

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2011

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB11-0513
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
4 Health, Safety, Education & Services

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 8 of the Revised Municipal Code**
7 **of the City and County of Denver regarding dog and cat licensing.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, the City has fully reviewed and considered necessary revisions to matters governing
10 dog and cat licensing,

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
12 **DENVER:**

13 **Section 1.** That Section 8-61 of Article III of Chapter 8 of the Revised Municipal Code shall be
14 amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined as follows:

15 **“Sec. 8-61. License required.**

16 It shall be unlawful for the owner, possessor or keeper of any domestic dog
17 (Canis Familiaris) over the age of six (6) months or domestic cat (Felis catus) over the
18 age of six (6) months to keep, maintain, house or have in possession within the city a
19 dog or cat without first having obtained a license for such dog or cat. ~~Such one-year~~
20 ~~licenses shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issue and three-year~~
21 ~~licenses shall be valid for thirty-six (36) months from the date of issue.~~ Dogs or cats
22 over the age of six (6) months purchased, obtained or otherwise acquired shall be
23 licensed within thirty (30) days after such acquisition or, if under, within thirty (30) days
24 after reaching six (6) months of age. Individual licenses shall not be required for dogs or
25 cats being held for redemption or adoption by the municipal animal shelter, an approved
26 shelter owned and operated by a tax-exempt humane organization or a licensed pet
27 shop.”

28 **Section 2.** That Section 8-63 of Article III of Chapter 8 of the Revised Municipal Code shall be
29 amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined as follows:

30 **“Sec. 8-63. Licenses; issuance.**

31 (a) Licenses may be applied for in person, by telephone, by mail, or online by the
32 owner of a dog or cat or an owner's representative. Upon filing of the completed
33 application, either online, in person, by telephone or by mail, and payment of the license
34 fee, the manager or person lawfully designated and authorized to issue licenses on the

1 manager's behalf shall issue to the applicant a one-year license for the current year, ~~or a~~
2 three-year license for the current and two (2) subsequent years, or a permanent license for
3 the lifetime of the dog or cat. Licensed veterinarians may be designated to issue licenses
4 upon receipt of a properly completed application and fee, or they may submit applications
5 for licenses on behalf of their clients, and as provided by the board of environmental
6 health. The manager may nominally compensate veterinarians for processing licenses.

7 (b) The license tag shall be attached to each licensed dog at all times when it is off
8 the property of the owner by means of a collar or harness, and it shall be unlawful to place
9 this tag on any animal other than the dog for which the license was issued.

10 (c) The license tag shall be attached to each licensed cat at all times when it is off
11 the property of the owner by means of a collar or harness unless the cat bears a visible
12 tattoo or identifiable microchip, and it shall be unlawful to place this tag on any animal
13 other than the cat for which the license was issued.”

14 **Section 3.** That Section 8-65 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Municipal Code shall be amended by
15 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined as follows:

16 **“Sec. 8-65. - License fees; exemptions.**

17 (a) A license fee for dogs and cats shall be assessed annually, ~~or triennially,~~ or
18 once at the time of application for a permanent license to the owner of the animal. The
19 manager shall assess additional fees for the same day issuance of a license, and
20 replacement of a lost, misplaced or destroyed license.

21 (b) The following categories of animals shall be exempt from the licensing fee:

- 22 (1) One (1) sterilized dog and/or one (1) sterilized cat owned by any person
23 sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be exempt;
- 24 (2) Guide dogs for the blind and deaf;
- 25 (3) Service dogs used by the handicapped;
- 26 (4) Police service dogs;
- 27 (5) Rescue dogs.”
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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: July 12, 2011
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: (by Consent) July 19, 2011
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____, 2011

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____, 2011

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____, 2011; _____, 2011

10 PREPARED BY: Jacqueline H. Berardini, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 28, 2011

11 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 David W. Broadwell, Denver City Attorney DATE: _____, 2011

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