

ORDINANCE 0- 7 1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA,
REVISING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED DOGS AND
CATS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FELINE LICENSING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Elkins, West Virginia also realizes that registration and licensing of cats within the City of Elkins is a prudent and appropriate manner in which to control the cat population within the City; and to restrict the spread of disease, property damage, and nuisances caused by cats;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Common Council of the City of Elkins, West Virginia that the following additional code provision be added to Chapter 4 of the Elkins City Code as follows:

Section 4-19: Licensing of Cats Within City Limits

Every cat owned by a resident of the City of Elkins shall be licensed, beginning_____,200____, for a one (1) year period. Said license must be renewed every year.

The license fees for domestic cats within the City shall be as follows:

Neutered or spayed Cats (Certified), ("A") \$5.00 per year;

Unaltered cats, ("U") \$25.00 per year;

Cats kept for breeding, ("B") \$100.00 per year. Breeders shall have all litters of kittens licensed within twelve (12) weeks of birth.

Owners of licensed domestic cats within the City of Elkins shall be provided a certificate to be posted in a conspicuous manner in the front of the home where the cat is kept. Said license will describe the type and color of cat; and the classification of said cat: altered ("A"), unaltered ("U"), or breeder ("B"), and shall include any distinguishing markings on said cats.

Any person found guilty of a violation of this Section of the Elkins City Code, for failure to license cats, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall be fined a minimum of \$50.00 for the first offense, and up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for second or third offenses.