

**MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN INCREASE IN REGISTRATION
FEES FOR DOGS AND CATS IN MACON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. G-3632-10-11

WHEREAS, Macon County registration fees for dogs and cats are important to the operation of the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center; and

WHEREAS, 510 ILCS 5/3 states that the County Board is authorized by ordinance to require the registration of dogs and cats, and that the Board shall impose an individual dog or cat registration with a minimum differential of \$10 for intact dogs or cats; and

WHEREAS, the last registration fee increase was enacted on January 9, 2003 to make the registration fees \$10 for altered and \$35 for intact dogs and cats by Resolution G-2467-1-03; and

WHEREAS, since 2003 there have been numerous changes to increase the quantity and quality of services available to the citizens of Macon County including a renovated facility designed for animal control paid for by the citizens and significant private donations, assumption of management responsibility by the Macon County Sheriff, professional training and supervision of staff, on-site veterinary services, a cooperative adoption program with the Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, and expanded hours of operations; and

WHEREAS, Macon County Animal Control has more than doubled its capacity, and is now considered one of the best shelters in the state; and

WHEREAS, both Macon County Animal Control and the City of Decatur believe a new registration fee of \$15 for altered and \$50 for intact dogs and cats is needed to continue operating the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center at its current level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur has indicated that it is willing to increase its contribution to the operation of Animal Control under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement currently being negotiated; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of Macon County Animal Control that having a greater differential between the altered and intact dogs and cats will help to encourage citizens to alter any pets not intentionally being used for breeding thus helping to control the pet population; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental, Education, Health & Welfare Committee and the Finance Committee have reviewed this resolution and recommend its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon County Board that it hereby approves registration fees of \$15.00 per altered animal and \$50.00 per unaltered animal for Macon County dogs and cats.

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Stephen M. Bean
County Clerk
Macon County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to approval by the Decatur City Council of the Intergovernmental Agreement; if the agreement is not entered into, then the fee increase does not take place and the previous fee schedule shall remain in effect.

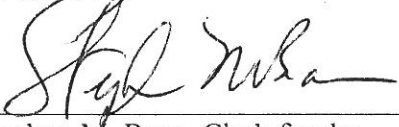
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective on December 1, 2011.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2011

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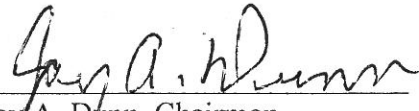
MACON COUNTY BOARD
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:



Stephen M. Bean, Clerk for the
County of Macon, State of Illinois

BY:


Jay A. Dunn, Chairman
Macon County Board