

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<p><b>DATE:</b> 07/18/2011</p>	<p><b>SUBJECT: FINAL READING ORDINANCE 2011-O-093</b> <b>AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS AND FOWL, ARTICLE VII OF THE LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 6-116(e)(3) BY ADDING SECTION (c). THE FEE FOR PURCHASING AND/OR SELLING MICROCHIPS IS BASED ON THE ACTUAL COST OF THE CHIP PLUS ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS (SHIPPING, HANDLING FEES AND SALES TAX IF APPROPRIATE). IF THE CHIP IS USED AND INSERTED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CLHD) STAFF, IN ADDITION TO THE COSTS OF THE CHIP (PLUS ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS), AN ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$12.00 WILL BE ADDED. AMENDING SECTION 6-119(a) BY ADDING SECTIONS (4) AND (5). THE MICROCHIP FEE IS THE ACTUAL COST PLUS ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS. IF THE CHIP IS INSERTED BY THE CLHD, AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$12.00 WILL BE ADDED IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF THE MICROCHIP. PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. (AS AMENDED)</b></p>
<p><b>INITIATED BY:</b> Cynthia Collazo Deputy City Manager</p>	<p><b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Hector F. Gonzalez, M.D., M.P.H. Health Director</p>
<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> On July 5, 2011, Council introduced the Ordinance.</p>	
<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b> The City of Laredo has rules and regulations for disease control and prevention as per the state public health act and local ordinances, in particular for zoonosis and rabies control, animals and fowl, livestock and wild animals. The proposed revised ordinance reiterates the obligation of registration of pets through microchip to improve pet responsibility. The registration of pets will allow the City of Laredo Health Department to establish a database of all owners to track for rabies vaccination and other preventive measures.</p> <p>The fee for the microchip is established as the actual cost of the chip (including shipping, handling, and sales tax, if applicable). An administrative fee will be added to this charge if the implementation of the chip is done by Health Department staff.</p> <p>Therefore, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, Article VII, Section 6-116(e)(3), and Section 6-119 are amended as follows:</p> <p><b><u>Sec. 6-116.</u> - Spayed or neutered dog or cat registration required; intact dog or cat registration required.</b></p> <p>(e) <i>Registration</i> <i>Microchip fee shall become effective on September 7, 2011.</i></p> <p>(3) Effective August 1, 2011, a dog or cat may only be registered by having the dog or cat microchipped and the microchip number and all appropriate registration data submitted to the health department. A veterinarian or authorized entity can also send the owner to register the pet at the health department.</p> <p>a. Fees collected by entities other than the department if they register the pet will be collected by the entity and fifty (50) percent of collection will be</p>	

provided to the department.

b. All authorized entities registering a spayed, neutered or intact dog/cat must provide the registration to the department within thirty (30) days.

c. Fee for the microchip is established as the actual cost of the chip plus any associated costs (shipping, handling fees and sales tax if appropriate) and if inserted by the City of Laredo Health Department, an additional administrative fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added.

**Sec. 6-119. - Registration, vaccination and permit fees.**

Registration fees will not go into effect until August 1, 2011.

Microchip fees shall become effective on September 7, 2011.

- (a) (1) Spayed Or Neutered Dog Or Cat Registration Fee 2.00  
(2) Intact Dog Or Cat Registration Fee 5.00  
(3) ~~Registration If Microchipped Free~~  
(4) Microchip Fee Is the Actual Cost plus any associated costs (shipping, handling and sales tax if appropriate).  
(5) An administrative Fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added (if chip is inserted by health department) in addition to the cost of the microchip.

**FINANCIAL:** Revenues collected will be deposited into account number 226-0000-373-2069.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**STAFF:** Recommends that Council introduce the Ordinance.

## ORDINANCE 2011-O-093

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WHEREAS, The City of Laredo has rules and regulations for disease control and prevention as per the state public health act and local ordinances, in particular for zoonosis and rabies control, animals and fowl, livestock and wild animals. The proposed revised ordinance reiterates the obligation of registration of pets through microchip to improve pet responsibility. The registration of pets will allow the City of Laredo Health Department to establish a database of all owners to track for rabies vaccination and other preventive measures; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, Article VII, Section 6-116(e)(3), and Section 6-119 are amended as follows: the fee for the microchip is established as the actual cost of the chip (including shipping, handling, and sales tax, if applicable). An administrative fee will be added to this charge if the implementation of the chip is done by Health Department staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:**

**Section 1:** The Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

**Sec. 6-116. - Spayed or neutered dog or cat registration required; intact dog or cat registration required.**

(e) *Registration*  
*Microchip fee shall become effective on September 7, 2011.*

- (3) Effective August 1, 2011, a dog or cat may only be registered by having the dog or cat microchipped and the microchip number and all appropriate registration data submitted to the health department. A veterinarian or authorized entity can also send the owner to register the pet at the health department.
- a. Fees collected by entities other than the department if they register the pet will be collected by the entity and fifty (50) percent of collection will be provided to the department.
  - b. All authorized entities registering a spayed, neutered or intact dog/cat must provide the registration to the department within thirty (30) days.
  - c. *Fee for the microchip is established as the actual cost of the chip plus any associated costs (shipping, handling fees and sales tax if appropriate) and if inserted by the City of Laredo Health Department, an additional administrative fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added.*

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- (5) *An administrative Fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added (if chip is inserted by health department) in addition to the cost of the microchip.*

**Section 2:** Revenues collected will be deposited into account number 226-0000-373-2069.

**Section 3:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to make transfers within the budget to meet the necessary costs to accomplish the scope of work for the project.

**Section 4:** This ordinance shall become effective no less than sixty (60) days from the date of public hearing on this Ordinance, in accordance with 2.09 (b) of the City Charter.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR**

**ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.**

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**RAUL G. SALINAS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**RAUL CASSO  
CITY ATTORNEY**