

**Ordinance No. 570**

**An ordinance amending Sections 6-7A-2 and 6-7B-4 of the Akron Municipal Code governing licensure requirements for dogs and cats within the Town of Akron.**

WHEREAS, the licensure of domestic pets, including dogs and cats, is a matter of local concern; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6-7A-2 and 6-7B-4 of the Akron Municipal Code establish the requirements to licensing dogs and cats within the Town of Akron; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron desire to and finds it necessary and proper to amend Sections 6-7A-2 and 6-7B-4 of the Akron Municipal Code as set forth herein so that license term durations may coincide with the effective length of rabies vaccinations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron that Sections 6-7A-2 and 6-7B-4 of the Akron Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 6-7A-2 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**6-7A-2: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; FEES:**

A. License Required: The owner, possessor or keeper of any dog within the town shall secure a license for such dog from the town clerk within the later of thirty (30) days after the dog reaches the age of three (3) months or thirty (30) days after the dog's acquisition. New residents of the town shall have thirty (30) days after becoming such residents to secure a required license hereunder. (1997 Code §6.08.020)

B. Fees and Term: The license fee for dogs within the town shall be determined from time to time by the board of trustees by resolution, payable for the issuance of such license, which license shall be valid for the effective period of the rabies vaccination required below. No household shall keep or maintain more than three (3) dogs. (Ord. 540, 11-2-2015)

C. Application; Rabies Vaccination Required: Upon application for a dog license, the applicant shall exhibit to the town clerk a certificate from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been inoculated against rabies as required by this section. All applications for licenses shall be made on forms provided by the town clerk. (1997 Code §6.08.060)

2. Section 6-7-B4 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**6-7B-4: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; FEES:**

A. Licensing And Fees: It is unlawful for any person to harbor or permit to remain about the premises any cat more than five (5) months of age for which no license exists. The license fee for cats within the town shall be determined from time to time by the board of trustees by resolution for licensing each cat. No household shall keep or maintain more than five (5) cats. (Ord. 540, 11-2-2015)

B. Application For License:

1. Application for license shall be made to the town clerk and shall include the name and address of the applicant, description of the animal, the appropriate fee, information as to whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered, and a rabies certificate or tag issued by a licensed veterinarian or anti-rabies clinic.

2. Application for the required cat license shall be obtained within the later of thirty (30) days from the date such cat becomes five (5) months of age or thirty (30) days after the cat's acquisition. New residents of the town shall have thirty (30) days after becoming such residents to secure a required license hereunder. (1997 Code §6.12.050)

3. Except as amended herein, all other provisions of the Akron Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Ordinance #570 was presented. A motion for its adoption was made by Trustee Derek Glosson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Susan Watson and upon roll call vote of 6 yes and 0 no, the motion was passed.

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Mayor Brittani Kusel

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ATTEST:

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DENCIA RAISH, CMC  
Town Clerk/Administrator

First Reading: December 7, 2020

Second Reading: January 4, 2021

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day January, 2021