

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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NEWBERRY COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22

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COUNTY OF NEWBERRY)

ELIZABETH P. FOLK
CLERK OF COURT

TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY
MORATORIUM PROCEDURE ON THE
INTAKE OF UNWANTED PETS AT THE
NEWBERRY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Newberry County Animal Care and Control (“NCACC”) is an agency of the County of Newberry created by the Newberry County Animal Control Ordinance (Newberry Ord 96.001 *et seq.*, Ord. 10-32-5 passed 10-5-2005). The NCACC is housed in the Newberry County Animal Shelter (“Shelter”); and

WHEREAS, South Carolina shelters declared a state of emergency on September 1, 2022, due to the flood of animals pouring into South Carolina shelters for weeks; and

WHEREAS, the NCACC has provided information to the Newberry County Council concerning the high number of intakes of pets in 2022 in comparison to prior years; and

WHEREAS, the NCACC has also provided information on the increased number of pets euthanized for space in 2022 in comparison to prior years; and

WHEREAS, the NCACC and the Shelter Volunteer Network – Newberry County (“Volunteers”) have also provided information that healthy adoptable dogs and cats in possession of NCACC are being euthanized due to the lack of space at the Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteers have provided information about the impact of social media on Shelter adoptions, and the Shelter’s reliance on fosters, adopters, and the community to spread the message about the adoptable pets; and

WHEREAS, the NCACC and the Volunteers have proposed granting discretion to the Operations Manager of the NCACC to implement temporary moratoriums on the intake of unwanted pets when the Shelter needs space to save the lives of adoptable and healthy dogs and cats in its care and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Newberry County Council desires to make positive changes to increase the opportunities for saving healthy, adoptable dogs and cats at the Shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL BY PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE OPERATIONS MANAGER OF THE NCACC TO IMPLEMENT LIMITED MORATORIUMS ON THE INTAKE OF UNWANTED DOGS AND CATS NOT TO EXCEED TWO WEEKS WHEN THE SHELTER NEEDS SPACE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 2 day of November, 2022.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

(SEAL)

BY: Todd Johnson
Todd Johnson, Chairman

Attest:

Jackie Lawrence
Jackie Lawrence, Clerk to Council