

ORDINANCE NO. 49-954

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTIONS 6.02.010 THROUGH 6.02.040 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Section 6.02.010 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 6.02.010. Animal Control Advisory Board- Established.

An Animal Control Advisory Board is hereby established.

Section 2. Section 6.02.020 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 6.02.020. Composition.

The animal control advisory board shall consist of representatives of the Wichita Police Department, including the Animal Control Section, as determined by the Chief of Police. A designated representative of the Animal Control Section shall serve as the non-voting, secretary of the board. The board shall consist of seven other at-large members to be appointed by the City Council pursuant to the provision of Section 2.12.030 of the Municipal Code for the City of Wichita, Kansas, with a goal of having one member being a licensed veterinarian and one member from a certified local rescue group. All appointed board members must meet the provisions of Section 2.12.010 of the Municipal Code for the City of Wichita, Kansas. The board shall elect its own chairman and make

such rules as are necessary for the conduct of its business and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2.12.020 of the Municipal Code for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

Section 3. Section 6.02.030 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 6.02.030. Purpose and Duties.

(a) Purpose. The board shall provide recommendations to the Wichita Police Department, Division of Animal Control to encourage responsible pet ownership, ensure the humane treatment of all animals and promote public safety through the recommendation of the animal control ordinances of the City of Wichita, Kansas. The board shall have no authority relative to the interpretation of the administrative provisions of the Municipal Code for the City of Wichita, Kansas nor shall the board be empowered to waive requirements of this Code.

(b) Duties: The board's duties and responsibilities shall include:

1. Provide education to the community through neighborhood meetings and distribution of materials pertaining to ordinances, low cost spay/neuter services, the benefits of micro chipping, and other programs and opportunities to improve the quality of life for pets and the citizens of Wichita;
2. Review existing ordinances and make recommendations for additional ordinances or revisions;
3. Offer community members an opportunity to express concerns about practices within Animal Control and seek constructive solutions to these issues; and
4. Share Animal Control performance metrics with community members.

SECTION 4. Section 6.02.040 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 6.02.040. Meetings.

The board shall meet at least quarterly. The board shall conduct meetings, elect officers, and adopt by-laws in accordance with the policy for boards and commissions as stated in Section 2.12.020 of the Municipal Code for the City of Wichita, Kansas. The Wichita Police Department shall provide the necessary staff support to insure that the board receives informational support and professional and technical assistance necessary to carry on its duties and conduct its meetings.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be included in the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, and shall be effective upon its passage and publication once in the official city paper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 24th day of March, 2015.

Carl Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Sharon Dickgrafe, Interim City Attorney and
Director of Law