

LOCAL LAW PERMANENT 13 OF 2010

LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. 14 OF 2010

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 115 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE REGARDING THE CHARGES AND FEES AT THE BROOME COUNTY DOG SHELTER

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Broome as follows:

§ 115-1. Boarding and disposition.

The County of Broome does hereby establish the following charges and fees in connection with the boarding and disposition of seized dogs at the Broome County Dog Shelter:

A. Adoption of dog from shelter: \$215.00, effective January 1, 2011. Said adoption fee shall include all necessary vaccinations, microchipping and registration with the Shelter's local database, and spaying or neutering as required.

B. Redemption of seized dog by owner.

(1) Forty four dollars (\$44) for the first 24 hours or part thereof and \$6 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof and \$11 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof beginning the fourth consecutive day.

(2) Fifty six dollars (\$56) for the first 24 hours or part thereof and \$6 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof for the second impoundment and \$11 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof beginning the fourth consecutive day, within one year of the first impoundment, of any dog owned by that person.

(3) Sixty six dollars (\$66) for the first 24 hours or part thereof and \$6 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof for the third and subsequent impoundment, within one year of the first impoundment, and \$11 for each additional 24 hours or part thereof beginning the fourth consecutive day, of any dog owned by that person.

C. The owner or harbinger of an impounded animal must pay impoundment, boarding, \$44 vaccination fee and other costs due, even if he or she does not redeem the animal.

D. Emergency boarding of dogs brought to the shelter because the owner(s) is unable to care for the dog as the result of an emergency such as an accident involving the owner, owner's illness or hospitalization, arrest of the owner, or disaster: \$22 per day per dog, and \$19 per day per dog for multiple dogs for a maximum of 30 days, provided that neither the owner nor the dog are in violation of any state or local law or regulation pertaining to pets and animals.

E. The owner of a dog boarding under the emergency boarding provisions of Subsection D above shall be responsible for all other costs or charges incurred while boarding the dog, including veterinary care to protect or maintain the health of the animal or to treat any illness or injury of the animal.

F. The fee for prearranged boarding will be \$22 per day per dog, and \$19 per day per dog for multiple dogs and an additional \$2 per day per dog for food if not provided by the owner(s). If requested by the owner for prearranged private boarding, there will be a charge of \$17 for a bath.

G. Failure to pay any shelter fee is a violation of this article.

H. Any collection made by the Broome County Security Division for past-due balances shall incur a finance charge of \$20 in addition to the outstanding balance.

I. All fees and costs will escalate at 5% per year rounded to the nearest dollar.