

RESOLUTION 9749

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ANIMAL SHELTER/ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON THE ROLE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT AND SHELTER OPERATIONS

WHEREAS: The City of Great Falls owns and currently operates the existing animal shelter in Great Falls, and

WHEREAS: Since July of 2007 the City has performed all duties necessary to enforce the animal ordinances in the City which were performed previously by the Cascade County Humane Society on behalf of the City, and

WHEREAS: The Animal Foundation is raising funds to build a new Animal Shelter and has requested City participation, and

WHEREAS: Within the community there are differing opinions as to the level of involvement the City government should have relating to both animal control and enforcement as well as the future shelter and shelter operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA: The Animal Shelter/Enforcement Committee is hereby established to prepare recommendations to the City Commission pertaining to Animal Ordinances, Animal Control/Enforcement Issues and Animal Shelter Operations including the City's financial responsibility. The Committee would further act as a liaison in regards to the current [animal control,] shelter operations and the community.

1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Committee shall consist of 7 members that share an interest in animal issues. All members must be residents of the City of Great Falls. The City Commission will endeavor to appoint the following: 2 members recommended by the Animal

Foundation who have not been on the foundation's Board of Directors for the past 3 years; 2 members recommended by the Humane Society of Cascade County who have not been on the society's Board of Directors for the past 3 years; 3 members from the current roster of elected neighborhood council members who have not served on the Board of Directors of either the Animal Foundation or the CCHS. All members should have an interest in resolving all animal issues for the betterment of the community.

2. **STAFF LIAISONS.** Staff of the City of Great Falls would be assigned to work with the Advisory Committee. Staff members include: Police Chief Corky Grove; Captain Tim Shanks; Fiscal Services Director Coleen Balzarini; and Budget Officer Melissa Kinzler. Staff members would attend Committee meetings but would not have a vote on issues before the Committee or on recommendations made to the City Commission.
3. **TERM.** The Advisory Committee would be created for a period of 3 years. The Committee could be renewed following the 3 year term if determined necessary by the City.

PASSED by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on this 20th day of May, 2008.

Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David V. Gliko, City Attorney

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County of Cascade :ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution No. 9749 was placed on its final passage and passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana at a meeting thereof held on the 20th day of May, 2008, and approved by the Mayor of said City, on the 20th day of May, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City, this 20th day of May, 2008.

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF THE CITY)