

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/22/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0337

LOG NAME: 23ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORDINANCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, "Animals and Fowl," Article XII, "Animal Shelter Advisory Committee", of the Fort Worth City Code to Increase the Membership of the Committee from Seven to Nine Members and Allow for the Establishment of Qualifications for Positions on the Committee, Other Than the Four Positions Required by State Law

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 6, "Animals and Fowl," Article XII, "Animal Shelter Advisory Committee", of the Fort Worth City Code to increase the membership of the Committee from seven to nine members and allow for the establishment of qualifications for positions on the Committee, other than the four positions required by State law.

DISCUSSION:

On April 19, 1994, the Fort Worth City Council adopted Ordinance No. 11547, establishing the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (ASAC) as required by Texas Health & Safety Code Section 823.005. The purpose of the Committee is to assist City animal shelters with compliance with Chapter 823 and provide recommendations related to the Rabies Control Act and other animal care operations. The Committee is currently composed of seven members, four of which are specifically required by State law. These positions include a licensed veterinarian, a municipal official, a shelter operations representative, and a member of an animal welfare organization.

The attached ordinance amends the City Code to reflect the evolving needs and operational scope of Fort Worth Animal Care & Control. These updates include:

- Expanding the Committee from seven to nine members; and
- Allowing the City to establish additional qualifications for positions on the Committee other than the four specific positions required by state law.

The amendment is intended to ensure broader representation, maintain operational consistency, and enhance the Committee's ability to advise on policies that support both public health and animal welfare.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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