

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-**

**A Resolution Increasing Rabies Vaccination Fee at County Rabies Clinics from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per Vaccine for Each Pet Immunized Beginning with the Fall 2018 Clinic**

**WHEREAS**, animals who have been infected by rabies continue to pose a serious and serious and fatal threat to Spotsylvania County residents and their pets;

**WHEREAS**, rabies is fatal to humans if untreated;

**WHEREAS**, the best way to prevent the spread of rabies to humans and their pets is by keeping dogs and cats over the age of four months old properly vaccinated;

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code Section 3.2-6521 requires the Board of Supervisors to approve all rabies immunization clinics within the County;

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1200 grants the Board the power to adopt necessary regulations to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among animals;

**WHEREAS**, the County conducts two such rabies immunization clinics each year, one in the spring, and one in the fall;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that, for approximately ten years, the owners of dogs and cats vaccinated at County rabies immunization clinics have paid a set fee of \$6.00 for each dog and/or cat vaccinated. The County pays all additional clinic costs, which have risen to the point that it is necessary to increase the vaccination fee;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that, at the Spring, 2017 County rabies immunization clinic, the immunization fee was \$6.00 per vaccine. 571 animals were vaccinated, with their owners paying a total of \$3,426.00. The County's total clinic costs, including veterinarian other personnel costs, syringes, tags and advertising, totaled \$5,760.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that, at the Fall, 2017 County rabies immunization clinic, the immunization fee was \$6.00 per vaccine. 685 animals were vaccinated, with their owners paying a total of \$4,110.00. The County's total clinic costs, including veterinarian other personnel costs, syringes, tags and advertising, totaled \$6,592.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that increasing the fee from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per vaccine for each dog and cat vaccinated at County rabies immunization clinics, beginning with the Fall 2018 clinic, will satisfy most, if not all, of the County's rabies immunization clinic costs, allow provision of additional services, and place costs on those who use the clinic rather than on the County;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that two adjoining counties charge fees of \$10.00 per vaccine at their rabies immunization clinics, and the fees of all of the adjoining jurisdictions exceed the \$6.00 per vaccine presently charged by County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA:** THAT the County's rabies vaccination fee shall be increased from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per vaccine for each dog and cat vaccinated at the County's rabies immunization clinics beginning with the Fall 2018 clinic.

(SEAL)

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