



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Establish New Dog License Fees

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution to establish new fees for the issuance of dog license tags. Recent changes to the City's dog licensing ordinance, Chapter 107 (Animals), allow the City Clerk to establish a new licensing program that would permit the sale of one, two or three year dog license tags, coinciding with the expiration year of each dog's rabies vaccination certificate.

The current fee of \$16.00 for up to a two year license was set in 2006. An analysis was conducted of the costs for City staff to manage the program, and fees from Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti Township were also reviewed. Currently, Washtenaw County charges \$6.00 for up to one year or \$15.00 for a maximum of three years. Fees are doubled if the dog is unaltered. Ypsilanti Township charges \$3.00 per year for a license, up to three years at one time (\$9.00).

To more closely align with the fee structure and process at Washtenaw County, and with the City and County dog parks, staff is recommending a discounted fee for spayed and neutered animals. The following fees are recommended:

\$6.00 for up to one year (\$12.00 for unaltered dogs)
\$11.00 for up to two years (\$22.00 for unaltered dogs)
\$15.00 for up to three years (\$30.00 for unaltered dogs)

Service dogs - no charge with proper documentation

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Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has established a Dog Licensing program, pursuant to City Code, Chapter 107 and in accordance with the Michigan Dog Law of 1919;

Whereas, Recent changes to Chapter 107 allow the City Clerk to issue dog tags in one, two or three year increments, depending on the expiration of each dog's rabies vaccination certificate;

Whereas, The existing fee of \$16.00 for two years was last reviewed in 2006; and

Whereas, The City Clerk has reviewed and analyzed the current costs of managing the licensing program and reviewed fees in neighboring jurisdictions;

RESOLVED, That the following dog licensing fees be established effective November 1, 2014:

\$6.00 for up to one year (\$12.00 for unaltered dogs)
\$11.00 for up to two years (\$22.00 for unaltered dogs)

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