

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 25

**A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in 1991 Santa Fe County (the County) adopted the Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance 1991-6; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (the Board) adopted Ordinance 2017-1, in January of 2017, amending the Animal Control Ordinance to increase licensing fees, restrict tethering of dogs, and ensure that the Animal Control Ordinance comported with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board, at a public meeting on February 14, 2017, determined that a citizen advisory committee should be established to develop recommendations regarding how to define tethering within the Animal Control Ordinance, and how to more effectively regulate the animal nuisance of barking within the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board hereby established the Animal Control Ordinance Advisory Committee (the Committee).
2. The express purpose of the Committee is to provide recommendations to the Board regarding revisions to provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance.
3. The duties of the Committee are as follows:
 - a. Develop recommendations regarding amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to improve the clarity of the provisions governing tethering of dogs;

- b. Develop recommendations regarding amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to improve the efficacy of the prohibition on barking as set forth in Section 5-5, Animal Disturbing the Peace;
 - c. Obtain necessary data regarding enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance from the Animal Control Division of the Sheriff's Office to inform recommendations regarding revisions to the tethering and barking provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance;
 - d. Submit written recommendations regarding revisions to the tethering and barking provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance within eight weeks of the first meeting of the Animal Control Ordinance Advisory Committee;
 - e. Seek authorization from the Board to propose additional amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to improve its clarity and enforceability;
 - f. Take responsibility for providing recommendations regarding such other issues pertaining to the Animal Control Ordinance as the Board may request from time to time.
4. The Committee shall be made up of seven members appointed by the BCC. All members shall have their primary residence within the exterior boundaries of Santa Fe County.
- Notwithstanding the geographic distribution of members, all members shall be charged with representing the best interests of the County as a whole. The members shall include:
- a. A resident from each of the Commission Districts;
 - b. One member who can offer informed input regarding regulations pertaining to humane restraint of dogs;
 - c. One member who can offer informed input regarding regulating barking.
5. Three members of the Committee shall be appointed for an initial term of one year and four members shall be appointed for an initial term of two years. Thereafter members shall serve

terms of two years. In the event of a vacancy, the Board shall appoint a member to serve out the remainder of the departing member's term. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that a member may serve.

6. Members will be appointed by the Board based on letters of interest, qualifications, and county-wide representation. Members may be removed by the BCC with or without cause. In addition, a member shall be deemed to have resigned their position if they fail to attend two consecutive meetings of the Committee; provided, however, the member may request that the Board excuse their absences for good cause and allow them to continue serving on the Committee.

7. The Committee shall comply with the rules of order set forth in Resolution 2009-2 as that Resolution may be amended from time to time, including selecting a chairperson and vice chairperson to serve for one-year terms. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be selected at the first Committee meeting and annually thereafter.

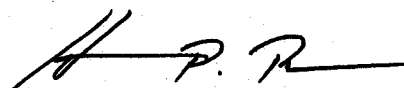
8. All matters coming before the Committee shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum. A quorum is a majority of the number of members of the Committee. A quorum is necessary for the Committee to conduct business.

9. The Committee shall meet no more frequently than once per week. Meetings shall be held in the Legal Conference Room at the Santa Fe County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM, and such other locations as may be conducive to visible and publicly accessible meetings. Meetings shall be held in accordance with the Santa Fe County Open Meetings Act Resolution.

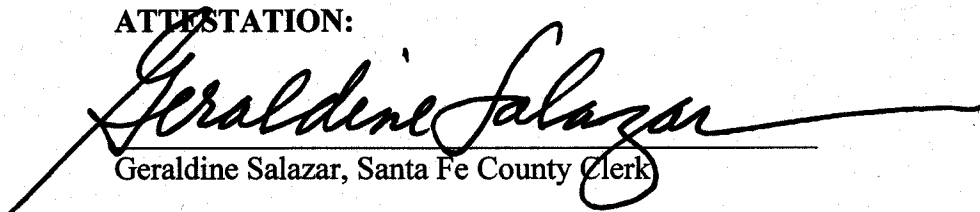
10. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County staff from the Manager's Office to serve as liaison to the Committee.

11. The Captain of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department, or the Captain's designee, shall be invited to attend each meeting.
12. A representative of the Santa Fe County Legal Office shall also be invited to attend each meeting.
13. The Animal Control Committee shall cease to exist and this Resolution shall expire six months after the completion of the Animal Control Committee's last assignment from the Board.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2017.

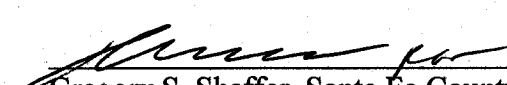

Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTESTATION:


Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM