

**RESOLUTION 9749 AMENDED**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ANIMAL  
ORDINANCE/SHELTER OPERATIONS  
~~ENFORCEMENT~~ ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO  
ADVISE ON THE ROLE OF THE CITY OF GREAT  
FALLS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL ORDINANCES  
~~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 of Cascade County [HSCC] on behalf of the City, and

**WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls commissioned a report by consultant Kim Staton in the summer of 2007 to advise and guide the City on animal shelter operations [ the “Staton Report”], and**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission presently contemplates retaining control of animal control/enforcement obligations under state law and local ordinance, but also envisions the establishment of a public/private partnership with respect to animal shelter operations, and**

**WHEREAS:** The Animal Foundation of Great Falls [Animal Foundation] is raising funds to build a new Animal Shelter, has indicated it may be ready to proceed with construction of this facility, and has requested City participation, and the City presently contemplates use of and/or cooperation with the developers of that facility once it is completed, and

**WHEREAS, the City Commission must address in the near future the terms and conditions of the aforementioned public/private partnership for animal shelter operations, and**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission also contemplates co-operation with Cascade County officials concerning animal control, adoption and placement issues as they pertain to the area outside the city limits of Great Falls and non-residents of the City of Great Falls, and**

**WHEREAS: ~~Within~~ 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, and**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission also contemplates continuing review of various animal ordinances adopted in 2007, and**

**WHEREAS, the Special Examiners appointed by the City Commission to investigate complaints arising from animal shelter operations made recommendations for the development of certain new ordinances, prioritization of tasks identified in the aforementioned "Staton Report", and the creation of a citizen advisory committee to, among other things, serve as a liaison between the animal shelter and the Great Falls community**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:** The Animal **Ordinance**/Shelter Operations /~~Enforcement~~ Committee is hereby established to prepare recommendations to the City Commission pertaining to Animal Ordinances, ~~Animal Control/Enforcement Issues and~~ Animal Shelter Operations, **and such other matters as may be designated by the City Commission, consistent with this Resolution.** ~~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 **HSCC Board of Directors** 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 HSCC.** All members should have an interest in resolving all animal issues for the betterment of the community. **In the event a vacancy arises in any position during the term of the**

**Committee's existence, the City Commission will endeavor to fill that vacancy in the same manner as appointment of the former committee member, but any replacement must meet the same qualifications as set forth above.**

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; **and such other staff as directed by the City Manager.** ~~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 **three (3) years.** The **City Commission may in its discretion renew the existence of this** ~~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 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.**

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Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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David V. Gliko, City Attorney

State of Montana )  
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 ~~3<sup>rd</sup>~~ 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, and approved by the Mayor of said City, on the ~~3<sup>rd</sup>~~ 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City, this ~~3<sup>rd</sup>~~ 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF THE CITY)