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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. 4-3

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Darrell Smith, Chief of Police   
**Date:** May 11, 2015 **Meeting Date:** May 19, 2015  
**Subject:** Amendments to 5-1-24, 5-1-25 and 5-1-28 of the Lemoore Municipal Code Relating to Dog License Requirements to Include Spay/Neuter – Ordinance 2015-03

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### Discussion:

In October of 2014, the Lemoore Municipal Code chapters dealing with Animal Control Ordinances were updated to include mandatory spay/neuter for all sheltered animals impounded by animal control officers within the city limits of Lemoore. In order to further enhance our abilities to carry out animal control responsibilities within our City, I am proposing the following changes to the Ordinance:

**SECTION 1.** Section 24 of Article II of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Lemoore Municipal Code is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

#### 5-1-24: Dog License Application:

The dog license required by this chapter may be obtained by submitting proof of the animal having been spayed or neutered, a current rabies vaccination certificate, furnishing the information required herein and paying the proper fee to the animal control officer or any person or entity delegated by and under the supervision of the animal control officer. The information required for a license shall include a brief description of the dog as to breed, age, sex, color, rabies vaccination certificate number, date of issuance and expiration thereof, and if the animal is altered or unaltered, and shall include the name, address and telephone number of the licensee. The official receiving such information shall record it on the receipt to be given for payment of the license fee. The expiration date of the rabies vaccination shall be recorded on the receipt. The license fee shall be collected at the time the application is made and said license shall be issued to the applicant when an acceptable rabies vaccination certificate is displayed to the license collector.

**SECTION 2.** Section 25 of Article II of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Lemoore Municipal Code is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

#### 5-1-25: Dog License Period:

The license period for the license tag required by this chapter shall be one, two (2), or three (3) years from the date of issuance. (Ord. 2002-11, 8-6-2002) The fee for a spayed or neutered dog will be set at \$15 for a one-year license in compliance with CGC §38972(b) and Cal. FAC §30804.5.

**SECTION 3.** Section 28 of Article II of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Lemoore Municipal Code is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

5-1-28: Issuance of Dog License Tag:

Upon receipt of the required information, accompanied by payment of the proper fee and display of proof of the animal having been spayed or neutered, an acceptable rabies vaccination certificate, a license tag and a written receipt shall be issued to the applicant. Each tag shall be serially numbered and stamped. The expiration date shall be noted on the license receipt. The license collector shall endorse the number of the license tag so issued upon a copy of the receipt, and all such copies so endorsed shall be kept on file in the office of the animal control officer, open to public inspection at reasonable times. Such tag shall be attached to a collar, harness, or other device permanently worn by the dog except as provided in section 5-1-23 of this article.

**Budget Impact:**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

**Recommendation:**

The Lemoore City Council, by motion, waive the first reading of Ordinance 2015-03 which amends 5-1-24, 5-1-25, and 5-1-28 of the Lemoore Municipal Code, and pass to a second reading.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE AMENDING SECTIONS 24, 25 AND 28 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5 OF THE LEMOORE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The City Council of the City of Lemoore does ordain as follows:

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**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk is further directed to cause this Ordinance or a summary of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of Lemoore, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption. If a summary of the Ordinance is published, then the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five days prior to the Council meeting at which the Ordinance is adopted and again after the meeting at which the Ordinance is adopted. The summary shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015 and was passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

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Lois Wynne, Mayor