

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.03.010 (LICENSE REQUIRED – FEES) TO INCLUDE A TWO-YEAR ANIMAL LICENSE PERIOD AND MAKE MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (CEQA EXEMPT)

WHEREAS, California Food and Agricultural Code Section 30501 provides for the regulation and licensing of dogs and cats by a county or city; and

WHEREAS, California Food and Agricultural Code Section 30801 provides the authority to issue animal licenses for a period of one, two, or three years, provided the license period does not extend beyond the remaining period of validity for the animal's current rabies vaccination; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 8.03.010 already provides for one- and three-year animal licenses and staff recommends adding a two-year animal license option to assist pet owners with keeping an animal's license current as it better aligns with most animals' rabies vaccination schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 8.03.010 (License required – Fees) to add a two-year animal license period and make minor administrative updates.

Section 2: Findings

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Finding: The revision of Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 8.03.010 as set forth herein is not a Project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4).

Evidence: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) states that the term Project does not include activities involving the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The inclusion of a two-year animal license, with a fee set by resolution of the City Council, does not involve a project with any physical impact on the environment and therefore requires no further environmental review.

General Plan

Finding: The establishment of a two-year animal license period is consistent with the goals and policies of the Elk Grove General Plan.

Evidence: Animal Licensing exists to protect the community against the threat of rabies spreading amongst the domestic animal and human population. Every person owning, possessing, keeping, harboring or having custody of any dog or cat over four months old is required to provide proof of a valid rabies vaccination and obtain an Animal License. The License may extend for a period of one, two, or three years provided the dog or cat has attained the age of 12 months, or older, and has a valid

current rabies vaccination. The period of the License shall not extend beyond the remaining period of validity for the current rabies vaccination. Specifically, this action aligns with General Plan Policy SAF-1: a safe community. Vaccinating the domestic animal population that co-habitates with humans against rabies protects the community from spillover of the rabies virus from wildlife reservoirs of the disease.

Section 3: Action

Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 8.03.010 License required- Fees is hereby revised as follows:

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D. The license fee may be prepaid for a one (1) year, two (2) year, or a three (3) year period; provided, that the applicant presents a valid rabies vaccination certificate extending beyond the ~~remaining period of validity~~ term of the license ~~for which requested~~ by the applicant desires.

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Section 4: No Mandatory Duty of Care.

This ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed or given effect in a manner that imposes upon the City or any officer or employee thereof a mandatory duty of care towards persons and property within or without the City, so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

Section 5: Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable. This City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the ordinance be enforced.

Section 6: Savings Clause

The provisions of this ordinance shall not affect or impair an act done or right vested or approved or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such act done, or right vested or accrued, or proceeding, suit or prosecution shall remain in full force and effect to all intents and purposes as if such ordinance or part thereof so repealed had remained in force. No offense committed and no liability, penalty or forfeiture, either civilly or criminally incurred prior to the time when any such ordinance or part thereof shall be repealed or altered by said Code shall be discharged or affected by such repeal or alteration; but prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties or forfeitures shall be instituted and proceeded with in all respects as if such prior ordinance or part thereof had not been repealed or altered.

Section 7: Effective Date and Publication

This Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2026. In lieu of publication of the full text of the ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary of the ordinance may be published at least five (5) days prior to and fifteen (15) days after adoption by the City Council and a certified copy shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk, pursuant to GC 36933(c)(1).

ORDINANCE: **05-2026**
INTRODUCED: April 22, 2026
ADOPTED: May 13, 2026
EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2026



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY

Date signed: May 14, 2026

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, published and posted in compliance with State law, was duly introduced on April 22, 2026, and approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on May 13, 2026, by the following vote:

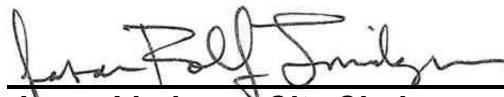
AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Singh-Allen, Suen, Brewer, Robles, Spease*

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

A summary of the ordinance was published pursuant to GC 36933(c) (1).



Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California