



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FINANCE DIVISION  
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 328-A**

**COMMITTEE: Health**

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the fee for licensing a dog that is not spayed or neutered.

**SPONSORS:** Council Members Lappin, Brewer, Koppell, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Nelson, Rose, Rivera, James, Mark-Viverito, Mendez and Vacca

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Proposed Int. No. 328-A raises the licensing fee for dogs that are not spayed or neutered. The current fee to license a dog that is spayed or neutered is \$8.50 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.50. The higher fee is intended to encourage owners to spay/neuter their dogs, to help control the pet population. Under Proposed Int. No. 328-A, the new fee to license an unaltered dog will be \$34.00. The additional \$25.50 per license will go to a dedicated fund, administered by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the "Agency"), to subsidize animal population control programs. Services supported by this fund include pet owner education, free and low cost spay/neuter and other veterinary services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This legislation would take effect immediately after enactment.

**FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED:** 2012

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

|                         | <b>Effective<br/>FY11*</b> | <b>FY Succeeding<br/>Effective FY12</b> | <b>Full Fiscal<br/>Impact FY12</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues (+)</b>     | <b>\$222,126</b>           | <b>\$357,000</b>                        | <b>\$357,000</b>                   |
| <b>Expenditures (-)</b> | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>                              | <b>\$0</b>                         |
| <b>Net</b>              | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>                              | <b>\$0</b>                         |

\*Legislation would be enacted in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the current Fiscal Year. The revenue estimate for Fiscal 2011 reflects the sum of city collections for both the prorated current fee for licensing unaltered dogs and the prorated new fee for licensing unaltered dogs.

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** Following the enactment of this legislation, the Agency assumes a considerable decline, by approximately 65%, in compliance with licensing unaltered dogs with the City of New York. The City issues approximately 100,000 dog licenses annually, with about 42% of those licenses issued to owners of unaltered dogs. The magnitude of the proposed fee increase for licensing unaltered dogs will likely alter licensing behavior by either encouraging higher rates of dog spaying and neutering or discouraging some owners of unaltered dogs from compliance. Consequently, the portion of altered dog licenses issued by the City would increase, lessening the frequency with which the City would collect the \$25.50 differential. The estimated revenue collected for the newly established local animal population control fund reflects this likely decrease and shift in compliance and also assumes that the amount of overall dog licenses issued by the City per

annum will remain at or slightly below 100,000. The full impact of this proposed introduction would occur in Fiscal 2012 and the outyears, and would be in the amount \$357,000.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** There is no impact on expenditures in Fiscal 2011 resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** Not Applicable

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

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**HISTORY:** Int. 328 was introduced on August 25, 2010, and referred to the Committee on Health. On December 17, 2010, the Committee on Health held a hearing on Int. 328, which was laid over. On January 18, 2011, the Committee on Health will consider an amended version, Proposed Int. 328-A, and the legislation will be voted on by the Full Council on January 18, 2011.