

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-XX**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, ENTITLED, "ANIMALS"**

Note: Words set as ~~strikeover~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; all underlined text is to be added to the ordinance.

The Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 3-6 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Redemption of impounded animals; adoption" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 3-6. Redemption of impounded animals; adoption.

- a) The owner shall be entitled to regain possession of any impounded animal, except as provided in this chapter for certain animals, upon payment of the appropriate fine and fees designated in Section 3-7. Licensing requirements shall also be met if a dog is unlicensed. When an owner is notified of the location of the owner's animal and acknowledges this fact, the owner will be required to reclaim the animal within 24 hours of such acknowledgment. Otherwise, the animal will be made available to a new owner. An unlicensed dog whose owner is not established within five days will then be available immediately to a new owner. If, at the end of ten days' impoundment, any animal is not reclaimed by its owner or claimed by a new owner, it will be humanely destroyed.
- b) A new owner shall not be required to pay any board, medical or veterinarian fees incurred at the pound or any fines for which the original owner might have been liable. However, a new owner of a dog or cat shall be required to pay a pickup fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

First Read at the Town Council Meeting of December 4, 2017 and referred to the Town Council Meeting of January 8, 2018 for Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

Jeannette Alyward  
Town Clerk