

11/03/2011

Ordinance

142-2011

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4-12.3(e), 4-21(d) AND 4-21.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE SPAY AND NEUTER FUND AND GRANT PROGRAM, TO PERMIT AN AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO OPERATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND TO RETAIN A PORTION OF LICENSE AND REDEMPTION FEES FOR FUNDING THE PROGRAM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Section 4-12.3(e) of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- (e) The designated license facility may retain six dollars (\$6.00) of the fee from each license issued for an altered dog or cat and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each license issued for an unaltered dog or cat. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the fee from each license issued for an unaltered dog or cat shall be retained by the agency designated by the Department of Public Safety and used solely to fund the spay and neuter grant program established by section 4-21.1 of this Code

Section 2 – That Section 4-21(d) of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- (d) In addition to the requirements in subsection (c) above, any owner, custodian or other person entitled to the possession of an impounded dog or cat may redeem the animal by paying a redemption fee. For the first impound within a twelve-month period, the fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for an altered dog or cat and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for an unaltered dog or cat. For the second and each subsequent impound within a twelve-month period, the fee shall be doubled. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the redemption fee shall be paid into the general fund and the balance shall be retained by the agency designated by the Department of Public Safety and used solely to fund the spay and neuter grant program established by section 4-21.1 of this Code. In lieu of paying the redemption fee for an unaltered animal, the owner may elect to have the animal spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian provided by the Lexington Humane Society, at a cost not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 3 – That Section 4-21.1 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

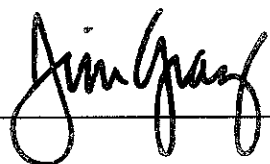
- (a) The dog and cat spay and neuter grant program is hereby established to provide grants to qualified residents of the urban county who own unaltered dogs or cats.
- (b) A qualified animal owner may receive a grant of up to one hundred (100) percent of the reasonable cost of spaying and

neutering his or her dog or cat and a partially qualified animal owner may receive a grant of up to eighty (80) percent of the reasonable cost of spaying or neutering his or her dog or cat.

- (c) The agency designated by the Department of Public Safety shall be responsible for operating and administering the grant program consistent with the provisions of this chapter, and shall file, at least annually, with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety a report of all funds received and expended for the program.
- (d) The dog and cat spay and neuter grant program shall be funded by fees retained by the above-referenced agency for funding of the program and donations.

Section 4 – That this Ordinance shall be effective as of July 1, 2011.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: November 3, 2011


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLISHED: November 10, 2011-1t

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW FORM**Request for Council Action**

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Log No.

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I. DIRECTORS AND / OR COMMISSIONERS (Summary of Action Requested) An ordinance amending Sections 4-12.3(e), 4-21(d) and 4-21.1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Spay and Neuter Fund and grant program, to permit an agency designated by the Department of Public Safety to operate and administer the program and to retain a portion of license and redemption fees for funding the program.

Budgetary Implications: ☐ Yes ☒ No Advance Document Review: ☒ Law ☐ Risk Mgmt

If 'Yes', provide the following information. Prepare and attach a Budget Amendment if necessary.

Fully Budgeted ☐ Partially Budgeted ☐ Not Budgeted ☐

ACCOUNT NUMBER

THIS FY IMPACT

ANNUAL IMPACT

\$ _____ \$ _____

PROJECT

ACTIVITY

BUDGET REFERENCE

Director's Signature

Date

Commissioner's Signature

Date

10/2/11

II. RECEIVED AND LOGGED FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERReceived By Sharon Gubbe Date 10/18/11**III. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REVIEW**

Review By	Initials / Date	Approve	Disapprove	Comments
Department of Law	<u>MEH, 10/19/11</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Division of Budgeting	<u>EM, 10/18</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schedule No. _____	B-102 No. _____	Acct. No. _____		
Project _____	Activity _____	Budget Reference _____		
Fiscal Year _____	Annual Impact \$ <u>N/A</u>	Current Balance \$ _____		
Division of Human Resources	<u>DNF 10-20-11</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Division of Community Development	<u>16 10-20-11</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Division of Purchasing	<u>FP 10-20-11</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV. POST REVIEW ACTION TAKEN☐ Forward to CAO ☐ Hold ☐ Return to Commissioner or Director**V. CAO'S REVIEW**New Business Item ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove ☐ Hold and Reenter (Date) _____
Pull Permanently ☐ Return to: _____
CAO _____ Date _____**VI. COW Work Session Recommendation**To Remain on Docket ☐ Receive as Information Only ☐
Request Add'l Info from _____ To Council _____ Committee _____
Other: _____ Council Administrator Pamela Williams Date 10-25-11

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January 10, 2011

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10/25/11



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Jim Gray
Mayor

Clay Mason
Commissioner

To: Mayor Jim Gray
Richard Moloney, CAO
Urban County Council

From: Rick Curtis, Administrative Officer
Department of Public Safety

Date: October 6, 2011

Re: Blue Sheet Spay & Neuter Grant Program Ordinance Amendment

This is to request an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-12.3(e), 4-21(d) and 4-21.1 relating to the spay and neuter grant fund program, to permit an agency designated by the Department of Public Safety to operate and administer the program and to retain a portion of the license and redemption fees for funding the program.

As proposed, funds designated by ordinance for the Spay & Neuter Grant Program (Program) from pet licensing and reclaimed animal redemption fees will continue to be collected by Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control (LFACC) and then—instead of being sent to LFUCG—transferred into the Lexington Humane Society's (LHS) spay/neuter account. Money from this account will be used to fund qualifying Program surgeries performed through LHS's Spay'sTheWay program.

Summary of current ordinance process:

1. Revenue collected by LFACC from fees
2. Fees transferred into LHS spay/neuter account
3. Spay'sTheWay invoices the account for Program surgeries performed
4. Any invoice balance not covered by the account is covered by Spay'sTheWay

Ordinance Amendment positives:

1. Reflects a cost-cutting action by LFUCG
 - a. LHS will provide all administrative and accounting activities for the Program at no cost to LFUCG
 - i. LFACC contract with LFUCG is testimony to the organization's sound administrative and accounting practices
 - ii. LHS has managed majority of the Program on behalf of Public Safety for six years
2. Eliminates LFUCG's monthly administrative and accounting role necessary for the Program
 - a. Benefitting several departments: Public Safety, Revenue, Finance
 - b. LFUCG time-savings and improved efficiency

3. Eliminates LFUCG's annual budget line item for the Program
 - a. LFUCG time-savings and improved efficiency
4. Allows LHS to be reimbursed in a more timely manner through the Program
 - a. Eliminates lag time in LHS's receipt of payment
 - i. Time between surgery provision and receipt of payment has often spanned several months, lag time has been a drain on LHS resources, which have been necessary to cover Program expenses
5. Ensures every dollar collected for the Program is used for Program services
 - a. Over the years, LFUCG funds have not rolled over from one fiscal year to the next and Program resources have been lost
 - b. Translates into more Program surgeries being performed and more unwanted litters prevented which when program started was original purpose