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WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is the legislative and governing body of Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, authorized to exercise governmental powers pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida and Section 125.01, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, parts of the Code of Ordinances must be revised, repealed, adopted and or amended.

Section 1. Amending Article II, Section 14-37 entitled Adoption and redemption of animals. Article II, Section 14-37(1)(d) is amended as follows:

- i. first time impounded at-large animals, upon owner's payment of a \$250 fee, cost of an unaltered license and any other applicable fees;
- ii. animals impounded for the first time for reasons other than being at-large;
- iii. first time impounded animals having a current unaltered license and microchip;
- iv. animals too young or infirm to be sterilized as determined by the shelter veterinarian.

Section 2. Amending Article II, Section 14-45 entitled Dangerous dogs. Article II, Section 14-45(d)(4) is amended as follows:

(d)(4) Unless the statutory penalty requires that the animal be destroyed, a dog that has been impounded which is subsequently classified as dangerous shall remain impounded until the owner purchases a certificate of registration and provides for its secure confinement in accordance with this section. If the owner does not make such provisions within 14 days of the latter of:

- a. the final order of classification of dangerousness; or,
 - b. the conclusion of any appeal which is decided adversely to the owner,
- the dog shall be deemed abandoned. The owner shall be responsible for boarding fees, veterinary and other costs incurred by the county to maintain the dog during impoundment.

Section 3. Deleting Article II, Section 14-47 entitled Special fees and costs. Article II, Section 14-47 is deleted in its entirety.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed so as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Codification. The publisher of the County's Code of Ordinances, the Municipal Code Corporation, is directed to incorporate this article into the Code of Ordinances where indicated.

Section 6. Modification. The provisions of this Ordinance may be modified as a result of considerations that may arise during public hearings. Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version of the ordinance adopted by the Board and filed with the Clerk.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in open session, with a quorum present and voting, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

ANGELA VICK, CLERK

RONALD E. KITCHEN, JR., CHAIRMAN

69 APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
70 RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

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72 DENISE A. DYMOND LYN,
73 COUNTY ATTORNEY