

CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 885-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.001, "ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD," OF CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD AND SETTING MEETING DATES FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Joshua recognizes the importance of effective animal control and welfare within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Advisory Board serves as a vital resource in advising the City Council on matters pertaining to animal control policies, regulations, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the composition of the Animal Control Advisory Board to provide for the addition of two (2) alternate members to said Board to ensure adequate representation and participation; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed beneficial to establish regular meeting dates for the Animal Control Advisory Board to facilitate its efficient operation.

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

SECTION 1

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 2.04.001, "Animal Control Advisory Board," of Chapter 2, "Animal Control," of the Joshua Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2.04.001 Animal Control Advisory Board.

- (a) There is hereby created an Animal Control Advisory Board. The Board shall be composed of five (5) persons with the following qualifications: one (1) licensed veterinarian; one (1) animal welfare organization representative; one (1) city

official, one (1) employee from the animal services division and one (1) at-large person. Persons appointed to such positions by the City Council shall serve for a term of two (2) years, so long as they do not fail to attend more than two (2) meetings of the Board in succession. The City Council may appoint two (2) alternate members to the Board who shall serve in the absence of one or more of the regular members and shall have the authority and duties of regular members during such absences. In the event of a resignation of a regular member or alternate member from the Board, the City Council shall name a successor in accordance with this section.

- (b) The Board shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings per calendar year, and the following three (3) dates are hereby designated as regular meeting dates for the Animal Control Advisory Board: (1) third Tuesday of January; (2) third Tuesday of May; and (3) third Tuesday of September.
- (c) The meeting dates specified above may be adjusted by the Chairperson of the Animal Control Advisory Board, in consultation with the City Council, as necessary to accommodate scheduling conflicts or unforeseen circumstances.
- (d) The Board shall perform the following duties:
 - (1) In an advisory capacity to assist the City in complying with the terms of the Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended; and
 - (2) In an advisory capacity assist the City in establishing procedures applicable to the City's animal services program."

SECTION 3

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.

APPROVED:

Scott Kimble

Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Terry Welch

Terrence S. Welch, City Attorney