

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on April 9, 2024 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on April 23, 2024 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. During the week prior to and up to the time for final passage, copies of said ordinance will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office, at no cost, in said Municipal Building, to the members of the general public who shall request a copy of same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the Municipal Clerk's office, as required by law.

EILEEN BIRCH  
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 660 ENTITLED "ANIMALS", IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance amends the fee schedule for Animal Control)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 660 of the Township Code, entitled Animals shall be amended to read as follows:

660-35. Associated fees and penalties fee schedule.

A.

Animal adoption and fee.

(1)

Dogs and cats cannot be adopted from the Township of Union Animal Shelter until the potential adoptee has submitted a completed Township of Union Health Department shelter adoption application.

(2)

The completed adoption application form shall be reviewed by the Township Health Officer or his/her designee. Such review shall be approved or denied within two weeks of submission. A reason shall be provided to the applicant upon denial.

(3)

Prior to release of the applied-for dog or cat a fee must be paid in cash or money order to the Township of Union Health Department in the amount of ~~\$175 per dog, and \$125 per cat.~~ as follows:

<u>Canine adoption</u>	<u>\$325</u>
<u>Feline adoption \$</u>	<u>\$275</u>

B.

Boarding and fee.

(1)

The Township of Union Health Department Shelter will not board pets unless the dog or cat has been lost and been brought to our shelter or picked up by our ACO as a stray or lost pet.

(2)

A stray, lost or abandoned pet shall be kept for seven days and thereafter, if not redeemed by its rightful owner, it becomes the property of the Township of Union Health Department.

(3)

Unclaimed pets after seven days will be offered for adoption. If the animal cannot be adopted or rescued, rather than abandoning it within our shelter, it may be euthanized.

(4)

Before anyone can claim their pet they must show positive proof of ownership. Acceptable proofs include: a current pet license, a current veterinarian's record of shots and/or treatment; a chip identifying ownership, and/or pedigree papers.

(5)

The fee for, i.e., claiming a pet shall be a fee of ~~\$50~~ \$150 per dog and \$125 per cat and shall include veterinarians' fees for treating the animal for illness or injury while being sheltered by the Health Department Animal Shelter.

(6)

Any owner whose pet is redeemed for a second or subsequent time shall pay \$100 for each redemption and be charged with violating appropriate sections of this chapter.

C.

~~Surrendering and fee.~~ Administrative fee per dog \$225 and per cat \$175.

(1)

Receiving unwanted animals brought to the shelter with proof of ownership and residencies are as follows:

(a)

Dogs/puppies: ~~\$50~~200 per animal.

(b)

Cats/kittens: ~~\$50~~175 per animal.

(c)

All other species received would need proper cage, food, etc.: ~~\$25~~100 per species.

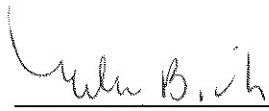
Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED

April 23, 2024

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE  
COUNTY OF UNION

  
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Eileen Birch  
Township Clerk

By:   
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MANUEL FIGUEIREDO, Chairman  
of the Township Committee

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney