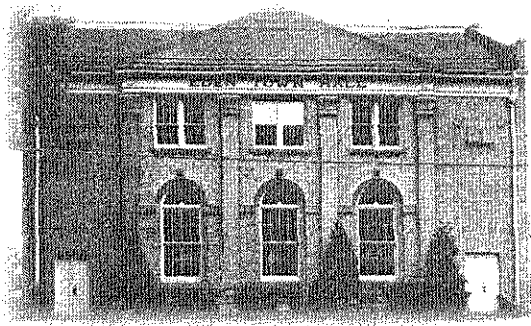


Town of Eden



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Mary Jo Hultquist
Eden Town Clerk • Eden Tax Collector

March 1, 2011

The Hon. Andrew Cuomo
Governor of the State of NY

WNY Legislative Delegation
County of Erie

Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed with your letter is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Eden at a Regular Meeting held on February 23, 2011.

The Eden Town Board urges your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Eden Town Clerk

Cc: Glenn R. Nellis, Supervisor

Enclosure

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Resolution No. 1-2011



**STATE OF NEW YORK :
COUNTY OF ERIE :
TOWN OF EDEN :**

ss:

I, Mary Jo Hultquist, Town Clerk of the Town of Eden, Erie County, New York, do hereby certify that a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the aforesaid town, held on the 23rd day of February, 2011 at the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York, the following resolution was adopted,

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SPAY/NEUTER SURCHARGES FOR ALTERED DOGS

WHEREAS, the State of New York, Department of Agriculture, has always imposed a three dollar surcharge to be added to the license fee for un-spayed and un-neutered dogs;

WHEREAS, this tree dollar surcharge, paid by owners of intact dogs was then used to control dog population by funding spay/neuter programs, thereby putting the cost of such programs on those who choose to keep their dogs intact;

WHEREAS, responsible dog owners who have sterilized their dogs through spraying or neutering, were therefore able to enjoy a reduced licensing fee, exempt from spay/neuter fees of any kind;

WHEREAS, the State of New York, Department of Agriculture, as of January 1, 2011 has transferred dog licensing to the local government level, while maintaining the original three dollar spay and neuter fee, now called a spay/neuter surcharge, AND imposing a new spay and neuter surcharge of one dollar to be added to the licensing fee of each altered dog.

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE the Eden Town Board opposes the imposition of a new spay/neuter surcharge meant for owners who have responsibly sterilized their dogs, thereby contributing to the control of the State of New York's dog population.

FURTHER RESOLVED the Eden Town Board will make its opposition known with the adoption of this Resolution, which will be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York the Western New York Legislative Delegation, the County of Erie, and the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture, Patrick Hooker.

Seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Motion carried.

I do further certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the said Town held on the 23rd day of Feburary, 2011 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from said original Minutes and the whole thereof, and that the resolutions duly adopted by the said Town Board are on file in my office.

I do further certify that the members of the Eden Town Board on February 23, 2011 were as follows: Supervisor: Glenn R. Nellis; Councilwoman Mary Lou Pew and Councilman Richard S. Ventry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town of Eden, Erie County, New York, the 25th day of February, 2011.

Seal

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk, Town of Eden, NY