

(A) The Animal Advisory Commission is established as prescribed by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (*Animal Shelters*).

(B) The council shall appoint as commissioners:

- (1) one licensed veterinarian, nominated by the mayor;
- (2) one city official, nominated by the Place 2 council member;
- (3) one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter, nominated by the Place 3 council member;
- (4) one animal welfare organization representative, nominated by the Place 6 council member;
- (5) one person recommended by the Travis County Commissioners Court, nominated by the Place 4 council member;
- (6) one person nominated by the Place 1 council member; and
- (7) one person nominated by the Place 5 council member.

(C) A commissioner need not be a city resident.

(D) The commission shall meet not less often than three times a year.

(E) The commission shall:

- (1) advise the city council and the Travis County Commissioners Court on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (*Animal Shelters*);
- (2) advise the city council on animal welfare policies and on budget priorities identified by the Commission and the community, except on issues related to the administration of the Animal Services Division;
- (3) promote collaboration between the City and private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to animal welfare in the city;
- (4) identify proactive, creative approaches to engage and facilitate communication within the animal welfare community; and
- (5) foster and assist the development of animal welfare programs in the community.

(F) The Commission may study, advise, and report on policy recommendations it deems effective to promote animal welfare outcomes consistent with City goals and objectives as outlined by city council and the City Manager.

Source: Ord. 20071129-011; Ord. 20080214-012; 20091217-046.