

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, BY DELETING SECTIONS 4-53 (3) - (5) IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 4-53 (3) AND (4) THEREBY ESTABLISHING NEW ADOPTION RATES FOR ANIMALS ADOPTED FROM THE CITY OF MESQUITE ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is hereby amended by deleting Section 4-53 (3) – 5 in their entirety and adding new Sections 4-53(3) and (4) to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

- (3) Prospective adopter pays an adoption fee of \$80 per dog/puppy and \$60 per cat/kitten.
- (4) Prospective adopter agrees to release the animal to the City's Veterinary Services Provider for the spaying or neutering of the animal and the administration of vaccines for the animal. The adopter also agrees to have a microchip implanted in the animal for the purpose of identifying the animal should it be found without proper identification visible. In addition, a city registration tag will be provided at no additional cost to the adopter upon release of the animal.

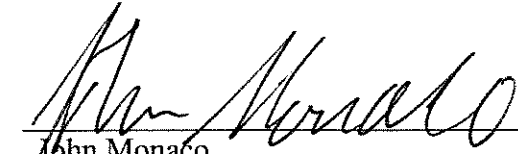
SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars for each offense.

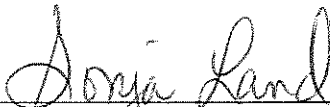
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately on and after September 1, 2009.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of August, 2009.




John Monaco
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney