ORDINANCE NO. 2014-380

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE September 8, 2014 COMMITTEE Rules

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

WHEREAS, previously in 2013 the Ohio General Assembly amended several sections of Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code to require counties make available to the public three-year and permanent dog licenses, in addition to the previously available one-year dog license; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No’s. 2013-355 and 2013-529, this Council made certain amendments to Section 505.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit to comply with the new requirements in Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1

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

“505.56 KENNEL, LICENSING AND SERVICE FEES.
(a) Effective December 1, 2014, every person who owns, keeps of harbors a dog more than three months of age shall file with the County, on or after the first day of the applicable December, but before the thirty-first day of the applicable January, or when the dog attains the age of three months after January 31 of the applicable year, or is brought into the County from outside the State of Ohio after January 31 of the applicable year, an application for registration and license for a period of one year or three years or an application for a permanent registration. A licensing fee of eighteen dollars ($18.00) for a one year registration, fifty-four dollars ($54.00) for a three year registration or one hundred eighty dollars ($180.00) for a permanent registration for each dog shall accompany the application. The one-year registration fee for any dog becoming more that three months of age after the first day of July of any year shall be
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SECTION 1 (cont’d.)
nine dollars ($9.00), the three year registration shall be forty-four and 82/100 dollars
($44.82), but the three year or permanent registrations shall not be reduced in said
circumstance. No fee, or part thereof, paid for a one year, three year or permanent
registration is refundable or reimbursable to the owner, keeper or harbore of a dog
that paid said fee, provided, that if a person who adopted a dog pursuant to section
505.58 of these Codified Ordinances returns the dog to the County Animal Control
facility within 30 days of the adoption, said registration fee shall be reimbursed in full
to that person.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2

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

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED August 18, 2014
ADOPTED September 8, 2014

CLERK 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