



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to curb pet overpopulation by requiring dogs and cats to be sterilized prior to their adoption from the city's animal control contractor.

SECTION 2. Section 7-4.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Impounding"), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-4.3 Impounding.

- (a) Any dog, while being a stray, shall be seized and impounded by the animal control contractor or any other officer authorized by law and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of HRS Chapter 143. A special officer of the animal control contractor shall be authorized to enforce this article if deputized by the chief of police to do so.
- (b) Any impounded dog shall be spayed or neutered by the animal control contractor prior to its adoption unless a veterinarian certifies that the dog is too sick or injured to be spayed or neutered, or that it would otherwise be detrimental to the health of the dog.

SECTION 3. Section 7-6.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Cats released to the animal control contractor"), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-6.5 Cats released to the animal control contractor.

- (a) Any person who takes into the person's possession any cat at large shall immediately notify the animal control contractor and shall release the cat to the animal control contractor upon request.
- (b) In the case of any cat released to the animal control contractor wearing an identification, the animal control contractor shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner by telephone, and shall send written notice to the owner. The cat shall be held by the animal control contractor for not less than nine days, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by the owner. An owner wishing to



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recover the cat shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held by the animal control contractor.

- (c) In the case of any cat released to the animal control contractor not wearing an identification, the animal control contractor shall hold the cat for not less than 48 hours, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the animal control contractor.
- (d) Any cat released to the animal control contractor with a "notched ear," indicative of a sterilized feral cat, shall be held at the animal control contractor for not less than nine days, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the animal control contractor.
- (e) If a cat released to the animal control contractor is not recovered by the owner, the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor shall have the right of first refusal for permanent custody and ownership of the cat.
- (f) Any impounded cat shall be spayed or neutered by the animal control contractor prior to its adoption unless a veterinarian certifies that the cat is too sick or injured to be spayed or neutered, or that it would otherwise be detrimental to the health of the cat."

SECTION 4. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the underscoring.



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SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 10, 2007
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

[Signature]
Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2007.

[Signature]
MUFU HANNEMANN, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

ORDINANCE **07-33**

BILL 4 (2007), CD1

Introduced: 01/10/07 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH,
SAFETY & WELFARE

Title: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS.

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[CR-30](#)
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COUNCIL	01/24/07	BILL PASSED FIRST READING AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE.				
	APO Y	CACHOLA Y	DELA CRUZ Y	DJOU Y	GARCIA Y	
	KOBAYASHI Y	MARSHALL Y	OKINO Y	TAM E		
PHSW	02/06/07	CR-30 - BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR PASSAGE ON SECOND READING AND SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING.				
PUBLISH	02/10/07	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN.				
COUNCIL/PUBLIC HEARING	02/21/07	BILL PASSED SECOND READING, CR-30 ADOPTED, PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AND REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE.				
	APO E	CACHOLA Y	DELA CRUZ Y	DJOU Y	GARCIA Y	
	KOBAYASHI Y	MARSHALL Y	OKINO Y	TAM Y		
PUBLISH	02/24/07	SECOND READING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN.				
PHSW	04/10/07	BILL DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE.				
PHSW	05/17/07	CR-195 - BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR PASSAGE ON THIRD READING.				
COUNCIL	06/06/07	BILL RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE AND CR-195 ADOPTED.				
	APO Y	CACHOLA Y	DELA CRUZ Y	DJOU Y	GARCIA Y	
	KOBAYASHI Y	MARSHALL Y	OKINO Y	TAM Y		
PHSW	06/21/07	CR-258 - BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR PASSAGE ON THIRD READING AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM..				
COUNCIL	07/05/07	BILL PASSED THIRD READING AS AMENDED (BILL 4 (2007), CD1) AND CR-258 WAS ADOPTED.				
	APO Y	CACHOLA Y	DELA CRUZ Y	DJOU Y	GARCIA Y	
	KOBAYASHI Y	MARSHALL Y	OKINO Y	TAM Y		

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this BILL.


DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK


BARBARA MARSHALL, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER