

## ORDINANCE 2023-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-02, THE CITY OF WESLACO ANIMAL SHELTER ORDINANCE; CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 22 DIVISION 8 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING NEW REGULATIONS; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TEXAS THAT:

### SECTION I.

Ordinance Number 2012-02 passed and approved on January 17, 2012 as “Animal Shelter Ordinance” and Codified as Chapter 22 Division 8 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances is hereby amended.

### SECTION II.

After second and final reading of this Ordinance the new Animal Shelter Ordinance will be adopted and codified as Chapter 22 Division 8 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances and said Chapter shall read as follows:

## CHAPTER 22 DIVISION 8 ANIMAL SHELTER ORDINANCE

### Sec. 22-19- Definition

Weslaco Animal Care Services Partnerships- Shall mean any business owner, corporation or charity group that partners with Weslaco Animal Care Services to host adoption events at their establishments. The partner may require at their discretion that the City assess a minimum adoption fee for hosting adoption events at their establishment. Adopters at these events must comply with Section 22-192 of this ordinance.

### Sec. 22-191. – Acceptance of donations, gift, or bequests

The Planning & Code Enforcement Director, Health Official or their designee is authorized to accept on behalf the city, donations, gifts, and bequest, which shall be used solely for the care of the animal in the care and control of the city. Funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose for which they were donated.

### Sec. 22-192. – Partnership Adoption Events: adoption process and fees

Animals adopted through or as part of an adoption event hosted by Weslaco Animal Care Services partnerships shall comply with the following adoption procedures and pay the associated fees:

- a) Adopter must complete the City required adoption application and provide all required documentation.
- b) Application will be reviewed for approval by City Animal Control/Care Officers to ensure optimal placement of the animal.

- c) Adopter will pay a non-refundable adoption fee of \$50.00 at time of approval.
- d) If animal has not been spayed/neutered at the time of adoption, proof of procedure must be provided to Weslaco Animal Care Services no later than three months after adoption. In the case of a puppy/kitten proof of procedure must be provided after the animal has turned six-months of age. Failure to do so can result in forfeiture of animal.
- e) Weslaco Animal Care Services will pay for the cost of the spay/neuter procedure. Adopters will be provided with a voucher that can be used only with the City's participating veterinary clinics.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

CITY OF WESLACO

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David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Norma A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY