

City to residents: If it barks or meows, tag it

Did you know that your dog or cat must be registered with the city of Manitou Springs? Most owners apparently do not, since only 70 dog and cat owners have paid the required fees to license their pets.

Since 1999, the city has required pet owners to obtain licenses from the Finance Department. Licenses cost \$8 for spayed or neutered pets and \$20 for unfixed animals.

Mayor-elect Marc Snyder said he found it difficult to believe there are only 70 companion animals living in the city. The subject came up at Tuesday's Council meeting, when Council renewed its annual agreement with the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

Getting a license benefits owners, by enabling the city to identify a lost pet so it doesn't have to be taken to the Humane Society, Acting City Clerk Kari Kilroy said.

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