

ORDINANCE NO. 3346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, "ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE," CHAPTER 6, "ANIMALS AND FOWL," OF THE WAXAHACHIE CITY CODE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas ("**City Council**"), has determined that the adoption of this ordinance best serves the general welfare of the City of Waxahachie, Texas ("**City**"), and its residents by amending the Animal Care Advisory Committee to assist in ensuring compliance with animal shelter standards and will promote and preserve the public health, safety, and welfare.

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

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing premises are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That Article VIII, "Animal Care Advisory Committee," Chapter 6, "Animals and Fowl," of the Waxahachie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE VIII

ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Sec. 6.85 – Created

There is hereby created in and for the City of Waxahachie the Waxahachie Animal Care Advisory Committee ("**Committee**").

Sec. 6.86 – Composition

The membership of the Committee shall be composed of at least:

- (a) one licensed veterinarian;
- (b) one county or municipal official;
- (c) one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter;
- (d) one representative from an animal welfare organization; and
- (e) one citizen.

Sec. 6.87 – Appointment

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the City Council.

Sec. 6.88 – Purpose and authority

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall make recommendations to City Staff and City Council in complying with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 or successor, as amended, and, in an advisory capacity, assist the City in establishing procedures applicable to the City's animal services program.

Sec. 6.89 – Compensation

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 6.90 – Terms

Persons appointed to the Committee by City Council shall serve for a term of two (2) years, without terms limits, and each member shall serve at the will and pleasure of the City Council. Any member who fails to attend more than two Committee meetings in succession shall automatically vacate the member's position on the Committee. In that event, or in the event of a resignation from the Committee, the City Council shall name a successor from the same representative group.

Sec. 6.91 – Removal of member

The City Council may remove from office any member of the Committee for any cause deemed by the Council to be in the best interest of the city.

Sec. 6.92 – Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least three times per year, or as specified by the Texas Health and Safety Code, if amended.

Sec. 6.93 – Obligations, liabilities of city not to be made

The Committee shall not have any authority to create legal obligations or liabilities of the City. Nothing herein grants the Committee the privilege to manage City Staff, issue policy, create or alter fees, or otherwise interfere with the operations of the City's animal services program. Recommendations shall be considered for implementation by the appropriate authority (City Staff or City Council) depending upon the nature of the recommendation."

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of the caption as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.



The City of Waxahachie, Texas


David Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary