

ORDINANCE NO. 6621

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, "HEALTH", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 10.05 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:

Section 1

That Sec. 22.05(N) of Chapter 22, "Health", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(N) Sterilization of impounded animals required. The owner of an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat that has been impounded by the City must provide proof of sterilization of the impounded animal within thirty (30) days of the date the animal is reclaimed. A person commits an offense if the person is the owner of an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat, the dog or cat has been impounded by the City, the person reclaims the animal, and the person fails to provide proof of surgical sterilization within thirty (30) days of reclaiming the dog or cat."

Section 2

That Sec. 22.06(A)(1) of Chapter 22, "Health", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A) Impoundment fees generally. Impoundment fees shall be as follows:

(1) Class A, dogs and cats, each dog or cat:

	First Impoundment	Second Impoundment	Third Impoundment	Fourth Impoundment
Spayed or neutered	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$55.00
Unspayed or unneutered	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00

If an impounded dog or cat is spayed or neutered and is wearing a valid City registration tag at the time it is impounded, the first impoundment fee will be waived. For an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat, if the owner provides proof of surgical sterilization to the Department within thirty days of the day the animal was reclaimed, the owner will be given a \$75.00 refund. Dogs and cats under the age of six months shall be charged the sterilized dog or cat impoundment fee. Animals may be exempted from sterilization upon written recommendation from a licensed veterinarian that such alternatives would be harmful or dangerous to the animal; and the owner shall be charged the lower impoundment fees for sterilized animals."

Section 3

That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

Section 4

That Chapter 22, "Health", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

Section 5

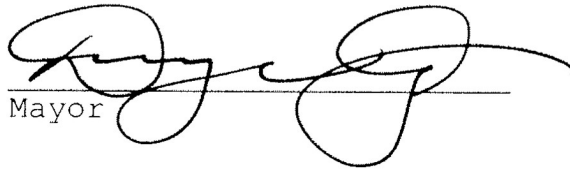
That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 10.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

Section 6

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.


PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4TH day of June, 2013.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

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