

RESOLUTION TO AMEND ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REGULATIONS REGARDING MICROCHIPPING OF RECLAIMED AND ADOPTED PETS

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Montgomery County enacted a resolution for the promulgation of rules and regulations concerning dogs and cats and further amended that resolution on August 14th, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Animal Care and Control division has experienced low return to owner rates due to pets not having a verifiable means of identification linked to their owner(s); and

WHEREAS, the need has arisen for an amendment to these regulations in order to require all dogs and cats adopted or reclaimed at Montgomery County Animal Care and Control, to be implanted with a microchip device prior to being reclaimed by the owner and/or a new owner taking possession of an adopted dog or cat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 5-1-120, that the County Commission for Montgomery County shall enact amendment to the rules and regulations so that they shall read in their entirety as follows:

Sec. 10 Redemption of impounded animals by owner; fees/notice/disposition.

(a) The owner of a dog or cat may claim and redeem it upon payment:

Redemptions

Altered dogs and cats.....	\$30.00 plus board
Unaltered dogs and cats.....	\$50.00 plus board
Quarantined dogs and cats.....	\$50.00 plus board
Dangerous Dog.....	\$100.00 plus board
<i>Microchip (if not already implanted).....</i>	<i>\$18.00</i>
Rabies voucher for dogs and cats (registration fee included).....	\$22.00
Boarding Fee's.....	\$25.00 per day
Repeat impoundments.....	\$25.00 per offense

(b) All owners of livestock may claim and redeem such animal by paying Montgomery County Animal Care and Control an impound fee of \$50.00 and board for each day at the rate of \$25.00 per day plus the cost of any

transportation of the animal to the shelter. Such costs as well as all veterinary costs and other costs incurred as a result of the impound shall be the responsibility of the owner and shall be required to be paid in full regardless of whether the animal is reclaimed or relinquished to Montgomery County Animal Care and Control.

- (c) *All dogs and/or cats that are impounded at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Control facility must be implanted with a microchip prior to being reclaimed and/or adopted. The applicable fee is to be paid for each microchip upon redemption.*

In only the following instances shall the required microchipping be exempt:

- 1) If the animal is already implanted with a Microchip ID*
- 2) If the owner can provide documents signed by a licensed veterinarian that microchipping of their pet would adversely affect the pet's health.*

Section 12. Procedure with respect to Adoption of animals

- (a) No person shall adopt a dog or cat from an agency, including but not limited to Montgomery County Animal Care and Control, humane shelter, or private organization operating as a shelter from which animals are adopted unless:
- 1) The dog or cat has first been spayed or neutered; or
 - 2) The new owner signs a written agreement with the agency stating that he or she will have the animal spayed/neutered within thirty (30) days after adoption. State law reference TCA 44-17-502
 - 3) *The dog or cat that has been adopted through Montgomery County Animal Care and Control is implanted with a Microchip prior to the new owner taking possession.*

Fee Schedule

- (a) Effective dates. The fee schedule set forth in this section is the schedule of fees which shall be effective the first day of the month following the month in which this resolution is adopted. The Director of Montgomery County Animal Care and Control, or other unit of government to which Animal Control may be regulated may submit proposed amendments to this schedule to the Animal Care and Control Committee which may amend the fee schedule. Any new or revised fees will become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the amended fee schedule is adopted.

(b) Exemption. No license or permit shall be required for any veterinary hospital, which does not advertise boarding services, municipal animal control facility, law enforcement certified dogs, and university operated medical research facility or governmental operated zoological garden. *No licensee or fee is required of any certified physical assistance dog: documentation of the certification shall be supplied upon request.*

(c) Animal Care and Control fee schedule

Adoption Fees

<i>Puppies (less than 1 year)</i>	<i>\$115.00 (includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Kittens (less than 1 year)</i>	<i>\$115.00 (includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Dogs (1 year or older)</i>	<i>\$105.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Cats (1 year or older)</i>	<i>\$105.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Dogs (Over 6 years of age)</i>	<i>\$75.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Cats (Over 6 years of age)</i>	<i>\$75.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Dogs (30+ days in shelter)</i>	<i>\$85.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>
<i>Cats (30+ days in shelter)</i>	<i>\$85.00 (Includes spay/neuter/microchip)</i>

Duly passed and approved this day of 2018.

Sponsor _____

Commissioner _____

Approved _____

County Mayor

Attested _____

County Clerk