

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD )

ORDINANCE NO. 20-21-771

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**WHEREAS**, Edgefield County through Resolution No. 11-12-344 agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aiken County SPCA, now known as the SPCA Albrecht Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Edgefield County has other Veterinarians in the County willing to provide this service; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU established the County's willingness to work on a low cost spay and neuter program and to set aside \$5,000 in funding for this program for low-income families.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

Section 1: Council revises and replaces Section 6-10 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances as follows:

- (a) Council approves the Spay/Neuter Voucher program for dogs and cats in low-income households in Edgefield County. Criteria for program eligibility and applications shall be maintained by the County Administrator.
  
- (b) The reimbursement amounts by the County to the SPCA Albrecht Center or other participating, licensed veterinarian clinic for veterinarian services provided to dogs and cats for low-income families are as follows:
  - Cat Spay \$55
  - Cat Neuter \$40
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- (c) The veterinarian/clinic is required to obtain proof that the animal has received its state-mandated rabies shot, and, if not, to vaccinate the animal. The veterinarian/clinic is also required to microchip the animal prior to returning to the owner. The costs of the rabies shot and the microchipping will be covered by the \$15 application fee which will be remitted to the SPCA or Veterinarian on the day of the procedure. The SPCA or Veterinarian may also require the animal to have a DHPP vaccine which will be paid by the applicant to the SPCA or Veterinarian.

**Section 2: Savings Clause.** If any portion of this Ordinance is deemed unlawful, unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity and binding effect of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 3: Effectiveness.** This Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon third reading by County Council.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

Edgefield County Council

ATTEST

Edgefield County Council

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Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council

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H. Scott Cooper, Chair

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment A

### The Edgefield County Spay and Neuter Program Information Sheet

**Objective:** To help reduce the unwanted pet population and to help reduce the intake for the animal shelter.

**Qualifications:** Residents of Edgefield County whose incomes fall within the following HUD Income Guidelines qualify for the spay/neuter voucher.

Edgefield County HUD Income Qualification								
Family Members:	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
Income:	\$31,850	\$36,400	\$40,950	\$45,450	\$49,100	\$52,750	\$56,400	\$60,000

**Explanation of Program:** An individual wishing to participate in the spay/neuter program would fill out an application with questions about ownership, address, description of the animal, etc. The applicant signs the form testifying that their income falls within the Income Qualifications, above. If qualified, the applicant and requested service provider will be notified to have the animal(s) sterilized at the SPCA Albrecht Center or participating Veterinarian office.

The pet owner will then schedule the procedure at the facility of their choosing out of the two on the form. Edgefield County will reimburse to the veterinary service provider as provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**What do you do with the application:** The owner mails, fills out online, or delivers the application to County Administration at 124 Courthouse Square, Edgefield, SC 29824. After verification of residency in Edgefield County, the County will send email notification to the pet owner and the chosen service provider. A hard copy can be mailed if you don't have email but you will need to let us know when you submit the application.

**Where can citizens get an application:** Applications can be obtained on the Edgefield County website, <https://edgefieldcounty.sc.gov/spay-neuter-application/>, or the application can be picked up from the County Administration Office at 124 Courthouse Square in Edgefield.

## Edgefield County Spay and Neuter Program Application/Voucher

The undersigned is a resident of Edgefield County and is seeking to apply for the Edgefield County Spay & Neuter Voucher Program.

I hereby consent and authorize the SPCA Albrecht Center or other participating veterinarian office to receive, prescribe for, treat, and operate upon my animal.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ SC Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*We will email your voucher. If you need a hard copy mailed, please let us know.

**Pet Information**

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Cat or Dog Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pet's Color \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial by **Both** of the following:

I understand my pet may have a pre-existing health condition which may not be apparent at the time of surgery and could increase anesthetic and post-surgical recovery risk. I also understand that preoperative lab work such as CBC, BMP, EKG etc. will not be performed before surgery and am agreeable with this.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this consent/application, I assume all risks and hold harmless Edgefield County and the SPCA Albrecht Center or other participating veterinarian and waive all claims I later may have which may relate to the services provided to my pet under this Program.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial by **One** of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish for the service to be provided by the SPCA Albrecht Center

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish for the service to be provided by the Edgefield Veterinary Clinic

The applicant has an annual household income equal to or less than as indicated in the chart below:  
**Please circle one of the following:**

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*Affidavit: I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that I am the owner of the subject animal, and the information that I have provided on this application is true. I accept any penalties set forth by law for providing false information about my income qualifications for this program.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature** **Date**

For Office Use Only: **Vouchers must be redeemed within 90 days of the approval date.**

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

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