



Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 8/28/2025

File ID: TMP-5895

Department: Animal Services

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Ordinance to amend Chapter 5, Division II of Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville.

Ordinance No. 25-647

Finance Information:

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: N/A

Total Cost: N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. 25- ____

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, Division II, Impoundment, of Article II, Dogs and Cats, of Chapter 5, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Ordinance No. 18-952A, as adopted and approved on November 1, 2018, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Sec. 5-74 Charges for confinement and caring shall be amended to read as follows:

- (a) The city shall charge and collect fees from owners who redeem their animals or persons seeking to adopt abandoned animals as set forth below.
- (b) The fee schedule will not include applicable charges for any license or rabies vaccination that is required by this article or other applicable law.
- (c) Animals may not be adopted by original owners or their immediate family members so as to avoid paying a violation fine or redemption fee.
- (d) At the discretion of the director, fees may be waived or reduced.
- (e) All intergovernmental agreements must align with the City of Huntsville's established fee schedule, with the partnering entity solely responsible for collecting any costs from its residents or service users, as the City will directly invoice the partnering organization for all services rendered.

Fee Schedule for Huntsville Animal Control	
Impoundment	\$50.00—First offense per animal \$75.00—Second offense per animal \$100.00—Third or subsequent offense per animal
Boarding	\$10.00 per day per animal
Sterilization	
Dog	\$60.00 per animal
Cat	\$50.00 per animal
Adoption Fees*	
Dogs and Cats**	\$0.00—\$250.00 per animal
All other shelter animals, livestock, pocket pets, birds, exotic animals**	\$0.00—\$1,000.00 per animal
Microchip placement and registration	\$20.00 per animal
Euthanasia	\$35.00 per animal
Heartworm checks	\$10.00 per animal

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)/Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) test	\$35.00 per animal
Owner surrender fee	\$35.00 per animal
Investigative Holds fees	
Impound/Initial Holding Fee	\$100.00 per animal
Daily Holding/Boarding Fee	\$45.00 per day per animal
HAS classes	
Dangerous dog class	\$35.00 per class
PAWS class	\$35.00 per class

****Animal types, and/or specific fees shall be determined by the director.**

Section 2. With the exception of amendments made herein, all other portions of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, approval and publication.

ADOPTED on this the _____ day of August, 2025

President of the City Council of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the _____ day of August, 2025

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama