

## ORDINANCE – DOUGLAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County Animal Control provides various services with respect to animal control in the County (and certain cities by contract);

**WHEREAS**, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners created the Animal Control Advisory Board in May 2007 to advise the Board of Commissioners on various animal issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners that the following amendments to Chapter 5, Article XI, Section 5-110 of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances relating to the Animal Control Advisory Board be amended as follows:

### Section 1.

#### **ARTICLE XI. ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD**

##### **Sec. 5-110. - Animal control advisory board.**

~~(a) Membership. The county animal advisory board is hereby created. The Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) shall be composed of eight (8) members. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the board of commissioners. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the City of Douglasville mayor and council. The remaining member shall be a veterinarian appointed by the remaining seven (7) members. An elected official may not serve as a member of the Board. All members of the Board must reside within Douglas County. A member of the county animal services department will serve as secretary to the ACAB. Unless otherwise authorized by subsequent ordinance, the members of the ACAB shall serve without compensation.~~

(a) The Board shall be composed of 8 members consisting of seven (7) voting members and one (1) non-voting veterinarian: The City Council shall appoint two (2) voting members to the Board; each of the four (4) District County Commissioners shall appoint from his or her District one (1) voting member; the BOC Chair shall appoint one (1) voting member to the Board; the BOC shall vote final approval of the District Commissioner's and the BOC Chair's appointees; a veterinarian shall be selected and appointed by the Board from a list provided by the Director. The preferred qualifications of candidates for a selection or appointment process should include experience in: Business, operations, animal services, non-profit organization, public sector, legal and/or community engagement.

~~(b) Terms. Initially, three (3) of the county's appointees and one (1) of the city's appointees shall serve a one year term. The remaining appointees shall serve a two year term. All members shall thereafter serve two year terms.~~

(b) Members shall serve a two (2) year Term and have their seat reconsidered by their Commissioner of appointment every two (2) years thereafter. Board Member serve at the discretion of a member's appointing Commissioner and may be removed by that Commissioner at any time and for any reason, except as provided by law or upon expiration of the Board Member's Term; The Board as a whole may be dissolved by the BOC for any reason or no reason without cause.

~~(c) Duties. In addition to such other powers and duties as may be set forth in this chapter, the ACAB shall have the power and duty to:~~

- ~~(1) Study animal related issues and make recommendations to the board of commissioners;~~
- ~~(2) Review and make recommendations to the board of commissioners regarding ordinances relating to the control and welfare of animals in the unincorporated county;~~
- ~~(3) Supply reports to the board of commissioners at such frequency as the board may require;~~
- ~~(4) Other duties as prescribed by the board of commissioners.~~

(c) Duties. In addition to such other powers and duties as may be set forth in this chapter, the ACAB shall have the power and duty to:

- (1) Serve in an advisory capacity providing recommendations to the BOC, the City, and the Director of DCAS
- (2) Encourage Responsible pet ownership, ensure the humane treatment of all animals and promote public safety through recommendations to the BOC of animal control ordinances for the County and City
- (3) Provide reports to the BOC quarterly or at such frequency as requested by same relating to animal welfare in the community and DCAS data, including operations and facility inspection reports provided monthly to the ASAB by the Director of Animal Services
- (4) Assist with a county-wide public information program to inform County and City residents about DCAS programs as well as to promote the general safety and welfare of animals across the County.
- (5) To provide public awareness through BOC-approved social media, word of mouth, advertising, and public engagement
- (6) Endorse and support the philosophy of humane care, humane housing and humane treatment of all animals including those impounded with or in the custody of DCAS

## Section 2.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

## Section 3.

This Ordinance is approved and shall become effective on this 18th day of April 2023.

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Tarenia Carthan, Vice Chairman

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Watson, County Clerk