

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

November 30, 2010

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2010 entitled "A Local Law for the Licensing of Dogs" was held on November 30, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Herbert Kline, Town Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
Richard Jones, DPW Commissioner

Supervisor Kniffen verified that he had affidavits of posting and publication in the Press & Sun Bulletin and The Country Courier and that a short EAF had been filed.

The Town Clerk explained that as of January 1, 2011 the responsibility of New York State in regard to dog licensing will be eliminated and the municipalities will fully assume licensing functions. Due to the fact that NYS will be keeping an additional portion of the license fees and they could not afford to continue the program at the current rates, an increase in license fees will be required to cover the expense of the licensing process. The proposal is for the fee for a spayed/neutered dog to increase from \$12.50 to \$14.00 and the fee for an unspayed/unneutered to increase from \$20.50 to \$22.00, and elimination of purebred licenses. Although a \$25.00 surcharge was originally proposed by the Town Clerk for any dog found in an enumeration to be unlicensed, because there would be no grace period after the initial notification she requested that it be eliminated from the new law. The Board members were in agreement to this request.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing none, Supervisor Kniffen ordered the hearing closed at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk