

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-32 “BOARD COMPOSITION” OF ARTICLE II “ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD” OF CHAPTER 5 “ANIMALS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare Board was constituted to make recommendations in connection with the operation of the Animal Shelter and other matters as requested by City Staff or the City Council;

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

Section 1. That Section 5-32 “Board Composition” of Article II “Animal Welfare Board” of Chapter 5 “Animals” is hereby amended to read as follows (additions/deletions):

Sec. 5-32. Board composition.

The animal welfare board shall consist of one licensed veterinarian, one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter, two representatives from an animal welfare organization, a city official who shall be appointed by the city council, one official from a city or county that contracts with the City of Waco for the use of the animal shelter and animal shelter services, and one appointee from each council district and the mayor to total 12 ~~11~~ members. A quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members qualified and serving on said board. The term of each board member shall be two years, except that the initial appointments shall be staggered terms so that two positions expire after one year. The persons appointed to this board shall be persons who are interested in animal welfare or who have knowledge or training about animal behavior, health, or care. The board shall be composed of residents of the city and of the surrounding communities.

Section 2. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance and the remainder of such ordinance shall continue in full force and effect the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof.

Section 3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be constructed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or prior ordinance; nor shall any legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That it is the intention of the City Council and is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waco, Texas, and that sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage as provided by the City Charter of the City of Waco.

Section 7. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED:

First Reading: this 15th day of October 2024.

Second Reading: this 5th day of November 2024.

Jim Holmes, Mayor
City of Waco, Texas

ATTEST:

Michelle Hicks, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

Kathleen Perdon, Acting City Attorney