

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 1093

Amending MCC Chapter 13, Animal Control, to Add Requirements Relating to Veterinarians Filing Rabies Vaccination Certificates

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. MCC §§ 13.100 – 13.103 requires licensing of dogs and cats older than six months.
- b. Approximately one-third of dogs in the County are licensed and 10%-15% of cats are licensed.
- c. Pet licenses serve a dual purpose: First, as a life-saving identification to reunite pets and owners; second, licensing assures vaccination against rabies, a life-ending disease that is easily transmittable to people.
- d. Only licensed veterinarians are permitted to inoculate pets for rabies. While all veterinarians routinely provide rabies inoculations, only fifty veterinary clinics in Multnomah County currently sell pet licenses – a proven safeguard for dogs and cats that become lost and, just as importantly, a safeguard for our community from a highly communicable disease.
- e. The Board desires to increase the number of dogs and cats that are licensed, by requiring veterinarians to report all rabies inoculations.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. MCC 13.104 is added as follows:

§ 13.104 Filing of Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

A veterinarian performing a rabies vaccination of any dog or cat must transmit a copy of the vaccination certificate or written documentation that includes the information contained on the certificate to the Director within 60 days. In the alternative, a veterinarian may issue a pet license in accordance with the rules adopted by the Director, and submit proof of licensure to the Director within 60 days.

Section 2. MCC 13.999 is amended as follows:

§ 13.999 Penalty.

(A) *Classification.* Violations of the provisions of this chapter shall be classified as provided below.

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(3) *Class C infractions.* Infractions of the following sections or divisions of this chapter shall be Class C infractions:

- (a) Section 13.101;

- (b) Section 13.104;
- (c) Section 13.303;
- (d) Section 13.305(B)(1), (B)(2); and
- (e) Section 13.308.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective August 1, 2007.

FIRST READING:

May 24, 2007

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

May 31, 2007



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