

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE AMENDED BY-LAWS OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, The City of Abilene created the Animal Control Advisory Committee in 1982 as required by law, and bylaws were adopted; and

WHEREAS, the name of the committee was changed in 2006 to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the City of Abilene contracted with All Kind Animal Initiative to construct and manage a new Pet Adoption and Resource Center; and

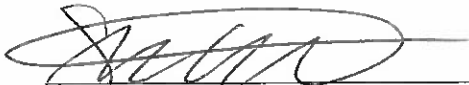
WHEREAS, this amendment reflects changes to keep the by-laws current and add two more members to the Board.,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council adopts the amended by-laws of the Animal Services Advisory Board which are attached hereto as Exhibit A
2. That this Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

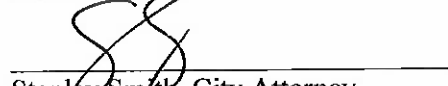
ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 2024.

ATTEST:


Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary


Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, City Attorney



Animal Services Advisory Board Bylaws
[Adopted February 22, 2024]

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The Animal Services Advisory Board shall serve as an advisory committee to assist in complying with the requirements of Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 823, Section 823.005, and shall have those powers granted by Resolution of the City Council and those which may be hereafter approved by the City Council.

The Animal Services Advisory Board shall perform such other duties and undertake such other responsibilities as the City Council may from time to time direct.

MEMBERSHIP

The Animal Services Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members to include one licensed veterinarian, one county or municipal official, one person whose duties include the daily operation of the Abilene Animal Shelter, one representative from an animal welfare organization, and three members-at-large, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Members shall serve three-year terms. Should a vacancy occur for any reason, the Mayor, with the approval of Council, shall appoint a successor Member to serve the remainder of the expired term. Members shall receive no compensation for their serving on this Board.

MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

1.0 Meetings Shall Be Public

Except as otherwise allowed by law, all meetings of the Animal Services Advisory Board shall be public, and notices thereof shall be posted as provided under the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act.

2.0 Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the Animal Services Advisory Board shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure adopted by the City Council, as may be amended from time to time.

3.0 Animal Services Advisory Board Meetings

Meetings shall be held at City Hall unless another convenient place within the City of Abilene is designated by the meeting agenda.

The Animal Services Advisory Board shall meet at least three (3) times per year. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson.

The agenda for any meeting of the Animal Services Advisory Board shall be prepared by the chairperson, or his or her designee, and submitted to the City Secretary.

4.0 Quorum

Four (4) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for all meetings for the transaction of all business.

5.0 Minutes of Meetings

The City Secretary or a representative from the City Secretary's Office shall keep an account of all proceedings of the Animal Services Advisory Board, and such account shall be open to public inspection in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

6.0 Officers

The Member whose duties include the daily operation of the Abilene Animal Shelter or its successor shall serve as the chairperson. The Board may elect such other officers as it may choose.

7.0 The Animal Services Advisory Board shall assist the Abilene Animal Shelter in complying with all the requirements of Chapter 823, Texas Health and Safety Code, and shall be an advisory board only.