

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON ESTABLISHING POLICY “RESPONSIBLE EUTHANASIA” TO ESTABLISH HUMANE ANIMAL EUTHANASIA DECISION MAKING STANDARDS FOR ANIMAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Policy “Responsible Euthanasia” was approved by the Policy Review Committee March 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends adoption of a “Responsible Euthanasia” policy and the City Council desires to adopt such policy; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The Policy Statement in “Responsible Euthanasia”, which is incorporated in this section, is hereby adopted as an official policy of the City of Denton:

POLICY STATEMENT: Denton Animal Services (DAS) is responsible for providing public safety in relation to animals in the community as a whole, while also addressing the welfare of animals in its care at the Linda McNatt Animal Care and Control Center.

It is the policy of the City that it will maximize resources to prevent, reduce, and treat physical, behavioral, or physiological problems of animals in its care. Recognizing, however, that sometimes euthanasia of the animal is the humane course of action for them or for other animals in the City’s care.

DAS has established euthanasia criteria to ensure an animal’s life is not ended except on the grounds of health, behavior, public health and safety, or unavoidable inhumane death once other practical options have been exhausted.

Euthanasia decisions will be applied consistently and provide the best service to the community and animals in the City’s care.

SECTION 2. This Resolution only adopts and approves the “Policy Statement” portion of Responsible Euthanasia Policy of the City of Denton Policies and Procedures Manual. The “Administrative Procedures” portion of the Policy on Policies, Administrative Directives, and Procedures is an administrative procedure describing the means and methods by which City management implements the Policy Statement. The City Manager is authorized to amend and issue such administrative procedures and directives as deemed necessary to implement the Policy related to personnel and internal operational matters.

SECTION 3. The attached policy, as amended, shall be filed in the official records with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by [_____] and seconded by [_____].

The resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [__ – __ – __]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
LAUREN THODEN, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____