

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, URGING BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION TO ABANDON THE NEWLY CREATED INTAKE POLICY REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HOLD STRAY ANIMALS FOR A TIME PERIOD OF 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are often the last resort when responding to issues involving stray animals or animal endangerment; and

WHEREAS, in the past, such animals could be immediately turned over to the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division unilaterally changed the intake policy to require municipalities, including law enforcement and good Samaritan residents, to hold animals for 72 hours before being taken in by the County; and

WHEREAS, most municipalities in Broward County do not have the resources or capacity to hold and care for animals properly without diverting resources meant to provide safety for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that urging the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to abandon the 72-hour-hold requirement and accept animals immediately is in the best interest of the residents and animals in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it urges the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to abandon the 72-hour-hold requirement and accept animals immediately in the best interest of the safety of the residents and animals in the community.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY