

INTRODUCED: September 13, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-245

To amend City Code § 4-277, concerning the disposition of unlicensed dogs and cats found at large, for the purpose of removing the requirement that the City euthanize an animal upon request and payment of the fee by the owner.

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 4-277 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and hereby is **amended** as follows:

Sec. 4-277. Disposition of unlicensed dogs and cats found at large.

It shall be the duty of the animal control officer or any other officer to capture for proper disposition any dog or cat of unknown ownership found running at large on which a license required by Chapter 26, Article XIII, has not been paid. However, the animal control officer or other officer may deliver such dog or cat to any person in the City who will pay the required license tax on such dog or cat, with the understanding that, should the legal owner thereafter claim the dog

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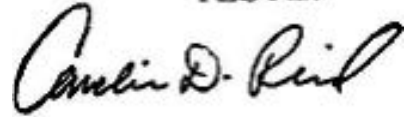
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or cat and prove ownership, the legal owner may recover such dog or cat by paying to the person to whom it was delivered by the animal control officer the amount of the license tax paid and a reasonable charge for the keeping of the dog or cat while in such person's possession. Any person, animal control officer or other officer euthanizing a dog or cat under this article shall cremate, bury or sanitarily dispose of the dog or cat; provided, however, that, prior to disposition by euthanasia or otherwise, all the applicable requirements under State law and under this chapter have been satisfied. [~~Upon request by an owner, the City animal shelter will euthanize an animal for a fee comparably charged by the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.~~]

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

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amelia D. Reed".

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

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THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Christie Chipps Peters, Director of Richmond Animal Care and Control

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RE: Amendment to Sec. 4-277 of the Richmond City Code which concerns Disposition of unlicensed dogs and cats found at large.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to amend Sec. 4-277 of the Richmond City Code, Disposition of unlicensed dogs and cats found at large.

REASON: The requested amendment, attached, would modify the existing text to remove the requirement that the City animal shelter euthanize an animal upon request and payment of fee by the owner.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

BACKGROUND: In its current form, this section of Richmond City Code requires that, upon request and payment of fee by the animal owner, the City animal shelter will euthanize an animal. Eliminating this codified mandate 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.

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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. 4-277.

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