

Considerations for Licensing of Cats

- Low compliance
- Caretakers of cats do not necessarily consider themselves the cat's owner
- Does not justify the costs to enforce
- Multiple Maui County ordinances would need revisions
- Extended stray holds would exceed MHS's capacity for care, requiring additional housing and staff
- Licensing fees can deter use of spay/neuter programs
- In all other states, licensing is tied to rabies vaccinations which is not applicable here
- If identification and reunification is the goal, MHS is already microchipping all cats spayed/neutered at our clinic or who are adopted

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