## County of Kendall, State of Illinois ORDINANCE # 2014- ()

## **KENDALL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FEES ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS** Kendall County has the authority to regulate animals and the possession thereof within the County limits. 510 ILCS 5/24 (West 2014), and

**WHEREAS** that authority includes the ability to establish fees to support the requirements established by the County and the services provided by the County. *See* 55 ILCS 5/5-1005 (West 2014); 510 ILCS 5/7 (West 2014); 510 ILCS 5/8 (West 2014); 510 ILCS 5/10 (West 2014); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Board of the County of Kendall, State of Illinois that hereafter the following animal control fees are established in Kendall County and shall be collected by the Kendall County Animal Control Department. These fees will then be remitted to the Kendall County Treasurer in accordance with section 7 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/7), unless required otherwise by applicable state statute or regulation.

**Section 1: Rabies Tags.** The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals obtaining rabies vaccination tags for dogs from the Kendall County Animal Control Department:

- a. One-year tags: \$10 for an altered animal, and \$25 for an intact animal;
- b. Three-year tags: \$25 for an altered animal, and \$60 for an intact animal; and,
- c. Replacement tags: \$5 for a replacement tag, with proof of vaccination.

**Section 2: Relinquishment Fees.** The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals seeking to relinquish ownership of a dog to the Kendall County Animal Control Department:

- a. \$50 for a dog older than four months;
- b. \$25 for a puppy, four months or younger;
- c. \$50 for a nursing mother with puppies; and,
- d. \$25 for the first puppy in a litter of puppies, four months or younger, and \$5 for each additional puppy in the litter.

**Section 3: Reclaiming Fees.** The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals seeking to reclaim an animal, owned by them, but taken into the custody of Kendall County Animal Control Department, for whatever reason:

- a. *Impoundment fees:* \$45 for a first offense, \$95 for a second offense, and \$125 for each subsequent offense;
- b. *Public Safety Fee:* \$25 fee or the amount required pursuant to Section 8 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/10), whichever is greater. This fee, however, shall be waived for a first offense, but only if (i) the animal has been altered or (ii) the animal is altered within fourteen (14) calendar days after being reclaimed and the owner submits proof thereof to the Kendall County Animal Control Department within a timely manner;
- c. Boarding fees: \$12 per day for each calendar day the animal is boarded by the Kendall County Animal Control Department or an authorized agent of Kendall County. A boarding fee will not be charged for the day the animal arrived at Kendall County Animal Control Department (if the animal arrived during the Department's regular business hours), or the following day (if the animal arrived after regular business hours);
- d. Rabies Vaccination Refundable Deposit: If an individual seeking to reclaim a dog does not present documentation to verify the dog is current with its rabies vaccination, the individual shall submit a rabies vaccination deposit before the dog may be reclaimed from the Kendall County Animal Control Department. The rabies vaccination deposit may only be refunded if proof of rabies vaccination is received by the Kendall County Animal Control Department within five (5) business days after the dog is reclaimed. The rabies vaccination deposit amount shall be \$40 for a first offense and \$80 for each subsequent offense;
- e. Spay/Neuter Refundable Deposit: If an intact animal is impounded by the Kendall County Animal Control Department more than once, the individual seeking to reclaim that animal must submit a \$40 spay/neuter deposit each time the intact animal is impounded after the first offense. No intact, impounded animal shall be released by the Kendall County Animal Control Department prior to receipt of the spay/neuter deposit. The spay/neuter deposit may only be refunded if proof that the animal has been altered is received by the Kendall County Animal Control Department within thirty (30) calendar days after the animal was reclaimed.

No animal will be released to the owner until all fees set forth in Section 3 have been paid in full.

**Section 4: Adoption Fees.** The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals who adopt an animal from Kendall County Animal Control Department:

- a. \$115 for each puppy six (6) months or younger;
- b. \$100 for each dog older than six (6) months;
- c. \$95 for each kitten three (3) months or younger; and
- d. \$70 for each cat older than three (3) months.

No adopted animal shall be released by the Kendall County Animal Control Department until the adoption fees are paid in full.

**Section 5: Superseding Prior Ordinances.** Upon its effective date, this Ordinance replaces and supersedes all previous ordinances which establish fees for the specific circumstances identified above.

**Section 6: Effective Date.** This Ordinance and the regulations contained therein shall be in full force and effect on and after the date signed below.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2014.

John Shaw, County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk