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New City Ordinance to Protect Health, Well-Being of Elk Grove Animals

Elk Grove, CA – Starting this month, a new City ordinance takes effect that better protects the health and safety of Elk Grove’s four-legged residents.

Beginning September 23, Animal Services Officers will be better equipped to identify lost animals. Dogs and cats must now have an anti-rabies vaccination and a microchip to be licensed by the City of Elk Grove. This will minimize the spread of harmful disease, while ensuring a lost pet gets quickly reunited with its owner.

The new ordinance adopted by the Elk Grove City Council on August 26 also bans the sale of puppies and kittens less than eight weeks of age. Animal Services wants to ensure that the animal has had enough time to develop its immune system and has had a chance to receive its first round of vaccinations.

“The City’s new animal services ordinance seeks to ensure that our pets are healthy and easily reunited with their families,” said Mayor Pat Hume. “The new requirements reflect our City’s continuing effort to improve the quality of life for Elk Grove residents and their furry friends alike.”

New animal licensing fees also take effect October 1. It will cost \$15 per year to license altered animals and \$150 annually for unaltered animals.

The City has also established a one-time Dangerous Animal Permit fee of \$450. Once an animal has been deemed dangerous by Animal Services, an individual will be required to apply and pay for a Dangerous Animal Permit. This permit will allow residents to keep the animal on their property with strict restrictions. For more information about dangerous animals, visit section 8.06 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code: www.codepublishing.com/CA/ElkGrove.

For more information, contact the City of Elk Grove's Animal Services Division at 916-687-3023 or visit: www.elkgrovecity.org/animals/index.asp . To view the staff report approved by the Elk Grove City Council, visit: www.elkgrovecity.org/documents/agendas/attachments/attachments/2009/08-26-09_6.7.pdf.

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