

12-30-2010 PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2010 – SARDINIA DOG LICENSING

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
3 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on December 30, 2010 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on Proposed Local Law #2 of 2010, the Sardinia Dog Licensing Law. The Supervisor called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM.

The Supervisor explained that the State has decided it no longer is going to license dogs, but has mandated that municipalities license the dogs in its jurisdictions, and that is why the Town needs to adopt its own licensing law.

The Town Clerk explained that the Town will get to keep all of the fees collected, except for \$1.00 per spayed/neutered dogs, and \$3.00 for each unsprayed/unneutered dog, where formerly, the State collected \$3.00 for each unsprayed/unneutered dog, and the County received 47% of the remainder of the fees collected by the Town, with the Town retaining the other 53%. Now the Town will keep the County portion, also. She stated that in this new law, fees will not change, stating that she would like to "live with it" for a year, and find out the actual fiscal impact, and then if the Town finds that it is costing the Town money to license the dogs, the Board can change the fees by resolution. She stated that the license tags cost less than \$300.00 for a three year supply. The Clerk also stated that the biggest change would be the elimination of the Purebred Dog licenses, thereby making it necessary for those dog owners to license each dog separately. She stated this will be more costly to the owners, however, she stated that the State can check with the Kennel Clubs, but the Towns cannot, and therefore, cannot verify the information on those licenses. She stated that she does not know of any municipality that is continuing those types of licenses.

The Supervisor opened the floor to comments from the public.

Michael Hannon of Pratham Rd. asked what the fees for dog licenses are, and was informed that they are \$5.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$13.00 for an unsprayed or unneutered dog.

The Supervisor asked three times for further comments. There being no further comments forthcoming, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller, the hearing was closed at 6:22 PM. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk