

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance amending Section 5-3 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain provisions regarding the Animal Control Advisory Board; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Section 5-3 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the current Section 5-3 and replacing it with a new paragraph 5-3 to read as follows:

“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 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 three nonvoting members to be appointed as follows:
 - (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 but shall be engaged in practice within fifty miles of any part of the Columbus/Muscogee County limits. 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 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 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 contract administrator identified by the City 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 select a Recording Secretary. The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division shall designate a staff member to 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. “

SECTION 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of October, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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