

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-157

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-331 TO DECREASE THE ADOPTION FEES FOR DOGS AND CATS AND TO ALLOW FOR ADOPTION SUBSIDY DONATIONS TO REDUCE THE ADOPTION FEES IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SPECIFIC ANIMALS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT A SCHEDULE OF FEES SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the public interest to reduce the adoption fees for dogs and cats; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the following fees in the Schedule of Fees established by Ordinance No. 2006-331 are hereby amended to be collected pursuant to the specified provisions of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances:

**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

<b>Sec. 6-14</b>	<b>Dog and Cat Registration Fee</b>	\$ 25.00 annually
		\$ 4.00 annually if unable to procreate

The registration fee shall be waived for all sterilized and microchipped animals if the owner provides proof of sterilization and microchipping to the Animal Services Unit.

**Sec. 6-17      Animal Impound Fees**

(1)      Class A Animals (dogs, cats, fowl, each animal)

First Impoundment	\$ 20.00
Second Impoundment	\$ 30.00
Third Impoundment	\$ 45.00
Fourth Impoundment	\$ 70.00

(2)      Class B Animals (goats, sheep, lambs, pigs, sows, shoats, calves, foals, and animals of the same approximate size and weight, each animal)

First Impoundment	\$ 30.00
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Second Impoundment	\$ 40.00
Third Impoundment	\$ 75.00
Fourth Impoundment	\$113.00

- (3) Class C Animals (cattle, mules, horses, ponies, and animals of the same approximate size and weight, each animal)

First Impoundment	\$ 35.00
Second Impoundment	\$ 50.00
Third Impoundment	\$ 75.00
Fourth Impoundment	\$115.00

- (4) Class D Animal (prohibited, exotic, or wild animals requiring capture by center personnel [provided, if the Class D animal is already contained by the owner, then Class B fee schedule shall apply])

First Impoundment	\$ 34.00
Second Impoundment	\$ 50.00
Third Impoundment	\$ 75.00
Fourth Impoundment	\$115.00

**Sec. 6-17 Daily Handling Fee**

First Day or part of Day	\$ 8.00
Each Subsequent Day	\$ 8.00

**Sec. 6-18 Adoption Fees**

Dogs	\$ 60.00
Cats	\$ 60.00
Ferrets	\$ 10.00

Animal Services may utilize adoption subsidy donations to reduce the adoption fee of specific animals to thirty dollars (\$30.00) at the discretion of the Animal Services Supervisor. The Animal Services Supervisor, with the approval of the City Manager (or his designee), may further reduce the adoption fee of any animal based on special circumstances where it is determined to be in the best interest of the animal(s) and the shelter.

**Sec. 6-21 Carcass Handling/Dead Animal Disposal Fee**

Drop-off/Animal Brought to Animal Control Center	\$ 15.00 per animal
City Pick-up of Animal	\$ 35.00 per animal

**Sec. 6-22      Animal Euthanasia Fees** (including cremation)      \$ 30.00 per animal

**Sec. 6-24      Quarantine Fees**

First Day or part of Day      \$ 8.00

Each Subsequent Day      \$ 8.00

Rabies Diagnostic Testing      \$ 70.00

**Sec. 6-30      Prohibited Animal Permit Fee**      \$ 50.00 per animal

**Sec. 6-38      Dangerous Animal Fee**      \$200.00 per animal


SECTION 2. The above-mentioned fees as established by the City Council shall be placed on file in the office of the City Secretary and made available to any member of the public who wishes to see a copy of the fees as established by this ordinance. The City Secretary is directed to maintain this Schedule of Fees on file in the City Secretary's office as adopted hereby or as in the future may be established by the City Council. All fees shall be paid to the City at the Animal Control Center in accordance with Article III of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any invalidity.

SECTION 4. Save and except as amended hereby, all the provisions, sections, subsections paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective fourteen (14) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of June, 2013.

  
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MARK A. BURROUGHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER WALTERS, CITY SECRETARY

By: Jennifer Walters

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
ANITA BURGESS, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Stephanie Berry