CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-206

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-127 CREATING AN ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR GENERAL DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks ("City") adopted Ordinance No. 2019-127 creating an Animal Control Advisory Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council for the purposes of providing a recommendation to the City Council on the establishment, defining, planning and development of the Animal Control Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Oaks is authorized by Local Government Code section 51.001 to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City or to an office or department of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish, define, plan and develop an Animal Control Program to facilitate with the implementation of the City's ordinances on animal control; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to create an Animal Control Advisory Committee for the purposes of providing a recommendation to the City Council on the establishment, defining, planning and development of the Animal Control Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it should adopt this Ordinance to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City desires to amend ordinance No. 2019-127 and adopt this Ordinance to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the community;

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

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There is hereby created an Animal Control Advisory Committee ("Committee") to advise the City Council with respect to animal control matters, including the establishment, defining, planning and development of an animal control program. The Committee is to be composed of at least one (1), but not more than two (2), members of the City Council and citizens appointed by the City Council to serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The Council may determine the number of members, the terms and composition of membership of the advisory committee as it deems necessary for the effectiveness of the Committee. The City Council shall appoint one Alderman as the Chair of the Committee to serve during the duration of his/her term on Council.

SECTION 2. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE. The Committee is authorized to perform the following duties under the supervision of the Chair:

A. Advise the City Council on the establishment, planning and development of an animal control program, including but not limited to the identification of rescue/foster/adoption resources, facility planning, trap/neuter/release education and programs, mobile care units and other findings related to animal control and the City's animal control ordinance.

B. Advise the City Council on the enforcement on all State and local laws relating to the care, custody and control of animals;

C. Make recommendations to the City Council on any amendments, revisions, or updates to ordinances or resolutions related to animal control;

D. Assist in the cleaning, assessment, maintenance and monitoring of equipment and supplies related to the City's animal control, such as carriers and cages for the temporary holding, care or transportation of animals; and

E. Any other duties as prescribed by the Chair of the Committee or City Council to assist the City in administering its animal control ordinance and developing an animal control program.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS. Meetings of the Committee may be open to the public in accordance with the rules adopted by the Committee. The Committee shall designate a member of the Committee to record the minutes of the meeting or make a recording of each meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM. The Committee is an advisory committee with no legislative functions, and therefore a quorum is not required to be present for a meeting.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Action by the Committee shall require a majority vote of the members in attendance. The Chair votes only in the case of a tied vote.

SECTION 6. RULES. The Committee may adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings.

SECTION 7. REPEALER CLAUSE. The City Council hereby amends Ordinance No. 2019-127 and repeals any part inconsistent or in conflict herewith, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the passage and approval of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of July 2022.

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

Charles Fillinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine Yelton, City Secretary