

**CITY OF NORMAN
ORDINANCE O-2425-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,
OKLAHOMA, ADDING ARTICLE 2-111, DIVISION 2-111-17 DUTIES AND
POWERS OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Norman, in the State of Oklahoma, as follows:

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “DIVISION 2-III-17 ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION” of the City of Norman Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

DIVISION 2-III-17 ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION(*Added*)

2-347 Duties and Powers of the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee

(a) Purpose. Provide advice and recommendations to the City Council related to the Norman Animal Shelter and issues pertaining to animal care and welfare, animal rescue, fostering and adoption, control of the animal population, standards for animal shelters, recruiting volunteers, budget priorities as identified by the Commission and suggest modifications to the City of Norman Code of Ordinances.

(b) Authority. There is hereby created a newly established Animal Welfare Oversight Commission for the City. The Animal Welfare Oversight Commission shall consist of seven members appointed at-large by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. Membership in one or more of the following categories is preferred, but not required:

- (1) Veterinarian;
- (2) Local animal welfare organizations; and
- (3) At least one citizen from a rural area.

All members serve without compensation and may be removed by the City Council as provided in the Code. City staff and administrative guidance shall be provided by the Norman Animal Welfare staff and other City departments as necessary.

(c) Term of Office. The term of the seven persons appointed by the Mayor shall be three years. For the newly established Animal Welfare Oversight Commission, current committee members will be assigned staggered initial terms of one, two or three years by random

selection or agreement. This will ensure that approximately one-third of members rotate off each year thereafter.

(d) Quorum and operation.

(1) Quorum. At any meeting of the Animal Welfare Oversight Commission, a quorum shall consist of four of the appointed members. No action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum. Four affirmative votes shall be required to pass any measure.

(2) Board officers. The Animal Welfare Oversight Commission shall elect a Chairman from its members and shall create and fill such other offices as deemed necessary. The term of Chair shall be one year with eligibility for reelection for no more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF NORMAN CITY COUNCIL

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Presiding Officer

Attest

Larry Heikkila, Mayor, City of Norman

Brenda Hall, City Clerk, City of Norman