

MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT

ORDINANCE # 09-_____

**A LOCAL ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPAY AND NEUTER
REQUIREMENT FOR ANIMALS ADOPTED FROM THE MADISON
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER.**

**WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court supports a Spay-
Neuter Initiative; and**

**WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Court to have every animal placed
for adoption to be altered, within a safe, reasonable time upon
the adoption;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MADISON COUNTY
FISCAL COURT AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That as of the effective date of this ordinance, all canines and felines adopted from the Madison County Animal Shelter shall be altered by the adopting person within 120 days from the date the animal is released from the shelter.

Section 2. That in the event that the animal is not mature enough or healthy enough to be altered within the time frame addressed above, it shall be done within 30 days after it has been determined by a veterinarian that it is safe to perform the alteration.

Section 3. That written proof of the alteration shall be supplied to the shelter within 7 days of the procedure.

Section 4. That in the event the procedure is not performed within the time frame outlined above, the adoption process shall be deemed incomplete and void. The adopting party shall return the animal to the shelter at the conclusion of the applicable time period.

Section 5. That any and all fees paid at the commencement of the adoption shall be non-refundable, regardless of whether the adoption is completed by the alteration.

Section 6. That any person who fails to complete the adoption process by failing to have an animal altered pursuant to this ordinance shall be prohibited from adopting animals from the shelter in the future.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall not apply to those individuals who claim an animal after submitting sufficient proof that he/she is the rightful owner of said animal.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be published according to applicable Kentucky Revised Statute.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be referred to as the Madison County Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter ordinance.

THIS ORDINANCE NO. 09-_____ SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

INTRODUCED, SECONDED AND GIVEN FIRST READING APPROVAL at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Madison County, Kentucky held on the _____ day of _____, 2009.

GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Madison County, Kentucky, held on the _____ day of _____, 2009, and of record in Fiscal Court Order Book _____, Page _____.

DATE ADOPTED: _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

VOTE:	YES	NO
Magistrate Roger Barger	_____	_____
Magistrate Harold Botner	_____	_____
Magistrate William Tudor	_____	_____
Magistrate Larry Combs	_____	_____
Judge Kent Clark	_____	_____

MADISON COUNTY JUDGE/ EXECUTIVE

Attest:

Madison County Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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3-22-09

Dear Madison Count Fiscal Court members,

I am writing to comment on the proposed spay/neuter ordinance you are considering. I enthusiastically support the ordinance, and I think that it has the potential to help reduce the overpopulation problem that Madison County, as well as all of Kentucky, experiences. Pets require responsibility, and sometimes it doesn't hurt to give a little "push" towards that responsibility.

I do question the 120 day time limit for getting the pets altered. The gestation period for dogs and cats is only 63 days, so many of these animals could reproduce well before the 120 day limit. I also think it might be difficult to track down some of the owners/pets after 4 months, and that better compliance and success would be achieved with a 60 day limit. In my experience, the vast majority of households know if the pet is "working out" by then.

Thanks for all your good work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Taylor, DVM, ABVP". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jack Taylor, DVM, ABVP
Companion Animal Specialty