(passed 9-0)

ORDINANCE 04-34

TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ANIMALS"
(Amending Chapter 7.48 Entitled "Adopted Animals" in Order to Codify Adoption Fees and Increase Fees Related to a New Spay/Neuter Service Conducted by the Animal Shelter)

WHEREAS, Title 7 of the Bloomington Municipal Code sets forth provisions regarding adoption of animals through the Animal Care and Control Department for the City of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the only effective way to reduce the animal overpopulation problem is to spay or neuter our companion animals; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community as a whole and of the animals who reside here for the City of Bloomington to do everything it can to reduce animal overpopulation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Section 7.48.020 regarding "Violations" shall be renumbered to 7.48.030.

SECTION II. Section 7.48.010 regarding "Spaying and neutering of adopted animals" shall be renumbered to 7.48.020 and shall be amended by replacing it with the following:

7.48.020 Spaying and neutering of adopted animals.

Any dog, cat, rabbit or ferret adopted from the city animal shelter shall be spayed or neutered by a veterinarian prior to being taken to his or her new home. The Bloomington Animal Care and Control Department shall assume the cost of the spay or neuter operation. If a veterinarian should determine that the dog, cat, rabbit or ferret is physically unable to undergo such an operation at the current time, the dog, cat, rabbit or ferret is to be neutered or spayed as soon as the veterinarian determines it is able.

SECTION III. Section 7.48.010 regarding "Adoption Fees" shall be added as follows:

7.48.010 Adoption Fees

(a) The fee to adopt any animal shall be as listed in the table below. The adoption fee must be paid prior to the animal being taken to his or her new home.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS	
Dogs and Cats under 5 years of age	$ 75.00
Dogs and Cats over 5 years of age	$ 55.00
Rabbits and Ferrets	$ 45.00
Goats, pigs, horses, etc.	$ 20.00
BIRDS	
Parakeets/Finches	$ 10.00
Lovebirds/Cockatiels	$ 20.00
REPTILES	$ 20.00
SMALL ANIMALS	
Guinea Pigs	$ 5.00
Mice	$ 2.00
Rats	$ 2.00
Hamsters/Gerbils	$ 2.00

(b) In order to help more companion animals find suitable homes, the Director of Animal Care and Control has the discretion to raise or lower the adoption fees under the following circumstances:

(1) adoptions of animals which have incurred extraordinary expenses while under the Shelter's care;
(2) adoptions of hard-to-adopt animals or of foster animals by foster parents;
(3) adoptions by breed rescue organizations or transfers to humane associations; or
(4) adoptions through special promotions or when the kennel is full.

The Director shall inform the Animal Control Commission of any such adjustments at their monthly meeting.

Section IV. The foregoing changes to Sections 7.48.010, 7.48.020, and 7.48.030 shall be reflected in the table of contents for Chapter 7.48 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

Section V. After this ordinance has been passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, it shall go into full force and effect on January 1, 2005.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17th day of November, 2004.

MICHAEL DIEKHOFF, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17th day of November, 2004.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 17th day of November, 2004.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance codifies adoption fees for all animals and increases those fees for dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets. The adoption fees would increase to $45 for rabbits and ferrets, to $55.00 for dogs and cats over the age of five, and to $75.00 for dogs and cats under the age of five. The ordinance also mandates that all dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets will be spayed or neutered at the City's cost, before going to their new homes. The increase in adoption fees is intended to cover the cost of the spay/neuter operation.

Signed copies to:
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