SUB __ 2024 OA-10 ***[PROPOSED – MILES]***

AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING, REGARDING ANIMAL LICENSE TAX

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 47.22 is amended to read as follows:

47.22 ANNUAL DOG LICENSE TAX. In addition to the statutory tax, there is hereby ~~added~~ an additional dog license tax of $16~~11~~.00 for a ~~each~~ spayed or neutered dog and $20.00 for an unspayed or unneutered dog. The additional dog license tax for unspayed or unneutered dogs shall increase to $22.00, effective on January 1, 2026, and then increase to $24.00, effective on January 1, 2027, and further increase to $26.00, effective on January 1, 2028. ~~license applied for~~. ~~The purpose of the additional tax is to pay for the cost of housing and care of stray, abandoned or impounded animals pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 173.15(1)~~. The owner of a dog that is a service animal as defined by Wis. Stat. s. 106.52(1)(fm), is exempt from paying the dog license tax, and shall receive annually a free dog license upon application.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment adopts a recent change in state statute that exempts an owner of a dog that is considered a service animal under Wis. Stat. s. 106.52(1)(fm) from paying the dog license tax, raises the minimum dog license tax, and provides that unspayed or unneutered dogs are subject to a higher tax. It further sets a schedule of increases to the additional dog license tax for unaltered dogs.]