

• **Sec. 5-3. - Animal ~~control~~ services advisory board.**

(a) *Established.* An animal ~~control~~ services 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.~~

Mission. The Animal Services Advisory Board provides guidance and recommendations to support the mission of the Animal Services Division. The Board focuses on areas as ordinance review and promoting responsible pet ownership, community education and classification-related matters. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during board meetings. Matters requiring immediate attention should be referred to the Animal Services Director and the ASAB Chair. The Animal Services Advisory Board shall also carry out the duties prescribed for it in Section 5-11 of this Chapter.

(c) *Composition of board.* The board shall have ~~nine~~ seven voting members and ~~three~~ two nonvoting members to be appointed as follows:

(1) One Georgia licensed veterinarian ~~or licensed veterinarian technician~~ 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 ~~or licensed veterinarian technician~~ shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.

(2) ~~One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 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.~~

(3) ~~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.~~

(4) ~~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 Section 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) (2) 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) (3) 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) (4) The 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~~ services division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board.
- (7) (5) The animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board for the life of the contract.
- (8) (6) The animal ~~control~~ services advisory board shall elect name a recording secretary The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division 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.

Sec. 5-11. - Dangerous or vicious dogs.

- (a) All requirements concerning the classification, registration and maintenance of dangerous and vicious dogs will be enforced in Columbus as set forth in O.C.G.A Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4, ("Responsible Dog Ownership Law"). The animal services director shall serve as the dog control officer for purposes of implementing the requirements of the state law. The animal ~~control~~ services advisory board is hereby designated as the authority in Columbus charged with making all determinations and hearing all appeals required by the state law.