



Town of Brant
Erie County New York
Resolution # 355
Adopted December 14, 2010

I, Thea A. Ells, Town Clerk of the Town of Brant, Erie County, New York, do hereby certify that at an adjourned, regular meeting of the Town Board of the aforesaid town, on the 14th day of December 2010 at the Brant Town Hall, 1294 Brant North Collins Rd, Brant, New York, the following resolution was adopted, every member present therefore, to wit:

On a motion from Councilman Gier, seconded by Supervisor Pero, the following resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of the following members present: **4 AYES- 0 NAYS - 1 Absent**

Councilman Gier	Voting	Aye
Supervisor Pero	Voting	Aye
Councilwoman Kujawinski	Voting	Aye
Councilman Borngraber	Voting	Aye
Councilman Fullone	Absent	

It is hereby resolved by the Town of Brant; Erie County, State of New York that:

**OPPOSITION TO SPAY/NEUTER SURCHARGES
FOR ALTERED DOGS**

WHEREAS, The State of New York, Department of Agriculture, has always imposed a three dollar surcharge to be added to the license fee for un-spayed and un-neutered dogs,

WHEREAS, this three dollar surcharge, paid by owners of intact dogs was then used to control dog populations by funding spay/neuter programs, thereby putting the cost of such programs on those who choose to keep their dogs intact,

WHEREAS, Responsible dog owners who have sterilized their dogs through spaying or neutering, were therefore able to enjoy a reduced licensing fee, exempt from spay/neuter fees of any kind,

WHEREAS, The State of New York, Department of Agriculture, as of January 1, 2011 has transferred dog licensing to the local Government level, while maintaining the original three dollar spay and neuter fee, now called a spay/neuter surcharge, AND imposing a new spay and neuter surcharge of one dollar to be added to the licensing fee of each altered dog,

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, The Brant Town Board opposes the imposition of a new spay neuter surcharge meant for owners who have responsibly sterilized their dogs, thereby contributing to the control of the State of New York's dog population.

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Town of Brant will make its opposition known with the adoption of this Resolution # 355 which will be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, the County of Erie, and the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture, Patrick Hooker.

IT WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of the Town of Brant, Erie County, New York the 14th day of December 2010 .


Thea A. Ells, Brant Town Clerk

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