

1 **Ordinance To Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by**
2 **Amending Article IV, Chapter 5 Entitled “Dog and Cat Licenses”, Section 5-53 Entitled “Tax**
3 **imposed”, to Clarify the Fees Imposed for Animal Licenses**
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5 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that Sections 5-53 of
6 Article IV, Chapter 5 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as
7 follows:

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9 **CHAPTER 5 – ANIMALS**

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12 **ARTICLE IV. - DOG AND CAT LICENSES**

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14 **Sec. 5-53. - Tax imposed.**

15 (a) A license tax is hereby imposed on dogs and cats required to be licensed under this article
16 in the following amounts:

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18 (1) Annual license for *intact* dog or cat \$10 per year
19 (2) Annual license for unsexed dog or cat (neutered or spayed) \$4 per year
20 (3) Lifetime license for *intact* dog or cat \$20
21 (4) Lifetime license for ~~neutered~~ *unsexed* dog or cat (*neutered or spayed*) \$10
22 (5) Kennel for 10 or less dogs or cats \$30 *per year*
23 (6) Kennel for 11 to 30 dogs or cats \$40 *per year*
24 (7) Kennel for 31 to 50 dogs or cats \$50 *per year*
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26 Kennel to be defined in accordance with section 5-2 of the Hampton City Code for the
27 purposes of this section.

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29 (b) No license tax shall be levied on any dog that is trained and serves as a guide dog for a
30 blind person, that is trained and serves as a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing-impaired person
31 or that is trained and serves as a service dog for a mobility-impaired person. As used in this
32 subsection, the term "hearing dog" means a dog trained to alert its owner by touch to sounds of
33 danger and sounds to which the owner should respond and "service dog" means a dog trained
34 to accompany its owner for the purpose of carrying items, retrieving objects, pulling a
35 wheelchair or other such activities of service or support.
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37 **State law reference:** Amount of license tax, Code of Virginia § 3.2-6528.
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