

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2012**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.  
445, CODIFIED AS SECTION 91.25(A) DOGS AND  
CATS TO BE CONTROLLED ON LEASH OR CHAIN;  
RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED, ADOPTED JULY  
11, 1974, BY PROVIDING AN INCENTIVE FOR  
ANIMAL OWNERS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR  
ANIMALS.

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Heights has previously enacted an ordinance making it unlawful for animal owners to allow their animals to run at large while not being kept securely restrained by a leash or other device; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Kentucky Animal Control Board has recommended that its members cities, including the City of Highland Heights, provide an incentive for said animal owners to have their animals spayed and neutered to decrease the at large stray animal population and decrease the number of animals that have to be destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY:

Section I

That the City of Highland Heights Ordinance No. 445, adopted July 11, 1974, and codified as Section 9.25(A), be and the same is hereby amended by adding the following words and phrases:

In addition, if it is determined that an animal running at large while not being kept securely restrained by a leash or other device, per Section 92.5(A) of this ordinance, has not been spayed or neutered, an additional fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed. Such additional fine shall be reimbursed to the animal owner of the animal running at large if animal owner submits written documentation to the city or its designated agent within thirty (30) days of the date of the citation confirming that the animal has been spayed if female or neutered if male. The city may designate an Animal Control Officer as its agent. Such written documentation shall be in the form of a letter from the veterinarian performing the spay or neuter procedure. Such written confirmation shall give descriptive detail of the animal which has been spayed or neutered in such a manner that will allow it to be identified.

Section II

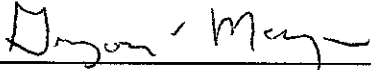
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision, section, paragraph, or part there of be invalid, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section III

That this Ordinance shall be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk/Treasurer, recorded and published. Same shall be in effect at the earliest time provided by law.

First reading of this 21 day of Febryary, 2012.

Second reading of this 6 day of March, 2012.

  
MAYOR GREGORY V. MEYERS

ATTEST:  
  
JEAN RAUF  
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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