

**CITY OF THE HUTCHINS, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06-1208**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,” BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 9, ENTITLED “FRIENDS OF THE HUTCHINS ANIMAL SERVICES”; ESTABLISHING THE COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE COLONY ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hutchins, Texas, finds and determines it is in the best interest of the City to establish the Friends of The Hutchins Animal Services board as a board of the City of Hutchins, Texas, for the purpose of advising, assisting, sponsoring, and promoting activities that bolster the animal shelter and animal services for the City of Hutchins, Texas.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hutchins, Texas be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 2, Article II, entitled “Boards and Commissions”, by adding a new division 9, entitled “Friends of The Hutchins Animal Services,” which shall read as follows:

**“DIVISION 9. FRIENDS OF THE COLONY ANIMAL SERVICES**

**Sec. 2-298. Advisory board created; purpose.**

There is hereby created the Friends of The Hutchins Animal Services advisory board. The board shall act in an advisory capacity to the city council with respect to matters concerning regulations for adoption by the city council and recommendations concerning the City of Hutchins Animal Shelter and animal services throughout the City.

**Sec. 2-2981. Composition; qualifications.**

The board shall consist of a board not to exceed seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Members shall be persons who have a diverse interest in and knowledge about the city including the animal shelter and animal services. Not more than two (2) members may be non-

residents of the City due to their experience and/or qualifications.

**Sec. 2-2982. Duties, operational rules and procedures.**

The board shall have the following powers and perform the following duties.

- (1) The board shall meet to discuss ideas that will help ensure the animal shelter is in compliance with the state department of health rules pertaining to animal shelters.
- (2) The board shall meet to make recommendations to the police chief or his designee for the betterment of the community concerning operations, policies, procedures, new programs, and the improvement of existing programs.
- (3) The board shall meet at least three (3) times each year.

**Secs. 2-299 – 2.300. Reserved.”**

**SECTION 3.** If any section, article paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this ordinance, or application thereto any persons or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** That all provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Hutchins, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby amended, repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, THIS 2nd day of June 2025.**

APPROVED:

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Mario Vasquez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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/s/Joe Gorfida, City Attorney