

INTRODUCED: September 13, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-248

To amend City Code § 4-308, concerning penalties for breeding violations, for the purpose of changing the penalty for violation of the breeding permit requirements of City Code § 4-307 from a civil penalty to a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEP 27 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 4-308 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and hereby is **amended** as follows:

Sec. 4-308. Penalties for breeding violations.

(a) Any cat or dog owner found by the Department to be in violation of the breeding permit requirements of Section 4-307 may correct the violation by providing conclusive proof to the Department that the dog or cat has been sterilized; by authorizing the Department to have the animal sterilized, at the owner's expense, prior to the animal's release; or by obtaining a breeding permit as required by Section 4-307 prior to the animal's release. If the owner fails to correct the

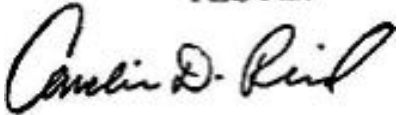
AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEP 27 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

violation as provided in this subsection, the ~~[Department shall impose a civil penalty of \$150.00 on such dog or cat owner. Notice of this penalty shall be served by the Department on the dog or cat owner in person or via certified letter. This penalty shall not be waived by the Department upon the transfer or abandonment of the animal by the noncompliant]~~ owner shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

(b) The Department may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this section upon a finding that the permit holder has violated the terms and conditions of this section. Such a finding shall be made only after giving the owner of the animal in question notice of the violations and an opportunity to explain such violations to the Department.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:

City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: July 19, 2021 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *[Signature]*

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer *[Signature]*

THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer *[Signature]*

FROM: Christie Chipps Peters, Director of Richmond Animal Care and Control *[Signature]*

RE: Amendment to Sec. 4-308 of the Richmond City Code which concerns Penalties for breeding violations.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to amend Sec. 4-308 of the Richmond City Code, Penalties for breeding violations.

REASON: The requested amendment, attached, would modify the existing text to change the penalty for failure to comply with Sec. 4-307 regarding Breeding permits.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

BACKGROUND: In its current form, this section of Richmond City Code mandates that an animal owner found to be in violation of Sec. 4-307, regarding Breeding permits, be subject to a civil penalty, to be served by Richmond Animal Care and Control in person or via certified letter. The requested amendment would change the civil penalty to Class 4 misdemeanor. These changes will be keeping the practices and procedures of Richmond Animal Care and Control in alignment with industry best practices while prioritizing the safety and welfare of City animals and residents.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None at this time.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None at this time.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No.

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 13, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 27, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Governmental Operations Standing Committee.

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A.

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Richmond Animal Care and Control.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: N/A.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): N/A.

ATTACHMENTS: Requested text amendments to Richmond City Code Sec. 4-308.

STAFF: Christie Chipps Peters, Director of Richmond Animal Care and Control
Christie.Peters@richmondgov.com – 804-646-5740