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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 3, 2025 11:37 PM  
**To:** Lawrence Mackey  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding case [REDACTED]

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Regarding case [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

March 5, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I support that Lake County, Illinois "Definition of Owner" in ordinance #172.02 should be updated and be aligned with State of Illinois "definition of Owner" as so ordered and to include caretakers caring for and attending to as owners thereby protecting feral cats in Lake County Illinois as they are in the state of Illinois policies.

These animals are victims of circumstance beyond their control, the organizations such as FATCAT rescue, Spay and Stay, and Gutter Cats along with lots of individuals as well as their caretaker partners, have taken on the task of vetting the feral cat population in an attempt to humanely manage feral cats in Lake County, Illinois.

We are all strong and in alliance together in the caring, maintenance and protection of the feral cats in our communities though out Lake County, Illinois.

I am active supporter of all the above stated caretaker organizations

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 4:35 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments for revised Ordinances Chapter 172

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To Whom it May Concern regarding Lake County Ordinance 172  
Care of Larry Mackey:

Spay and Stay has some concerns and notes regarding the revised ordinance as well as the fees from LCAC.

More clarification is needed on the differences between "owner", "caretaker", and "harborer". It would be good if it was specified that anyone who has cats participating in a TNR program be exempt from any "animal at-large" violations or fees.

Education should also include information regarding pets versus at-large animals (including feral cats). This information should require a representative of a TNR organization present in order to help promote accurate information for TNR services.

The revised list of fees offers distempers but no rabies vaccinations. This should be updated.

Municipal contract fees list disposal fees: are these regarding already deceased animals?

Duplicate fees charged to TNR organizations and caretakers: When LCAC collects an animal from a Lake County municipality, they have an agreement for charges regarding transportation (and other fees) for that municipality. When Spay and Stay members or caretakers pickup colony cats from LCAC, they are also charged a transportation fee on top of boarding and rabies fees (if animal is not up to date on vaccination). Why is a transportation fee being applied twice?

Why are we being charged boarding fees when these are stray or feral cats, living outdoors with no permanent shelter and no actual owners? Animals are often picked up the same day as well, which should not cost a boarding fee. What is the definition of a "day" that applies to such a fee? Overnight?

We are a 501(c)3 organization that is supported with funds via donations and grants. We receive no public funds. There should be a limit to what fees we as an organization (or our caretakers) pay: vaccinations and overnight boarding is acceptable; transportation is not). We offer services to the public that LCAC is unable to, and it feels like we are being punished for it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Vice-President of Spay and Stay Board of Directors  
on behalf of Spay and Stay