




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