

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2015-0009

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Simon</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> amending Chapter 713 of the Cuyahoga County Code to provide for the establishment of various service fees at the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, in 2013 County Council enacted Ordinance No. O2013-0021 to establish the County's Dog License Fees in Section 713.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014 County Council enacted Ordinance No. O2014-0024 to permit the Director of Public Works to change the dog adoption fee on a case-by-case basis; and,

WHEREAS, County Council now determines to provide further administrative flexibility to enable the Director of Public Works to establish a fee schedule for various additional services offered by the Animal Shelter, including, but not limited to, vaccination, microchip tracking, and quarantine of animals; 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.** Chapter 713 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck through and additions bolded and underlined):

Chapter 713: Dog License **and Animal Shelter** 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 713.02 ~~Dog Adoption~~ **Animal Shelter** Fees

**A. The Director of Public Works shall promulgate a fee schedule for services offered by the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, including but not limited to, fees associated with the adoption of dogs. The fee schedule shall be promulgated as a rule in accordance with Chapter 113 of the County Code.**

**B. Notwithstanding paragraph (A) of this Section, the Director of Public Works may waive any or all fees associated with the adoption of dogs, other than the dog license fee established pursuant to Section 713.01. The Director's determination to waive fees associated with the adoption of dogs shall be made on an individual basis and shall rely on the following factors:**

- 1. Costs incurred by the County in providing the service, including but not limited to personnel and other administrative costs;**
- 2. Whether County is providing a special adoption or promotional event;**
- 3. Whether the dogs are a bonded pair;**
- 4. Overcrowding conditions, availability of space and population at the animal shelter;**
- 5. The health and medical condition of the dogs;**
- 6. The length of time the dogs have been at the animal shelter; and**
- 7. Whether the dogs will be euthanized if not adopted.**

~~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;~~
- ~~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; and~~
- ~~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 and the 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: Brown, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Brady

Nays: None

County Council President		Date

County Executive		Date

Clerk of Council		Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 26, 2015  
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Committee Report/Second Reading: June 9, 2015

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