

RESOLUTION 26-04-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2024 DOG LICENSE FEE

WHEREAS: the city police are responsible for animal control within the city limits, and

WHEREAS: the city has an ordinance related to animals in the city, and

WHEREAS: there are lack of resources for impounding animals (dogs and cats) in our area, and

WHEREAS: the Chief of Police is working with All Pets Medicine, Surgery & Rehabilitation Clinic P.A. to set up a microchip clinic, and

WHEREAS: animals such as dogs and cats that are microchipped can be identified and returned to their owner, reducing the need for impounding, and

WHEREAS: the Chief of Police recommends changing the dog license fees to encourage residents to have their dog microchipped, and

WHEREAS: the current fee is \$36.00 for the lifetime of the dog as long as they keep the city updated on current rabies vaccinations, and

WHEREAS: the Chief of Police recommends waiving the \$36.00 fee for the lifetime license if their dog has a microchip, they provide the microchip ID to the city and keep the city updated on current rabies vaccinations, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MAPLETON, MN: To encourage residents to have their dogs microchipped, the city will waive the dog license fee at the time of registration with the city. To be eligible for to have the license fee waived, residents must meet these two requirements:

- (1) A microchip and provide the ID to the city.
- (2) Proof of current rabies vaccinations. (Failure to keep the city updated on rabies vaccination will result in a license fee being applied.)

MOTION _____ SECOND _____

	Aye	Nay
Mike Braaten	_____	_____
Billy Vait	_____	_____
Evan Masters	_____	_____
Kenneth Warner	_____	_____
Jeff Annis	_____	_____

Adopted by the Mapleton City Council the 2nd Day of April 2024

Jeff Annis, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk

§ 95.03 LICENSES.

(A) *License required.*

(1) No person shall keep any dog over 6 months of age within the city without securing a lifetime license therefore from the City Administrator, who shall keep a record of all licenses issued and shall issue a tag for each license.

(2) A license shall be secured from the City Administrator within 10 days of obtaining a dog over 6 months of age, or within 10 days of the date when the dog becomes 6 months of age.

(B) *Application for license.* Applications for license shall be made on forms prescribed by the City Administrator, which forms shall set forth the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner; and
- (2) The breed, age, and sex of the dog for which a license is sought.

(C) *License fees; expiration.* The lifetime license fee shall be set by Council resolution annually. Every license shall expire upon death of the dog or when the dog is no longer in applicant's possession. A lifetime license does not transfer to a different animal. The lifetime license expires on December 31 each year if current proof of rabies shots is not provided to the city.

(D) *Rabies vaccination.* Every application for a license shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog to be licensed has a current certificate of rabies vaccination.

(E) *Affixing tag or Microchip.*

(1) The owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar or harness to which the license tag must be permanently affixed in a manner so that the tag may be easily seen, or have the license number tattooed inside the ear of the dog, have a microchipped implanted in the dog and the microchip ID has been provided to the city.

(2) The owner shall see that the dog constantly wears the tag, when there is not a microchip.-

(3) Tags shall not be transferable and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee because of leaving the city or death of the dog.

§ 95.07 IMPOUNDING.

(A) *Police to impound.*

(1) Any dog found unlicensed or any dog or cat running at large contrary to the provisions of this chapter might be impounded by an Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer, who shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of the dog or cat, if known.

(2) If the owner is unknown, the ~~Officer~~ police department shall post notice or request a notice be posted in 3 conspicuous places at city hall, social media and the city website in the city stating that if the dog or cat is not claimed within 5 days of the posting of the dog notice it will be disposed of or adopted by another and the owner shall bear the cost of the disposal or adoption. ~~Cats may be caught by use of a live trap.~~

(B) *Redemption.* The owner may redeem any dog or cat from the veterinary clinic or approved facility selected by City Council within the time stated in the notice by the payment of the following fees:

(1) An impounding fee in the amount set by the designated veterinary clinic or approved facility via contract approved by the City Council; and

(2) A license fee, if unpaid.

(C) *Disposition of unclaimed dogs and cats.*

(1) Any dog or cat which is not redeemed within the time specified in division (B) above may be sold for not less than the amount provided in that division to anyone desiring to purchase the dog or cat, if it is not requested by a licensed educational or scientific institution under M.S. § 35.71, as it may be amended from time to time.

(2) All sums received in excess of the fees fixed by division (B) above shall be paid to the owner if he or she makes a claim within 1 year of the sale and furnishes satisfactory proof of ownership.

(D) *Animal Control Officer.* The Animal Control Officer shall be appointed by the Council. He or she shall perform other duties imposed on him or her by this chapter.

(E) *Violation.* Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Ord. passed - -; Am. Ord. passed 11-4-2015) Penalty, see § [10.99](#)