

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2013-0021

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Fiscal Officer	An Ordinance enacting Chapter 713 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish various dog license fees, effective 12/1/2013; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 59 (Budget Bill) amended various Sections of the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955, et seq. regarding the establishment of mandated options for dog registration for a 1 year dog license or 3 year dog license or permanent dog license effective December 1, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 59 amended Section 955.14(C) of the Ohio Revised Code regarding the fee amounts payable to the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine for each dog kennel registration; and,

WHEREAS, dog license fees were previously adopted in Cuyahoga County Resolution No. 082545 dated June 5, 2008; Resolution No. R2011-0344 dated February 14, 2012; and Resolution No. R2012-0200 dated October 9, 2012.

WHEREAS, the County is now required to annually administer a multi-option dog owner registration fee system effective December 1, 2013 beginning with the 2014 dog license renewal and purchase period.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the efficient and effective operation of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 713 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 713: Dog License Fees

Section 713.01 Dog License Fees Established

Effective December 1, 2013, Cuyahoga County shall collect a Dog License Fee pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 955, et seq. and other applicable laws for registration for a 1 year dog license, 3 year dog license and permanent dog license. The dog license fees for spayed and neutered dogs shall be as follows:

- A. 1 Year Dog License Fee is \$20 per dog.

- B. 3 Year Dog License Fee is \$60 per dog.
- C. Permanent Dog License Fee is \$200 per dog.
- D. Kennel Registration Fee is \$100.
- E. The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine shall receive 10 cents for each 1 Year Dog License; 30 cents for each 3 Year Dog License; and \$1.00 for each Permanent Dog License.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Schron, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher and Connally

Nays: None

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County Council President

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County Executive

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 13, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Finance & Budgeting

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