

ORDINANCE NO. 4821

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CHAPTR 5.30 “ANIMAL CONTROL” OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE AND AMENDING SECTION 5.30.080 TO INCREASE THE LICENSING FEE FOR CATS AND DOGS IN THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG.

WHEREAS, the city of Ellensburg has broad powers to maintain and protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the regulation of animals has not been revised since 2007, and applicable regulatory ordinances are in need of amendment, including an increase in the licensing fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 5.30.080 of the Ellensburg City Code, as last amended by Section 4 of Ordinance 4481, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.30.080 Licensing.

A. Any person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of any cat or dog over five months of age within this municipality must obtain a license as herein provided. This provision does not apply to veterinary clinics, pet shops, research facilities or similar commercial or institutional entities.

B. Written application for licenses, which shall include name and address of applicant, description of the animal, the appropriate fee, and rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian or anti-rabies clinic, shall be made to the animal control authority on a form provided by the authority.

C. Licenses for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be for a period of one year from and after the date of purchase unless otherwise provided for herein.

D. Application for a license must be made within 14 days after obtaining a dog or cat five months of age or older; this requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a dog or cat within the municipality for not longer than 30 days.

E. License fees shall not be required for a “dog guide” as defined in RCW 70.84.020, guide dog in training, “service animal” as defined in RCW 70.84.021, or governmental police dogs.

F. Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, the animal control authority shall issue a durable license tag, stamped with an identifying number. Tags are designed so that they may be conveniently fastened or riveted to the animal’s collar or harness.

G. Dogs and cats must wear their current city-issued license tags at all times when off the premises of their owner.

H. A license shall be issued upon appropriate application for license and after payment of the following application fee:

Unaltered dog or cat	\$50.00 <u>60.00</u>
Altered dog or cat	\$7.00 <u>10.00</u>
Multiple altered dogs and/or cats (five or more)	\$30.00 <u>40.00</u>
Three-year license (altered animal only, with proof of three-year rabies vaccination)	\$15.00 <u>20.00</u>

Owners 65 years of age and older shall be charged discounted rates for altered animals only, consisting of an annual \$5.00 fee per animal.

Verification of sterilization, as is acceptable to the animal control authority, is required prior to application of reduced license fees.

I. A duplicate license or replacement tag may be obtained upon payment of a \$3.00 replacement fee and no person may use any license for any animal other than the animal for which it was issued. [Ord. 4481 § 4, 2007; Ord. 4235, 2000; Ord. 3688 § 1, 1990.]

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 4th day of February, 2019.




MAYOR


CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

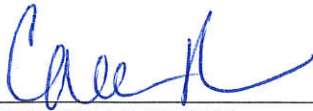
Approved as to form:



CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 2-7-19

I, Coreen M. Reno, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4821 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, and that Ordinance No. 4821 was published as required by law.



COREEN M. RENO