



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Peter Jensen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 15, 2008

Approved

Christine J. Shappley

Date

9/22/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AMENDING SECTION 7.20.520 OF CHAPTER 7.20 OF TITLE 7 OF THE SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS WHO OBTAINED A CAT OR DOG LICENSE FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION AND ARE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY TO TRANSFER THE REMAINDER OF THE LICENSE PERIOD

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of a proposed ordinance to allow residents who obtained a cat or dog license from another jurisdiction and are annexed into the City to transfer the remainder of the license period.

OUTCOME

Approval of the proposed ordinance would allow owners or guardians who have valid cat or dog licenses from another jurisdiction that has been annexed into San José to exchange for a City license for the remainder of the license period.

BACKGROUND

The City of San José is pursuing a multi-phase annexation process to incorporate many areas within the City's sphere of influence that are Santa Clara County unincorporated areas. As part of this process, more than 16,000 individuals in more than 5,000 households will become new residents of San Jose. Many of these households have valid dog and cat licenses from the County. The licenses will expire at various times since the duration of each license depends on the validity of the rabies vaccination.

In an effort to obtain animal license information and assist the new residents in complying with the City's licensing requirements, staff proposes to allow newly annexed residents to exchange a current animal license from another jurisdiction for a City license within 60 days of annexation. The current licensing provisions must be amended to allow for this transfer. Animal licenses are required by law in both the County and the City. In addition, animal licenses help staff to reunite lost pets with their owner, and the fees support important services such as low cost spay and neuter and cruelty investigations.

ANALYSIS

Annexed residents would have to provide the required information about themselves and their animals. Once the current rabies vaccination expires with the license, the new City resident would pay the regular fee for a city license while the animal resides in San José. The ability to exchange for a city license would only be available to residents who possess a valid animal license at the time of annexation and who have not allowed the rabies vaccination to expire. In addition, any resident in an annexed area would have 60 days to complete the transfer. After that period the annexed resident would be subject to the regular license fees and requirements.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Any significant documentation/information will be submitted through the Neighborhood Services & Education Committee.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

No public outreach was required for this item. This memo is posted to the City's website for the September 30, 2008 City Council Agenda.

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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Not a project.


PETER JENSEN
Director of General Services