

Sec. 7-6.5 Mandatory notification of cats contained to animal control.

- (a) Any person who takes into the person's possession any cat at large shall immediately notify the animal control contractor and shall release the cat to the animal control contractor upon request.
- (b) In the case of any cat released to the animal control contractor wearing an identification, the animal control contractor shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner by telephone, and shall send written notice to the owner. The cat shall be held by the animal control contractor for not less than nine days, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by the owner. An owner wishing to recover the cat shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held by the animal control contractor.
- (c) In the case of any cat released to the animal control contractor not wearing an identification, the animal control contractor shall hold the cat for not less than 48 hours, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the animal control contractor.
- (d) Any cat released to the animal control contractor with a "notched ear," indicative of a sterilized feral cat, shall be held at the animal control contractor for not less than nine days, after which time the animal control contractor may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the animal control contractor.
- (e) If a cat released to the animal control contractor is not recovered by the owner, the person who had released the cat to the animal control contractor shall have the right of first refusal for permanent custody and ownership of the cat.
- (f) Any impounded cat shall be spayed or neutered by the animal control contractor prior to its adoption unless a veterinarian certifies that the cat is too sick or injured to be spayed or neutered, or that it would otherwise be detrimental to the health of the cat.

(Added by Ord. 95-21; Am. Ord. 02-54, 07-33)