

ORDINANCE NO. 15,090

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 18-17, and adding and enacting a new Section 18-18, relating to emergency care fee/reimbursement and animal relinquish fees and trap deposit.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by amending Section 18-17, and adding and enacting a new Section 18-18, relating to emergency care fee/reimbursement and animal relinquish fees and trap deposit, as follows:

Sec. 18-17. Emergency care fee/reimbursement.

- (a) *City veterinary fee.* A fee which is reasonable and customary as determined by the chief of police or the chief's designee shall be collected by the animal shelter staff for emergency care services if such services are performed on an animal by the city veterinarian. In the event emergency care services are performed on an animal through a private source and the City of Des Moines is charged for such services, all expenses of such services shall be reimbursed to the City. Such fees and expenses shall be collected by the animal shelter staff prior to release of the animal from impoundment.
- (b) *Contractor veterinary fee.* When the animal shelter is operated by a contractor, the contractor's veterinary fees that are reasonable and customary as approved by the chief of police or the chief's designee may be collected by the animal shelter staff for emergency care services. Such fees may be collected and retained by the contractor prior to release of the animal from impoundment. In no event will the City of Des Moines pay for veterinary care provided by the contractor's veterinarian.

Sec. 18-18. Animal Relinquish fees and trap deposit.

- (a) *Animal Relinquish Fee.* A person may be charged an animal relinquish fee as set in the schedule of fees adopted by city council by resolution to voluntarily give up ownership of their animal. If a contractor is operating the animal shelter, the contractor may charge, collect and retain such fee for ownership of animals relinquished to the contractor.
- (b) *Trap deposit.* A person may be charged a refundable trap deposit as set in the schedule of fees for live animal traps for domestic animals. If a contractor is operating the animal shelter, the contractor may charge and collect such deposit.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Douglas P. Philip, Assistant City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest:

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 12-0355), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held February 27, 2012 signed by the Mayor on February 27, 2012 and published as provided by law in the Business Record on March 16, 2012. Authorized by Publication Order No. 7798.

Diane Rauh, City Clerk