

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2014-0024

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Simon</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> setting the fee structure for Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter Dog Adoptions, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Connally</b>	

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955 authorizes charging a fee in connection with the adoption of a dog.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works expends personnel hours and other administrative costs to provide dog adoptions; and

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 usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 713.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

#### **Section 713.02 Dog Adoption Fees**

Cuyahoga County shall charge an adoption fee for each dog that is adopted from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter. The adoption fee shall be set at a rate determined by the Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works. The Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works is hereby given the flexibility to change the adoption fee from time-to-time as the circumstances dictate based upon the following factors:

- (A) Costs incurred by the County in providing this service, including but not limited to personnel and other administrative costs; and
- (B) Special adoption and promotional events;
- (C) Whether the dogs are a bonded pair;
- (D) Overcrowding conditions, availability of space and population at the animal shelter;

- (E) The health and medical condition of the dogs;
- (F) The length of time the dogs have been at the animal shelter;
- (G) Whether the dogs will be euthanized if not adopted.

**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 Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President	Date

County Executive	Date

Clerk of Council	Date

Additional Sponsorship Requested: August 20, 2014

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 12, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Committee Report/Second Reading: August 26, 2014

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