



CITY OF EVERMAN
212 North Race Street Everman, TX 76140
STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: ORDINANCE NO. 826 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 3 TITLED "ANIMALS AND ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS"; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MEETING DATE: 02/11/2025

PREPARED BY: C. W. Spencer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2023, the City of Forest Hill and the City of Everman entered into an ILA for Municipal Animal Services. Then, in 2024, the cities established the Animal Shelter Advisory Commission that is, amongst their other duties, responsible for reviewing local ordinances and making recommendations for changes in the regulations and functionality of the Municipal Animal Services Department.

As you may recall, the Animal Shelter Advisory Commission consists of seven (7) members:

- (1) Licensed veterinarian;
- (1) City of Everman municipal official;
- (1) City of Forest Hill municipal official;
- (1) Person whose duties include the daily operation of the animal shelter;
- (1) Representative from an animal welfare organization;
- (1) Citizen who is a resident of the City of Everman;
- (1) Citizen who is a resident of the City of Forest Hill.

Over the course of the last 9 months, the Commission has discussed the following:

1. Animal Control duties and enforcement;
2. Animal identification and restraint;

3. Vaccination of dogs and cats;
4. Treatment of animals and unlawful restraint;
5. Dangerous dogs;
6. Wild animals and bees;
7. Animal nuisances;
8. Sale of animals;
9. Spay/neuter of animals.

Based on their discussions, the amended City of Everman Animal Control Ordinance is placed on the agenda. Staff is recommending approval of this ordinance to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of our citizens and animals within the City. This same ordinance was presented to the Forest Hill City Council earlier this month and passed. It has been reviewed by the City Attorney of each municipality

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A