

BLACK = CURRENT ORDINANCE RED = PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Sec. 5-3. Animal control advisory board.

- (a) *Established.* An animal control advisory board is hereby established to be effective October 16, 1984.
- (b) *Mission.* The animal control advisory board shall monitor the operation of the animal services division and render ~~such~~ guidance and assistance ~~as is deemed appropriate in order~~ to "encourage responsible pet ownership." Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during the ~~periodic~~ board meetings. Matters that need immediate attention should be referred to the animal services director.
- (b) *Mission.* The animal control advisory board should monitor the operation of the animal services division and render guidance and assistance. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during the board meetings. Matters that need immediate attention should be referred to the animal services director and the ACAB Chair.
- (c) *Composition of board.* The board shall have nine voting members and ~~one~~ **three** nonvoting members to be appointed as follows:
- (1) ~~Two licensed veterinarians practicing in Columbus who are participating in the "one-stop pet registration-rabies vaccination program" shall serve as voting members. The board members are to be selected by the local veterinary association as a representative of the association, and the selections shall be confirmed by the Columbus Council. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 2-3.02, the veterinarians need not be a resident of Columbus provided that they have a practice at an office located within Columbus and have all required State of Georgia and Columbus professional and business licenses. The veterinarians shall be appointed for two-year terms, except the initial appointments when one veterinarian shall be appointed to a one-year term and one veterinarian shall be appointed to serve a two-year term. The veterinarian appointees shall be eligible to succeed themselves.~~
- (1) a. One Georgia licensed veterinarian shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia licensed veterinarian shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.
- b. One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia veterinary technician shall be appointed for a two year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.
- (2) A designated representative of PAWS Columbus, Inc. confirmed by the Columbus Council shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. The PAWS Columbus Board Member shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve ~~two~~ **three** terms consecutively.

- (3) A representative of a licensed animal shelter or rescue operating in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. The appointment shall be recommended by the licensed animal shelter or rescue and then nominated and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec 2-3.02, they need not be residents of Columbus. This representative shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively.
- (4) Five citizens to be selected by the Columbus Council shall serve as voting members. The citizen members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms, except for the initial appointments upon adoption of this chapter, one citizen shall be appointed to a one-year term and one citizen shall be appointed to a two-year term. The citizen board members may only serve ~~two~~three terms consecutively.
- (5) An employee of the Environmental Health Division, Columbus Department of Public Health shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. The board member is to be appointed by the county board of health and confirmed by the Columbus Council.



- (6) ~~The director of public works or a designee on his staff~~ contract administrator identified by the Mayor and approved by the Council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal control division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board.
 - (7) The animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board.
 - (8) ~~The Animal Control Advisory Board shall elect a Recording Secretary.~~ The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division shall designate a staff member ~~to serve as the recording secretary and~~ provide other clerical and logistical support to the board.
- (d) *Schedule of board meetings.* The board shall meet at a time and place designated by the board chairman. The chairman is authorized to adjust the schedule, except that the board is required to meet at least semiannually.
 - (e) In any event, any member shall abstain from voting upon any issues which touch or bear upon matters in which the member has a pecuniary interest, either proprietorship, salary, or otherwise. In any matter called for a vote in which any member abstains, a failure to win a majority shall constitute a defeat of that issue.