

ORDINANCE # 91-2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FOR ADOPTION AND SPAY/NEUTER FEES RECEIVED
BY LAPORTE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, the County of LaPorte by the Board of Commissioners adopted an Ordinance establishing fees for the adoption of dogs and/or cats at the LaPorte County Animal Shelter. In addition to the adoption fee, the person adopting the aforementioned animal must pay a spay/neuter fee, and

WHEREAS, said fee requirement provides that a portion of the adoption fee is the property of LaPorte County and the balance of said fee is to be paid over to a veterinarian upon certification that the adopted animal has been either spayed or neutered, and

WHEREAS, it is the view of this body that their deposit of said fees and the subsequent distribution of the portion due the veterinarian for services rendered, can best and most expeditiously be handled by establishing a special account, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to establish such an account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LaPorte County Board of Commissioners that:

1. There is hereby established a special account, to be known as "The LaPorte County Animal Shelter Adoption and Spay/Neuter Fees Account" which shall be under the joint supervision of the LaPorte County Auditor and the LaPorte County Treasurer.
2. That any and all fees received by the LaPorte County Animal Shelter shall be regularly deposited into said account.
3. These deposits shall be made at least monthly.
4. That upon presentation from the Director of the LaPorte County Animal Shelter of a bill for services rendered by a veterinarian performing either spay or neuter procedure on an adopted animal, the LaPorte County Auditor and LaPorte County Treasurer shall then execute payment in the amount requested by co-signing said instrument.
5. That all such receipts and disbursements from the "LaPorte County Animal Adoption and Spay/Neuter Fee" account shall be regularly itemized and maintained in a ledger available for public inspection and/or review.
6. That the balance of said account on December 31st of any given year shall be transferred into the General Fund of the County.
7. The balance indicated above, shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to any unpaid fees as evidenced by bill or invoice from veterinarians performing the contemplated services.
8. That any and all provisions of any County Ordinance in conflict with the above and foregoing is hereby repealed.

9. That provisions of this ordinance shall be effective after passage, approval, and publication of all matters contained herein.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of February, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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