

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-170

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELAXATION OF  
TIME LIMITS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS, CATS  
AND KENNELS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
CHAPTER 224, ARTICLE 1, SECTIONS 224-2, 224-3, 224-4  
AND 224-12

WHEREAS, Chapter 224, Article 1 entitled “Animal Control” requires all dogs over a certain age to be licensed in order to assure such animals are properly inoculated to protect against rabies which license expires on March 31 of each year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 224, Section 224-4 a fee must be paid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2 for a license or renewal thereof and after March 31 of each year a late fee is imposed for any dog with exceptions stated in Chapter 224, Section 224-4 A (2); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 224, Section 224-10 all kennels, pet shops, shelter or pound shall obtain a license in accordance with Chapter 224, Section 224-12 and pay a fee in accordance with Chapter 224, Section 224-15; and

WHEREAS, all license applications and payments for the same are handled by the Department of License and Inspections requiring persons seeking a license or renewal to personally appear to show proof of inoculation; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has led Governor Murphy to issue several Executive Orders to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus by means including directing only essential services to continue and requesting those not required to provide such services to shelter at home making it difficult if not impossible for residents to appear personally to apply and receive a license or renewal thereof for their animals; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 4, at paragraph 12 thereof provides that “No municipality...shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Executive Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that the time constraints required by Chapter 224, Article 1 Section 224-4 and 224-10 shall be extended so all licenses or renewals thereof shall be due on or before the last day of June, 2020 at the same cost as specified in Sections 224-4 and 224-14 and thereafter a late fee shall be imposed at the same cost as specified in said Sections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing herein shall permit any owner of an animal required to be licensed in accordance with Chapter 224, Article 1 to extend the time within which to have their animal properly vaccinated as required by Chapter 224, Article 1 Section 224-2.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk