

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 173-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 173, "ANIMAL CONTROL", TO REVISE ANIMAL IMPOUND POLICIES, FEE SCHEDULE, AND NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE ANIMALS.

The Charter Township of Brownstown ordains:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 173, "Animal Control", SECTION 133.604 "Disposition of impounded dogs or cats" is hereby replaced with the following:

133.604 - Disposition of impounded dogs or cats.

Sec. 6.04. The Animal Control Officer shall perform the following duties:

- (a).** To the extent that he shall impound, seize or otherwise acquire pursuant to this ordinance a dog or cat which is unlicensed or otherwise lacks evidence of the identity of an owner, such animal shall be kept for a period of four days thereafter and, unless such dogs or cats are claimed and released within said period or are disposed of as hereinafter provided in this section, the Animal Control Officer may either seek to adopt out the animal to a new owner or euthanize same in a humane manner, as determined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
- (b).** To the extent that he shall impound, seize or otherwise acquire pursuant to this ordinance a dog or cat which has a collar, license, or other evidence of the identity of an owner, he shall notify the owner in writing of same. If the animal remains unclaimed and the owner fails to take possession of the animal within seven days from the date of mailing the notice, the Animal Control Officer may either seek to adopt out the animal to a new owner or euthanize same in a humane manner, as determined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
- (c).** To the extent that he decides in his own judgment that any impounded dog or cat is valuable or otherwise desirable of keeping after the passage of the time lines above, the Animal Control Officer may adopt out any such dog or cat to any person who will undertake to keep and harbor said dog or cat within the Charter Township of Brownstown in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, and who shall satisfy the Animal Control Officer that he is capable of fulfilling such undertaking. Where two or more persons desire a particular dog or cat, such dog or cat shall be adopted out on a first-come-first served basis.

- (d). He shall maintain a record on each identifiable dog or cat acquired pursuant to this ordinance, indicating a basic description of the animal, the date it was acquired, and the circumstances under which it was acquired. Such records shall also indicate the date, nature and type of disposition of any dog or cat (such as reclaimed, adopted out, or euthanized), and the date of notice sent to the owner of an animal (to the extent the owner is known and notice is sent) that their dog or cat was acquired by the Animal Control Officer.
- (e). This ordinance section shall not apply to animals which are sick or injured to the extent that the holding periods above would cause undue suffering, nor shall it apply to animals whose owners request immediate disposal (such as through adoption out or euthanization pursuant to this ordinance).

Section 2. Ordinance No. 173, "Animal Control", SECTION 133.307 "Ownership of dogs or cats" is hereby replaced with the following:

133.307 - Ownership of dogs and cats.

Sec. 3.07. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, or harbor more than three dogs six months of age or older in the Charter Township of Brownstown, except as otherwise provided herein. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, or harbor more than three cats six months of age or older in the Charter Township of Brownstown, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 173, "Animal Control", SECTION 133.303(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) "Fees" is hereby replaced with the following:

C.

Animal Adoption Fee: \$10.00 for all animals plus license plus spay/neuter deposit.

Spay/Neuter Deposit: \$25.00 refundable if animal is altered within 4 weeks.

D.

Senior Citizens (62 or over) shall be issued one dog or cat license without cost

Each additional license half cost of current license amount.

E.

Euthanasia Fee: \$25.00 each licensed animal. \$35.00 each unlicensed animal.

F.

Voluntary Surrender of an animal: \$10.00 per licensed animal. \$20.00 per unlicensed animal.

G.

Live Trap Fee: nonrefundable \$10.00 per trap per week.

1. Fee includes animal relocation regardless if an animal is captured.
2. Traps are set Monday thru Thursday and picked up Friday. No weekend trapping.
4. Trap can be set a maximum of 5 days.
5. Fee is due at the time the trap is set.
6. Fee is for the week it is set. Traps can be requested for the next week in accordance with the trap fee.

Section 4. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such article, section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions or this Ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date; Publication. This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Brownstown Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan, on December 19, 2011, after introduction and a first reading on November 21, 2011, and publication after first reading as required by Act 359 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1947, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication, in The News Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township.

ANDREW LINKO, Supervisor

SHERRY A. BEREZ, Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in The News Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the Charter Township of Brownstown, on the 28th day of December, 2011.

SHERRY A. BEREZ, Clerk