
City of San Marcos

Sec. 6.030. Impoundment and redemption.

(d) *Redemption of impounded animals.*

- (6) If an animal is impounded for running at large, for a second time, the owner must have the animal neutered as a further requirement for return. The procedures for returning and neutering such animal will be the same as those set forth in section 6.031 for adoption of an animal.
- (7) An owner whose animal is impounded for running at large shall remain liable for all fees whether the owner claims the animal or chooses to abandon the animal at the shelter.

(Ord. No. 2008-62, § 4, 12-18-08; Ord. No. 2010-10, § 1, 3-2-10)

City of El Paso

7.16.020 Redemption—Disposition.

- A. The owner of any impounded dog or cat shall be entitled to resume possession of such dog or cat upon payment of the established impoundment and daily handling fees and compliance with vaccination, registration, microchipping, spaying or neutering requirements, and other legal requirements for keeping such dog or cat.
 - B. An additional fee in the amount established by the council shall be paid by the owner of an unaltered dog or cat more than four months of age that is impounded by the program for a second time within a one year period, upon a third time within a two-year period or upon a fourth and each subsequent time during the animal's life. To further the city's interest in combating pet overpopulation and promoting spaying and neutering of pets as part of responsible dog and cat ownership, the city will refund the additional established fee to the owner if the owner provides evidence to the program that the dog or cat was spayed or neutered within thirty days after the day the owner resumed possession of the dog or cat. All requests for a refund under this section shall be submitted to the program no later than the 60th day after the date the dog or cat was spayed or neutered and only one fee paid under this subsection is eligible for a refund.
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City of Austin

§ 3-1-29 STERILIZATION.

The city manager or the manager of an animal shelter must sterilize an animal if it has been impounded two or more times if the animal is medically cleared for the sterilization.

Source: Ord. 20061005-007; Ord. No.20191017-025, Pt. 9, 10-28-19.

City of Houston

Sec. 6-96. Unsterilized pet registration revocation; mandatory sterilization.

Any owner of an animal with an unsterilized pet registration whose animal is impounded for running at large in violation of this chapter two or more times shall have the unsterilized pet registration immediately revoked and shall be required to have the animal sterilized prior to redemption of the animal from the BARC animal shelter. Upon redemption of the animal from the BARC animal shelter:

- (1) The owner shall purchase a sterilized pet registration for the animal;
- (2) The owner shall pay the fee for the performance of sterilization at the BARC animal shelter; and
- (3) The owner shall pay any other applicable fees as set forth in section 6-137 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2022-44 , § 2(Exh. A), 1-19-2022)

City of Waco

Sec. 5-210. Required, exceptions.

- (a) All dogs or cats in the corporate city limits shall be spayed/neutered. The owner of such animals must retain documentation of the spay/neuter of their animals.
- (b) All dogs or cats impounded within the corporate city limits will be spayed/neutered prior to being released to the owner. The cost to spay/neuter the animal shall be paid by the owner along with the impound fees.
- (c) The following animals will not be spayed/neutered as directed under subsection (a):
 - (1) The animal is under four months of age;
 - (2) A licensed veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat should not be spayed/neutered for health reasons or is permanently non-fertile;
 - (3) The animal is a trained animal used by or under the authority of a governmental agency in police or rescue work;
 - (4) Animals transferred to another animal shelter or a nonprofit or 501(c)3 organization that provides a written agreement to the city that the animal will be sterilized before being placed into a new home located within the corporate limits of the city; or