

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-157

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS CREATING AN ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

WHEREAS, Chapter 823 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (“Chapter 823”) provides that the governing body of a municipality in which an animal shelter is located shall appoint an advisory committee to assist in complying with the requirements of Chapter 823; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to advise the City on the requirements of Chapter 823;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There is hereby created an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee pursuant to the authority and provisions of Texas Health and Safety Code § 823.005.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall be to assist the City of Sandy Oaks’ animal shelters in complying with the requirements of Chapter 823. The committee will review and recommend procedures for the care and maintenance of animal shelter facilities and impounded animals to ensure compliance with state law; and periodically review the City’s animal control ordinances and make recommendations for revisions thereof related to the care and maintenance of animal shelter facilities and impounded animals.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP. The City Council shall appoint members of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of (1) one licensed veterinarian; (2) one Alderman; (3) one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter; and (4) one representative from an animal welfare organization. The City Council may additionally appoint any other person it deems necessary for the effectiveness of the committee. It shall not be necessary that the licensed veterinarian, the representative who operates an animal shelter, or the representative of the animal welfare organization to reside within the City limits. The City Council shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as Chair for a term of two year(s).

SECTION 4. TERMS. Terms of members of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall be for two-year periods or until a successor is appointed and qualified to serve the remainder of the term. Terms begin on February 1st of even numbered years.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES. Vacancies on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall be filled by the City Council. Persons appointed to a vacant position serve the remainder of the term.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS. The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall meet a minimum of three times per calendar year, and as needed at the call of the Chair. Meetings of the

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Committee shall designate a member of the committee to record the minutes of the meetings. The person serving as the licensed veterinarian must attend no less than 3 meetings a year of the committee.

SECTION 7. QUORUM. A quorum of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall consist of a majority of the members of the committee. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of any meeting of the committee.

SECTION 8. VOTING. Action by the committee shall require a majority vote of the members in attendance.

SECTION 9. RULES. The committee may adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the passage and approval of this Ordinance.

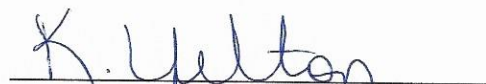
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 23rd day of January, 2020.

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS



Micki L. Ball, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katherine Yelton, City Clerk