

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 4-3.1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-3.1, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HEREAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 4-3.1 in its entirety and adding a new Section 4-3.1 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 4-3.1. Animal Services Advisory Board established.

- (a) An Animal Services Advisory Board (“Board”) is hereby created which shall act as an advisory body to the City and shall:
 - (1) Review operations of the City Animal Shelter;
 - (2) Provide guidance to the Animal Control Division in complying with all provisions of V.T.C.A. Health and Safety Code, Chapter 823, as amended; and
 - (3) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the City Council.
- (b) The Board shall be composed of nine members. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the City Council and shall include the following:
 - (1) A licensed veterinarian with a practice within the city limits of Mesquite;
 - (2) A county or municipal official;
 - (3) An individual whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter;
 - (4) Two representatives from animal welfare organizations that are approved to provide rescue services for the Mesquite Animal Shelter; and
 - (5) Four qualified voters of the City of Mesquite.
- (c) The appointive members shall hold office from the date of appointment until their reappointment or until their successors have been appointed. They shall serve without

compensation for a term of two years and may be removed by the City Council at any time. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

- (d) The Board shall meet at least four times a year.
- (e) The Board shall annually elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - (1) The Chair shall preside over meetings and shall be entitled to vote upon each issue. In the event a question over procedure arises, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.
 - (2) The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in directing the affairs of the Board. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.
- (f) Attendance at all meetings is encouraged. Should a member fail to attend two consecutive meetings without prior notification to the Chair of such absences, that member immediately forfeits his or her office, and the City Secretary shall notify the City Council and the Chair of the vacancy.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That the ordinance shall be effective on and after its date of passage.


DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of February, 2018.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sonja Land
City Secretary


B. J. Smith
City Attorney