ORDINANCE NO.: 2017-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS AND FOWL BY ADDING ARTICLE IV., ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OZARK, ALABAMA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ozark City Council that Chapter 4. Animals and Fowl, be amended by adding Article IV. Animal Shelter Operations., Sections 4-60, 4-61 and 4-62 so that it shall read in its entirety as set forth herein.

SECTION 1. Section 4-60. Animal Shelter Operations., is hereby added so that Sec. 4-60. Rules and Procedures., shall read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE IV. ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS

"Sec. 4-60. Rules and Procedures.

The Police Department shall promulgate rules and procedures for the operation and management of an animal shelter that shall be used for enforcement of this Article and for any other humane care of animals. The rules and procedures so promulgated shall be know as Ozark Police Department Animal Shelter Standard Operation Procedures which must be approved by the Mayor and City Council. The Standard Operating Procedures may be amended from time to time in the same manner as first approved."

SECTION 2. Section 4-61. Adoptions., is hereby added so that Sec. 4-61. Adoptions., shall read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 4-61. Adoptions.

The Ozark Police Department Animal Shelter Standard Operation Procedures shall provide guidelines, rules and procedures for the adoption of sheltered animals. The fee due to the City for the adoption of a dog shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus the reimbursement of veterinary expense incurred for such dog. The fee due to the City for the adoption of a cat shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) plus the reimbursement of veterinary expense incurred for such cat."

SECTION 3. Section 4-62. Voluntary Surrender., is hereby added so that Sec. 4-62. Voluntary Surrender shall read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 4-62. Voluntary Surrender.

The Ozark Police Department Animal Shelter Standard Operation Procedures shall provide guidelines, rules and procedures for the voluntary surrender by

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owners of dogs and cats to the Animal Shelter. The fee due to the City for the voluntary surrender of a dog shall be \$25.00 and the fee for the voluntary surrender of a cat shall be \$20.00. Voluntary surrender by an owner of a dog or a cat shall terminate all ownership interest of said owner as to the surrendered animal. The Animal Shelter shall not accept a voluntary surrender of any animal unless the owner shall prove an economic or personal hardship that would adversely affect to humane care of such animal."

SECTION 4. Severability. In the event that any provision of this ordinance should be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, then in such event the remaining portions of this ordinance shall remain and be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, this the _______, 2017.

Frank Garrett, Council President

Bob Bunting, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Bruggink, City Clerk