

ORDINANCE NO.: 2006-074

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article III, Animal Control, Sec. 4-67, Redemption of impounded pet animals and Sec. 4-68, Adoption of impounded pet animals

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 13th day of December, 2006 that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article III, Animal Control, Sec. 4-67, Redemption of impounded pet animals and Sec. 4-68, Adoption of impounded pet animals, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-67. Redemption of impounded pet animals.

(a) The owner or keeper of any pet which has been impounded under the provisions of this article shall have the right to redeem such pet at any time within five days upon payment of a fee as follows:

(1) For a pet which has been properly inoculated, licensed, microchipped and neutered or spayed, the fee shall be \$10.00

(2) For other pets the fee shall be \$10.00 plus the appropriate license fee, the charge for rabies inoculation, a \$20.00 microchipping fee, and the cost of spaying or neutering the animal. No fertile animal shall be redeemed or adopted from the shelter. No animal will be released from the shelter without proof of inoculation and without an implanted microchip. The requirement of spaying or neutering may be waived if the owner meets the criteria under the exceptions provisions in subsection 4-62(c). The requirement of spaying or neutering shall not be waived under the exceptions in subsections 4-62(c)(1)--(3) when the animal is impounded a second time for any violation of sections 4-64; 4-65; 4-66; 4-70(1), (2), (5), (7) or (8).

(b) In addition to the redemption fee, and an impound fee of \$20.00, a board fee of \$6.00 per day per pet shall be paid by the owner or keeper when a pet is redeemed.

(c) The fees set out in this section shall be doubled for any animal impounded twice or more within the same 12-month period.

Sec. 4-68. Adoption of impounded pet animals.

(a) Any pet impounded under the provision of this article may at the end of the legal detention period be adopted, provided the new owner will agree to comply with the provisions contained in the animal adoption contract, as promulgated by the animal superintendent, and the provisions contained in this chapter, including a \$20.00 microchipping fee.

(b) Any pet surrendered to the shelter may be adopted at any time provided there is a completed and signed surrender form on file for the animal concerned.

(c) Fees for the adopted pets will be the same as those established for the redemption of impounded pets, together with a reasonable fee for microchipping.

(d) Those individuals adopting puppies or kittens too young to be neutered or spayed or receive

rabies inoculations will pay the cost of these procedures at the time of adoption and be given an appointment for a later time to have these procedures accomplished. If the animal is deceased prior to the appointment date, the applicable portion of the adoption fee will be returned.

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:

Public Works


MAYOR

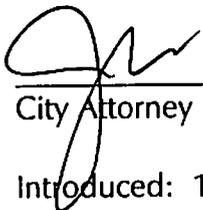
Approved by:

City Manager



Approved as to form:

City Attorney



ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 11/15/2006

Final Reading: 12/13/2006

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