



## **SPAY, NEUTER, MICROCHIP ORDINANCE BEING DRAFTED HUNTINGTON BEACH**

Huntington Beach is the first city in Orange County to consider a program that would make it mandatory for pet owners to spay or neuter and to have microchips inserted in their cats and dogs.

Animals exempt from the program would be law-enforcement dogs, service dogs and animals that are bred for competition.

Civil citations would be issued to owners who do not comply.

Once the law is enforced, owners would have a 30-day grace period to show proof of sterilization and the inserted microchip.

A fine of \$150 could be levied; the penalty would be increased by \$50 every 30 days up to a maximum of \$500.

The City Council meets at 6 p.m. at council chambers at the Civic Center, 2000 Main St.

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