

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
PEORIA REGARDING ANIMAL REDEMPTION AND ADOPTION FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Municipal Code, Section 4-58, proscribes specific redemption and adoption fees for impounded dogs and cats, including a \$50.00 redemption fee for those that are registered, a \$90.00 redemption fee for those that are unregistered, an \$85.00 adoption fee for dogs, and a \$60.00 adoption fee for cats; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Municipal Code, Section 4-25, proscribes a \$50.00 redemption fee for impounded animals other than dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, Peoria County Animal Protection Services (hereinafter “PCAPS”) has requested that the City defer to Peoria County to set redemption and adoption fees, ensuring greater flexibility and uniformity between the municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, PCAPS has also requested the implementation of a redemption and adoption fee waiver for individuals meeting certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, Peoria County has approved a similar revision of their codified redemption and adoption fees and implemented the proposed fee waiver program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it will serve and be in the best interest of the City and its residents to amend the City’s Municipal Code pursuant to this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Peoria, as follows:

SECTION 1. **Recitals.** The recitals above shall be and are incorporated into this Section 1 as if fully restated herein

SECTION 2. Chapter 4 (Animals) Sections 25 and 58 are hereby amended by removing the stricken words and adding the following underlined words.

Sec. 4-25. - Fees for redemption.

~~(a) The redemption fee for any animal impounded at the animal shelter, except dogs and cats, shall be \$50.00.~~

(a) The redemption fee for any animal impounded at the animal shelter, shall be set by Peoria County ordinance.

(b) In addition to the redemption fees to be charged for every animal impounded, ~~except dogs and cats,~~ the owner or redeemer of such animal shall pay the animal shelter for the cost of transporting it, boarding for the entire period that it was impounded, and all medical charges which have accrued as a result of medical treatment, and any adjudicated fines and fees owed for violation of this chapter. These redemption, boarding, and medical costs shall be paid even if the animal is not redeemed by the owner.

Sec. 4-58. - Fees for redemption/adoption.

~~(a) The redemption fee for any registered dog or cat impounded at the animal shelter shall be \$50.00. The redemption fee for any unregistered dog or cat impounded at the animal shelter shall be \$90.00.~~

(a) The redemption fee for any animal impounded at the animal shelter shall be set by Peoria County ordinance.

~~(b) The adoption fee for each dog shall be \$85.00. The adoption fee for each cat shall be \$60.00.~~

(b) The adoption fee for each dog and cat shall be set by Peoria County ordinance.

(c) In addition to the redemption fees to be charged for every dog or cat impounded, the owner or redeemer of such dog or cat shall pay the animal shelter for cost of transporting it, boarding for the entire period that it was impounded, for the entire period that it was impounded, and all medical charges which have accrued as a result of medical treatment. These redemption, boarding, and medical costs shall be paid, even if the animal is not redeemed by the owner.

(d) In addition to the redemption fees to be charged for every dog or cat impounded, the cost of implantation of a microchip, if none is found at the time of impoundment, shall be paid by the owner.

(e) An application for waiver of the required fees for redemption and the charges associated therewith may be made in writing and signed by the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor or an incompetent adult, by another person having knowledge of the facts. The contents of the application for waiver of such fees must be sufficient for the animal shelter to determine whether an applicant qualifies for a waiver of such fees, and factors considered in evaluating an application shall include applicant's household composition, receipt of need-based public benefits, income, expenses, nonexempt assets, and history of violations of this chapter relating to animals.

SECTION 3.

Publication. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance will be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its publication in pamphlet form.

SECTION 5. **Authority.** This ordinance is adopted under the home-rule authority granted to the City of Peoria by Article 7, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this ___day of _____ 2021.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel