

**CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-1210**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS  
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING  
CHAPTER 2 TITLED “ANIMAL SERVICES” BY ADDING A NEW  
ARTICLE 2.12 TITLED “ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMISSION” TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN  
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION; PROVIDING A  
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council has determined that it is in the public’s best interest to establish the Animal Services Advisory Commission for the purpose of advising, assisting, sponsoring, and promoting activities to bolster the City’s animal shelter and animal services, and in compliance with V.T.C.A. Health and Safety Code Chapter 823.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Hutchins Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by amending Chapter 2 titled “Animal Services” by adding a new Article 2.12 titled “Animal Services Advisory Commission”, to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 2. ANIMAL SERVICES**

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ADD NEW ARTICLE 2.12:

**ARTICLE 2.12           ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**§ 2.12.001       Advisory services commission created; purpose.**

There is hereby created the Animal Services Advisory Commission. The commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the city council with respect to matters concerning regulations for adoption by the city council and recommendations regarding the city’s animal shelter and animal services.

**§ 2.12.002       Composition; terms; qualifications.**

The commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the city council for a term of two (2) years and shall serve until their successor is appointed. The commission members shall

consist of one (1) licensed veterinarian, one (1) municipal official; one (1) person whose duties shall include the daily operation of an animal shelter; one (1) representative from an animal welfare organization; and one (1) citizen who is a resident of the city of Hutchins. The city council shall appoint the chairperson and a vice chairperson. Members of the commission may be removed at any time by the city council with or without cause.

**§ 2.12.003 Duties, operational rules and procedures.**

The commission shall have the following powers and perform the following duties:

- (1) The commission shall meet to discuss ideas that will help ensure the animal shelter is in compliant with the requirements of V.T.C.A. Health and Safety Code Chapter 823, and other applicable state and local laws.
- (2) The commission shall meet to make recommendations to the police chief or their designee for the betterment of the community concerning operations, policies, procedures, new programs, and the improvement of existing programs.
- (3) The commission shall meet at least three (3) times each year.
- (4) A vote of the simple majority of the quorum shall be required for any action taken by the commission.”

**SECTION 2.** That if any article, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance as hereby amended, be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional for any reason, such judgment or holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**IT IS ACCORDINGLY SO ORDAINED.**

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

**CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS**

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Mario Vasquez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Joseph J. Gorfida, Jr., City Attorney  
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