

TOWN OF CONCORD MASSACHUSETTS CAT REGISTRATION BYLAW

Article 59. Ms. Lodynsky moves that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 59 as printed below.

Section 1. PURPOSE OF THIS BYLAW

The purpose of this bylaw is to create a process for registering domestic pet cats in Concord;

- whereas the state of Massachusetts requires by law that cats be vaccinated for rabies;
- whereas Concord has no procedure in place for documenting vaccinated pet cats.

Section 2. REGISTERING PET CATS

a. no person shall own or keep a cat 6 months of age or older within the Town unless it is registered with the Town;

b. the registering keeper of the cat(s) must be 18 years of age or older;

c. an annual registration fee of \$10 shall be collected per household / residence keeping cats vs. collecting a fee for each cat living on said premises; a \$40 registration fee per household / residence will be applied annually if any cat(s) in the household are not neutered or spayed. Cat breeders must identify themselves on Town records in order to be exempt from the additional spay/neuter fees.

d. during the registration period, each owner will have his/her cat(s) registered, numbered and described at the Town Clerk's office. Cat owners are encouraged to define the cat's sex, age, specific coloring, weight, breed and any unique markings.

e. a valid rabies certificate along with evidence of having the cat(s) spayed or neutered must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration;

1) evidence of vaccination, spaying or neutering may be waived if a signed statement from a veterinarian warrants such action;

f. updates to number of owned cats are to be submitted to the Town Clerk by keepers of the cat(s);

g. any cat(s) in transit, or brought into Town temporarily for the sole purpose of showing in a cat show or exhibition, shall be exempt from these provisions;

h. cat owners 70 years of age or older will have a special annual registration rate of \$5 for spayed or neutered cats, and \$30 for cats not spayed or not neutered;

i. a violation of the rabies vaccine law may be fined up to a maximum of \$100;

j. registration takes place annually between January 1st and the following December 31st, both dates inclusive.

or take any action relative thereto.