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An Ordinance to Amend Title 7, Animals, of the Municipal Code of Bloomington, Indiana.

WHEREAS effective control of domestic animals in the City of Bloomington, depends, in large part, on the decreasing number of dog litters per adult female pet;

Whereas the ratio of abandoned, stray, or dumped dogs is four unspayed female dogs per every fertile male;

WHEREAS the household who affords the payment for spaying of its female pet is directly and effectively aiding the City in its animal control program;

WHEREAS the present licensing and registration of dogs has not worked in the past and is not working presently;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

That Section 7.16.010 "Registration--License fees" of the Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

7.16.010 Registration--License Fees. All dogs kept, harbored or maintained by their owners or agents in the City shall be licensed and registered if over six months of age. The annual license fee for dogs over six months of age shall be as follows:

- (1) Each male dog \$2.00;
- (2) Each female dog \$4.00.

In accepting the application for a license for a spayed dog, if there is a certificate from a licensed veterinary surgeon that the dog has been spayed or neutered, the annual license fee shall be waived and a registration fee not exceeding fifty cents substituted therefor. Also, if the owner presents receipts showing that the same dog has been licensed in the City of Bloomington for eight (8) consecutive years, the license fee shall be waived. It is further provided that any person presenting a currently paid county dog tax license receipt shall receive credit for it against such fees. At the time of making application for the license, the owner shall state in the application, on the printed form provided for such purpose, his name and address, the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog kept by him. Upon the presentation of such application and tender of certificate of rabies and distemper vaccination from a licensed veterinary and the fee provided herein, the City Controller shall

issue a license for such dog. Owners exempted from paying license fees by the provisions of this act shall be required to register their dogs each year, to pay the aforementioned fee, and present proof of rabies vaccination. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs brought into the City for the purpose of participating in any dog show, nor to "seeing-eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons, when such dogs are actually being used for such show purposes or by blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place.

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and promulgation in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the 5th day of October 1972.

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President
Common Council

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, upon the 6th day of October 1972, at the hour of 9 o'clock A.m.

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance approved and signed by me upon the 6th day of October 1972, at the hour of 9 o'clock A.m.

Francis X. McCloskey
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

REFERRED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:
