

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of January, 2018, the governing body of the City of Hobbs proposes to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 6.04.170 of the Hobbs Municipal Code described as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.170 OF THE HOBBS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO REDUCED COST SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 6.04.170 of the Hobbs Municipal Code currently discusses the reduced cost spay and neuter program; and

WHEREAS, the current Section 6.04.170, has resulted a positive impact on the overpopulation of dogs and cats and humane euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, the changes to Section 6.04.170, will broaden the definition of pet owners that qualify for the reduced cost spay and neuter program to further impact the community in a positive manner; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO, that Section 6.04.170 of the Hobbs Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

6.04.170 - Reduced cost spay and neuter program.

The City of Hobbs has a targeted dog or cat spay and neuter program aimed at assisting those citizens most in need: the elderly, disabled, or very low income.

- A. Participants must meet one of following requirements (income information is subject to verification):
 1. ~~Elderly (Seventy (70) or more years of age)~~Persons Sixty-five (65) or older; or
 2. Disabled Persons (qualify for Social Security disability income payments); or
 3. ~~Low income (eligible for LIHEAP)~~Persons that meet the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- B. Cost to participants required pursuant to this section shall be established and adopted through resolution adopted by the Commission.
- C. Spay and neuter program includes the surgery, vaccinations (FVRCP and Rabies/cat or DHLPP and Rabies/dog), one (1) night's hospitalization, and return visit for suture removal, if needed.
- D. There shall be a charge to participants who fail to keep an appointment or do not provide four (4) business days notice to cancel an appointment. This charge shall be established and adopted through resolution.
- E. Minimum age of dog or cat at time of surgery is three (3) months.
- F. Dogs must be restrained on a leash and cats must be in a carrier upon arrival at the Hobbs Animal Adoption Center.

- G. If the animal needs to be treated for flea and tick infestation prior to surgery, the additional days of care will be charged the "boarding fee" rate.
- H. City Manager reserves the right to postpone surgery or refuse to perform surgery if the animal is not healthy enough to undergo surgery.

A copy of the proposed ordinance in its entirety is available to interested persons during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Broadway, Hobbs, New Mexico. The ordinance is also available for viewing online at www.hobbsnm.org.

/s/Jan Fletcher
Jan Fletcher, City Clerk