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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-1604

AN ORDINANCE

TO ESTABLISH AN ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD AND TO SET FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, it has been determined and it is recommended to the full County Council that an Advisory Board should be established and comprised of various persons and organizations of high integrity and community involvement and, importantly, those who are willing to volunteer their skills and experiences in advising the Lancaster County Animal Shelter in accomplishing its goals of improving care and outcomes for sheltered animals; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the satisfaction of Council that a departmental Advisory Board is a suitable organizational structure by which to accomplish the aforesaid goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power and authority granted to the Lancaster County Council by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the powers granted to the County by the General Assembly of the State, it is ordained and enacted that:

Section 1. The Lancaster County Animal Shelter Advisory Board hereby is established;

Section 2. Board membership shall be comprised of at least one (1) representative from each of the following five (5) categories:

- 1) A local Veterinarian or Veterinary service representative
- 2) An animal care, animal food, or animal products industry representative
- 3) A representative from an animal rescue organization
- 4) An animal owner (canine) – hunting or working dogs
- 5) An animal owner (feline)

Section 3. All Board members must be appointed by County Council. Members serve at the will of Council and shall serve for four (4) year terms; provided that initially two members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms and three members shall be appointed for four (4) year terms. No individual representative shall serve for more than one consecutive term.

Section 4. The Board shall meet at the call of the Animal Shelter Director, but in no event shall the meetings be scheduled less than once every four (4) months. All meetings shall be public meetings and shall comply fully with the South Carolina's Freedom of Information statutes.

Section 5. The Board's responsibilities shall be to study, discuss, and make recommendations to the Animal Shelter Director and Public Services Division Director, and subsequently the County Administrator, on issues related to animal care ordinances, potential improvements to the Animal Shelter, and on fostering cooperation with the Animal Rescue community to further the goals of improving care and outcomes for sheltered animals.

The Board's responsibilities do not include the disposition of individual animal case nor are Board members expected to promote or to participate in fund raising activities.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

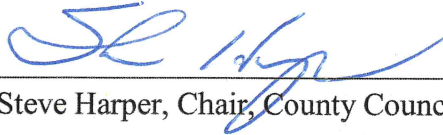
Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon Third Reading.

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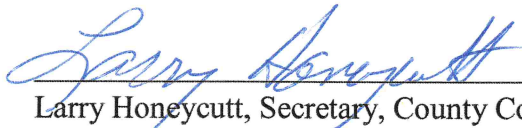
AND IT IS SO ORDAINED

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2019.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

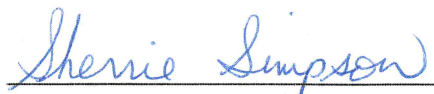


Steve Harper, Chair, County Council



Larry Honeycutt, Secretary, County Council

Attest:



Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading: August 26, 2019
Second Reading: September 9, 2019
Third Reading: September 23, 2019