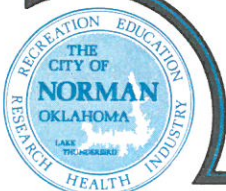


A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ESTABLISHING A GOAL THAT THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER STRIVE TO ACHIEVE “NO EUTHANIZATION OF ADOPTABLE ANIMALS”; AND RENAMING OF THE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council considers the provision of proper care for the animals received at the Normal Animal Welfare Center critical to the City’s mission of providing the best possible services to the Norman citizens in the most efficient and effective manner; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council supports the promulgation and implementation of practices and procedures at the Norman Animal Welfare Center designed to promote adoption rather than euthanasia of reasonably healthy animals of reasonably sound temperament; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, on March 8, 2016, the Norman City Council adopted Sec. 3-206 “Owner Relinquishment of Dogs and Cats” requiring the Animal Welfare Center to accept any dog or cat from within the city limits of Norman that the owner desires to release to the Center; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, subject to the provisions and purposes of the Dog and Cat Sterilization Act in Title 4 of the Oklahoma State Statutes, Chapter 14A, §499.8, Oklahoma Statutes releasing agencies may establish adoption standards for pets in their care; provided, however, that in the case of public facilities said standards must be reasonably related to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the responsible management of dogs and cats in the interest of preserving public health and welfare, and shall be applied in a fair and equal manner to all potential adopters; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council acknowledges and supports the important leadership efforts of the Norman Animal Welfare Center personnel and the Norman Animal Shelter Oversight Committee in helping to establish protocols to reduce the number of animals euthanized in Norman; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of modern municipal animal welfare facilities include provision of a much wider range of services than just animal sheltering to the extent their resources allow and the Norman Animal Welfare Center offers many of these services; and



§ 7. WHEREAS, the Animal “Shelter” Oversight Committee is more aptly named as the Animal “Welfare” Oversight Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 8. THAT the Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, adopts the goal of “No Euthanization of Adoptable Animals” consistent with state statutory standards herein to provide proper and humane care to animals served by the Animal Welfare Center; and

§ 9. THAT the Citizen Oversight Committee shall heretofore be referred to as the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk