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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, and

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

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

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 ARE NOW IMPOSING A NEW SPAY AND NEUTER SURCHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR TO BE ADDED TO THE LICENSING FEE OF EACH ALTERED DOG,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, The Town of Orchard Park 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, and be it further

RESOLVED, The Town of Orchard Park 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 Delegation, the County of Erie, and the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture, Patrick Hooker.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss
TOWN OF ORCHARD PARK)

This is to certify that I, Carol R. Hutton, Clerk of the Town of Orchard Park, in said County of Erie, have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was passed by the Town Board of the Town of Orchard Park, on the 23rd day of February 2011 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand affixed the seal of said Town this 24th day of February 2011.


Carol R. Hutton
Town Clerk