

R-97-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION R-95-308 TO REDEFINE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (herein referred to as "the Commission"), adopted Resolution R-95-308 to re-establish and maintain an "Animal Control Advisory Board", to advise the Commission on issues relating to animal control, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that redefinition of the membership of the Animal Control Advisory Board would best serve the interests of the people of Manatee County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that Resolution R-95-308 is amended to read:

Section 1. Creation of the Animal Control Advisory Board.

There is hereby established a voluntary advisory board, to be known as the Manatee County Animal Control Advisory Board. Appointment of members of the Advisory Board shall be in a manner set forth herein, and members shall be appointed by the Commission, pursuant to this Resolution. This Advisory Board is advisory only, and may be abolished or disbanded at any time, or reorganized at any time, by the Commission.

Section 2. Purposes of the Animal Control Advisory Board. The purposes of the Animal Control Advisory Board shall be:

(A) Make recommendations that represent the consensus of the advisory board on a voluntary basis to the Commission regarding matters related to Animal Control's primary missions to preserve the public welfare and safety.

(B) Work closely with the Humane Society, S.P.C.A., and other interested community groups to plan a coordinated comprehensive and effective animal care and control network in Manatee County utilizing the enforcement responsibilities granted in Manatee County Ordinance 90-32 as amended by Ordinance 95-29, the Humane Society's responsibilities under the Florida Statute, and the Bishop Animal Shelter.

(C) To establish community support and foster a public

understanding and acknowledgment of the public's legal and humane obligations associated with pet ownership.

(D) To assure the proper implementation of the responsibilities, rules and regulations as set forth in Manatee County Ordinance 90-32 as amended by Ordinance 95-29.

(E) To carry out and perform such other duties and services as may be requested by the Board of County Commissioners from time to time concerning animal control and related problems in the County.

Section 3. Authority of the Animal Control Advisory Board.

(A) The Advisory Board shall have authority to elect from its membership such officers to serve the needs of the Advisory Board. Officers elected by the Advisory Board will be a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.

(B) Further, the Advisory Board shall have the authority to set the time and place for its meetings. Meetings may be rescheduled or a special meeting called by the Advisory Board at any regular meeting. Upon a decision to cancel a meeting, members will be notified by phone if the decision is made less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting; otherwise, notification shall be by letter from the advisory board's secretary.

(C) The Advisory Board will carry out its responsibilities in the most cost effective manner and within legal and budgetary constraints which govern the Animal Control's operations.

Section 4. Membership of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will be made up of seven (7) members. These members shall be chosen by the Commission from all areas and all segments of the population. Membership shall be provided for in the following manner: two (2) representing existing organizations, agencies or voluntary associations within the community whose primary objective and purpose is the care, handling and rescue of animals, one (1) from the Cattleman's Association, one (1) veterinarian, representing veterinarians within Manatee County, three (3) citizens, one of whom shall have expertise in business and organization and/or operational endeavors. Additionally, one member of the Animal Control Division and the Manatee County Health Department shall serve as the liaison member to the Advisory Board

as is herein established.

The Public Safety Department is hereby assigned the responsibility of providing administrative support to the Advisory Board. The Public Safety Department shall also serve as the liaison with the County Administrator's Office and the County Attorney's Office in accordance with such policies as may be established by the County Administrator and County Attorney.

Section 5. Terms and Eligibility Terms. Initial terms of appointment to the "Animal Control Advisory Board" would designate two (2) members for a one (1) year term, two (2) members for a two (2) year term, two (2) members for a three (3) year term, and one (1) member for a four (4) year term with all subsequent appointment of members for a four (4) year term.

A member missing three (3) consecutive meetings per year, without explanation, may, and at the discretion of the Advisory Board, be declared resigned and another member may be appointed by the Commission to replace the resigned member.

Should any member of the Advisory Board resign before completion of his/her term of office, the Commission may appoint other(s) to complete the balance of the term of that position.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of adoption and shall amend and replace Resolution R-95-305, which shall be rescinded at the time this Resolution takes effect.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 4th
day of November 1997

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: [Signature]

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: [Signature]
Patricia Glass, Chairman

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