

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2014-380

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry

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5 DATE September 8, 2014 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **An Ordinance amending Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**
8 **Summit, entitled “Kennel, Licensing and Service Fees,” for the Fiscal Officer and the**
9 **Executive’s Department of Administrative Services - Division of Animal Control, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, previously in 2013 the Ohio General Assembly amended several sections of
13 Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code to require counties make available to the public three-
14 year and permanent dog licenses, in addition to the previously available one-year dog license;
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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No’s. 2013-355 and 2013-529, this Council made
18 certain amendments to Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit to
19 comply with the new requirements in Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

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21 WHEREAS, following adoption of the new requirements in Chapter 955 of the Ohio
22 Revised Code, the Ohio General Assembly has again changed some of the requirements for dog
23 licenses and associated fees; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Fiscal Officer have recommended minor
26 changes to Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit to comply with
27 recent changes at the state level; and

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29 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
30 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend Section 505.56 of
31 the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit for the reasons set forth above;

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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
34 of Ohio, that:

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36 SECTION 1

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38 Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Kennel,
39 Licensing and Service Fees,” is hereby amended as follows:

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41 **“505.56 KENNEL, LICENSING AND SERVICE FEES.**

- 42 (a) Effective December 1, 2014, every person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog more
43 than three months of age shall file with the County, on or after the first day of the
44 applicable December, but before the thirty-first day of the applicable January, or
45 when the dog attains the age of three months after January 31 of the applicable year,
46 or is brought into the County from outside the State of Ohio after January 31 of the
47 applicable year, an application for registration and license for a period of one year or
48 three years or an application for a permanent registration. A licensing fee of eighteen
49 dollars (\$18.00) for a one year registration, fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) for a three year
50 registration or one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for a permanent registration for
51 each dog shall accompany the application. The one-year registration fee for any dog
52 becoming more than three months of age after the first day of July of any year shall be
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4 SECTION 1 (cont'd.)

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6 nine dollars (\$9.00), the three year registration shall be forty-four and 82/100 dollars
7 (\$44.82), but the ~~three-year~~ or permanent registrations shall not be reduced in said
8 circumstance. No fee, or part thereof, paid for a one year, three year or permanent
9 registration is refundable or reimbursable to the owner, keeper or harbinger of a dog
10 that paid said fee, provided, that if a person who adopted a dog pursuant to section
11 505.58 of these Codified Ordinances returns the dog to the County Animal Control
12 facility within 30 days of the adoption, said registration fee shall be reimbursed in full
13 to that person.

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15 (1) Instead of obtaining an annual registration and license under Section 505.52, a
16 law enforcement agency owning, keeping, or harboring a law enforcement
17 canine may obtain an annual registration for the dog as a law enforcement
18 canine. The law enforcement canine registration shall be submitted to the
19 County Auditor of the County in which the central office of the law
20 enforcement agency that owns, keeps or harbors the dog is located. No fee is
21 required for issuance of a law enforcement canine registration.

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23 (b) Kennel fees in the amount of eighty dollars (\$80.00) per kennel shall be paid prior to
24 January 31 for the year commencing January 1. Payment of the kennel license fee
25 shall entitle the licensee to five (5) individual dog license tags. Any additional dog
26 license tags may be issued to a kennel licensee upon payment of additional fee of
27 eight dollars (\$8.00) per license tag.

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29 (c) All fees and penalties shall accompany the registration and license application. The
30 obligation to license any dog shall exist during the entire calendar year, and the
31 County Fiscal Officer shall make available to the public throughout the entire
32 calendar year the one year, three year permanent and kennel registration and license,
33 subject to any appropriate late penalty provided for in this Section.

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35 (d) If application for a dog license has not been made when required by January 31, then
36 an eighteen dollar (\$18.00) penalty shall be paid in addition to the eighteen dollar
37 (\$18.00) license fee, regardless of whether the late application is for a one year, three
38 year or permanent license. If application for a kennel license has not been made by
39 January 31, then an eighty dollar (\$80.00) penalty shall be paid in addition to the
40 eighty dollar (\$80.00) kennel license fee. Pursuant to Executive Order, in conjunction
41 with any late-penalty amnesty event, the County Executive may order the waiver of
42 the late-penalty on the condition that the owner of a dog or dogs purchases a license
43 for that dog or dogs during the time of the event....”

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45 SECTION 2

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47 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
48 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary to
49 immediately amend Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit to
50 immediately comply with recent changes to the Ohio Revised Code.
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4 SECTION 3

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6 Provided this Ordinance received the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
8 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED August 18, 2014

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21 ADOPTED September 8, 2014

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 9, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 9, 2014

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro