

CHAPTER 7

AN ACT concerning municipal dog license fees and amending P.L.1941, c.151.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 12 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.12) is amended to read as follows:

C.4:19-15.12 License fee may be fixed by ordinance; fee otherwise.

12. a. The governing body of each municipality may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for a dog license and each renewal thereof, as required by section 3 of this act, which sum shall be not less than \$1.50 or more than \$21; provided however, that the governing body may by ordinance, provide for a reduction or waiver of the sum to be paid by an owner who presents a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered. In the absence of any local ordinance, the fee for all dog licenses shall be \$1.50.

b. The governing body of each municipality, may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid for a 3-year dog license and each renewal thereof, which sum shall be not more than 3 times the sum charged for an annual license under subsection a. of this section. In the absence of such a local ordinance, the license fee for a 3-year dog license shall be \$4.50. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall promulgate appropriate regulations concerning veterinarians' certificates for rabies inoculations of dogs for 3-year periods in connection with licenses issued under this subsection.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all dog licenses issued after the effective date of this act.

Approved January 24, 2007.