

**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2022**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF  
LITCHFIELD, CHAPTER 4 "ANIMALS", SECTION 4-1 "REDEMPTION OF  
IMPOUNDED DOGS; FEE"**

**Section 1. Authority.**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-148(c)(7)(D), 22-332, and 22-333, 22-358, and 22-359.

**Section 2. Amendments to Code of Ordinances.**

The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Litchfield, Chapter 4 "Animals", Section 4-1 "Redemption of impounded dogs; fee", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"In accordance with G.S. § 22-333, any dog, cat or other animal captured or impounded by the interlocal animal control officer shared by the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton shall be redeemed by the owner or keeper thereof, or the agent of such owner or keeper, upon proper identification, and, if the animal in question is a dog, upon presentation to the interlocal animal control officer of a license and tag for such dog, and upon the payment by such owner or keeper or his agent of (1) a redemption fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00); and (2) the cost of advertising incurred under the provisions of G.S. § 22-332. When the owner or keeper of any such impounded dog, cat or other animal fails to redeem such dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving notification to do so, or, where the owner was unknown, within twenty-four (24) hours after notification was effected by means of publication in a newspaper, such owner or keeper shall pay, in addition to such redemption fee and cost of advertising, the amount determined by the interlocal animal control officer to be the full cost of detention and care of such impounded dog, cat or other animal.

The owner or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal impounded for the purposes of quarantine, as set forth in G.S. § 22-358 and § 22-359, shall pay the amount determined by the interlocal animal control officer to be the full cost of detention and care of such quarantine animal.

Any owner or keeper of any impounded dog, cat or other animal who fails to redeem such dog, cat or other animal within one hundred twenty (120) hours after receiving notification to do so shall have committed an infraction.

All fees collected pursuant to this section will be deposited into a segregated interlocal animal control facility fund to be used for operating expenses of such interlocal animal control program, which serves the towns of Harwinton and Litchfield."

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §7-157(b).

Adopted by town meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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