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TOWN OF COLDEN  
COLDEN, NEW YORK 14033

RESOLUTION #2011-03

OPPOSITION TO SPAY/NEUTER SURCHARGES  
FOR ALTERED DOGS

Excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colden, held at the Colden Town Hall 8812 State Road, Colden, Erie County, New York held on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 pm as follows:

MOTION made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Supervisor Hoffman to adopt the following Resolution.

**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-sprayed and un-neutered dogs,

**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,

**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,

**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

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York, Department of Agriculture is **NOW 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 Town of Colden opposes the imposition of a new spay/neutered surcharge meant for owners who have responsibly sterilized their dogs, thereby contributing to the control of the State of New York's dog population.

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Colden 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.

Duly adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, by the following vote.

Vote: Councilman David Arcara – yes  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek – yes  
Councilman Stephanie Czerniak – yes  
Councilman Patrick Murphy – yes  
Supervisor Annie Hoffman – yes

STATE OF NEW YORK  
ERIE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF COLDEN

This is to certify that I, *ALICE M. WANGELIN*, Clerk of the Town of Colden, in the said County of Erie, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file at this office, and which was passed by the Town Board of the Town of Colden.

in said County of Erie, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 20 11, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 20 11.

*Alice M. Wangelin*  
CLERK OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF COLDEN, N.Y.