

ORDINANCE NO. 20260908-017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON, CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, ARTICLE III.-IMPOUNDMENT OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-85, ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION DONATION PROGRAM WITH SUBSECTIONS (A) - (1) AND RESERVING SECTIONS 4-86—4-94; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Angleton, Texas is a home rule municipal corporation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and is empowered to accept donations to assist the City in providing services desired by the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, other cities have previously implemented policies which allow citizens to donate to specific causes and funds maintained by those cities, such as libraries, parks, and animal shelters through extra payments made on the cities' utility bills for these public purposes; and

WHEREAS, such contribution programs have been successful in raising needed funds for the provision and improvement of such municipal services for said public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to implement a similar program whereby the citizens may voluntarily contribute money to the Animal Shelter by making a donation in a specified amount when paying their monthly utility payment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Angleton finds that it is in the best interest of Angleton and its citizens to amend the Code of Ordinances as set forth in this Ordinance, incorporated herein for all purposes, and that such amendments are in furtherance of the health, safety, and general welfare of Angleton pets, City Employees, and visitors of the Animal Shelter Facility;

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

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Angleton, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 4, Animals, Article III.-Impoundment of Certain Animals, by adding a new Section 4-85, Animal Shelter and Adoption Donation Program with subsections (1) - (13); to hereafter read as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", reserving Sections 4-86—4-94, and providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for severability.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances in force when this Ordinance becomes effective which are inconsistent with, or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed insofar as said ordinances are inconsistent with or are in conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. That all rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Chapter and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

SECTION 4. That the City Council of the City of Angleton, Texas does hereby declare that if any Section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council would have passed and ordained any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance without the inclusion of that portion or portions which may be so found to be unconstitutional or invalid, and declares that its intent is to make no portion of this Ordinance dependent upon the validity of any other portion thereof, and that all said remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That the City Council officially determines that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

John Wright
Mayor

ATTEST:

Desiree Henson, TRMC
City Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

Amend Chapter 4-85 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Sec. 4-85. - Animal Shelter and Adoption Donation Program.

Sec. 4-85. - Animal Shelter and Adoption Donation program.

- (1) An Animal Shelter and Adoption Donation program is hereby established which will allow Water Billing customers of the City of Angleton to contribute amounts to fund animal shelter and adoption expenses related to animal welfare. Such expenses include, but are not limited to medical treatment, facilities, transportation, microchipping, spay/neuter, or similar expense for animals only in the care of the City. No program funds shall be used for, or related to, euthanizing animals.
- (2) This program shall be promoted through the City's monthly water bill and other City social media resources.
- (3) Customers interested in participating in the donation program can enroll online or in-person at Water Billing.
- (4) All new water billing accounts opened on or after the date of final passage of this ordinance shall include a recurring \$5.00 donation for this program, unless the customer opts out.
- (5) Water Billing customers will have the option to make a recurring fixed monthly amount or a one-time donation for any amount to this program.
- (6) All funds collected through this program shall be recorded in a City account in fund ____referred to as "Special Purpose", designated only for such donations and used exclusively for animal shelter and adoption center expenses related to animal welfare, as described herein.
- (7) At any time, a customer can stop contributing to the program (e.g., opt out) and such action will be reflected on the customer's next water bill.
- (8) Any City promotional materials shall clearly state that such program contributions are strictly voluntary, not required to be paid, and provide stoppage instructions or option.
- (9) Amounts collected under this section are not considered rates and are not subject to late payment penalties, or other utility related fees, and non-payment may not be the basis for termination of service.
- (10) A donation amount once paid, is not refundable or creditable unless approved by the City Finance Director, or designee.
- (11) Donated program funds will not supplant City funds for animal shelter and adoption expenses related to animal welfare.

- (12) The Finance Department will detail donation program fund's revenues and expenses through the recording of transactions from the Water Billing department as a journal entry.
- (13) The Animal Shelter and Adoption Donation Stewardship Committee shall manage the fund's expenditures pursuant to its policy. Program monies are subject to all City purchasing, auditing, and approving procedures. █