded, the Animal Control officer shall immediately notify the Division of Health of the license number of the dog, and the Division of Health shall notify the owner forthwith that the dog has been taken up and impounded and will be offered for adoption or destroyed if not claimed within seven days after service of the notice. Any dog seized under the provisions of this section may be redeemed by the owner of the dog upon payment of a pick up fee of \$20, a 6-in-1 vaccine of \$5, plus a sum not to exceed \$4 per day for each day the dog is kept in the dog shelter, provided that such redemption shall be made within seven days of the impounding or seizure of any dog as provided in this section.

B. Adoption fees shall be as follows:

- (1) Male Cat           \$100
- (2) Female Cat       \$100
- (3) Male Dog         \$120
- (4) Female Dog       \$120

### 3. Repealer.

All ordinances and regulations of the City of Trenton that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

### 4. Severability

In the event that any section, sentence, or clause of these articles shall be declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such determination shall not prejudice the enforcement of the remaining provisions.

### 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

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	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	AYE	NAY	NV	AB		AYE	NAY	NV	AB	AYE	NAY	NV	AB									
BETHEA	✓								HOLLY WARD	✓							MUSCHAL	✓								
CALDWELL WILSON	✓								MCBRIDE	✓																
CHESTER	✓								REYNOLDS JACKSON	✓																
										NV - NO VOTE				AB - ABSENT												

Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, NJ on \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted on second reading after the public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

APPROVED  
REJECTED

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Reconsidered by Council - Override Vote

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President of Council

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City Clerk



CITY OF TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Tony Mack, Mayor

Department of Health and Human Services  
DIVISION OF HEALTH  
218 N. Broad Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08618

Joseph Rubino; PhD, Director  
Dave Henry, Int. Health Officer

Memo

To: Dr. Joseph Rubino, Director

From: Dave Henry, Int. Health Officer

Date: September 8, 2010

Re: Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Animal Control Fees

In our efforts to help meet the costs of the Animal Control operation, we are proposing to increase the fees for dog licenses and adoptions of animals from the pound. It is hoped that the increased fees will help to defray the cost in Animal Control.