

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-228

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-220 TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2020-157 and amended by Ordinance 2023-220, the City Council created the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee pursuant to Chapter 823 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (“Chapter 823”) to assist the City in complying with the requirements of Chapter 823; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-___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 an animal control program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to limit the duties of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to assisting the Animal Control Division of the Sandy Oaks Police Department and City Council in complying with 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 (“Committee”) pursuant to the authority and provisions of Texas Health and Safety Code § 823.005.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND GENERAL DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE. The purpose of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee shall be to assist the Animal Control Division of the Sandy Oaks Police Department, City Council, and 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 14th day of March, 2024.

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS



Michael Martinez, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Katherine Yelton, City Clerk