



# Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35801

## Cover Memo

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**Meeting Type:** City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 8/14/2025

**File ID:** TMP-5763

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**Department:** Animal Services

**Subject:**

**Type of Action:** Introduction

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

Ordinance No.

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

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

**\*\*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

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

**APPROVED** on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2025

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama