

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-012

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS RICK CARVER, MIKE AKARD, AND LINDA WEBB

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEW BLOUNT COUNTY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS AND THE REGULATION, CAPTURE, IMPOUNDING AND HUMANE DISPOSITION OF STRAY DOGS, STRAY CATS AND OTHER STRAY ANIMALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, Blount County, Tennessee, through the Blount County Board of Commissioners in 1999 adopted Resolution No. 99-03-001 entitled *“A Resolution Providing for the Regulation of Dogs and Cats and the Regulation, Capture, Impounding and Humane Disposition of Stray Dogs, Stray Cats and Other Stray Animals”*; and

WHEREAS, the said 1999 Resolution No. 99-03-001 was amended in 2016 via Resolution No. 16-11-003; and

WHEREAS, there have been certain changes in the law and rules and regulations of the State law that regulates domestic animals; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of the ordinance (as amended) have become outdated and in need of modification; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Animal Center Director and staff, with the assistance of the County Attorney, have reviewed the applicable animal control laws and regulations and have drafted an ordinance entitled *“Ordinance Providing for The Regulation of Dogs and Cats and the Regulation, Capture, Impounding and Humane Disposition of Stray Dogs, Stray Cats and Other Stray Animals”* of which a complete copy is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board has approved said Ordinance, and recommends that the County Commission approve the same; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance would replace and supersede Resolution No. 16-11-003 and all amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Animal Center Director has recommended to the full Blount County Commission that this Ordinance be approved and implemented to replace the previous Resolution No. 16-11-003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this ____ day of _____ 2023, that the *“Ordinance Providing for the Regulation of Dogs and Cats and the Regulation, Capture, Impounding and Humane Disposition of Stray Dogs, Stray Cats and Other Stray Animals”*, of which a complete copy is attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted to regulate the issues therein dealing with dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals; and Resolution No. 16-11-003 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Duly authorized and approved this ____ day of _____ 2023.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved _____

Vetoed _____

County Mayor

Date