

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF THE BROWARD COUNTY AUDIT OF THE ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION, REPORT NO. 21-05, DATED DECEMBER 16, 2020; PROVIDING FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES BY THE ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING BETTER CARE FOR THE DOGS AND CATS MAINTAINED AT THE SHELTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Adoption Shelter is located at 2400 SW 42nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 and is maintained and operated by Broward County through the Animal Care and Adoption Division for the purposes of providing care of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners requested that an audit of the overall operation of the Broward County Shelter be undertaken by the Broward County Office of the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, the Office of the County Auditor issued its audit that among other things, the operation of the Shelter does not consistently adhere to best practices and laws, and that the programs and processes utilized at the Broward County Shelter are not operating effectively; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that 78% of the calls from the public, the majority of which relate directly to interest in the animals, go unanswered; and

WHEREAS, the audit indicates that the Broward County Shelter is understaffed by 33% and needs to increase staffing by 30-36 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that the use of volunteers has been eliminated for months, and recommends that it be reinstated and efficiently administered; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Shelter results in animals in interior kennels being left in the dark for 14-18 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, the current operation at the Shelter relative to animal confinement (kennels/cages) fails to meet industry standards, which requires a minimum of two feet of space between defecation, feeding and resting areas for felines and soft bedding for canines; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Shelter does not meet “no-kill” guidelines established by Broward County and statistics for October 2020 show 115 animal deaths. Twenty-seven died “in care” and 88 were euthanized, often without following proper protocol for public outreach before being euthanized; and

WHEREAS, the audit indicates that basic medical care is lacking due to insufficient veterinary oversight; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that outdoor canine play areas go unutilized while dogs are kept in cages day after day; and

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners of the City of Pompano Beach deems it in the best interest of the City to express its support of the Broward County Audit of the Animal Care and Adoption Division dated December 16, 2020; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City of Pompano Beach.

SECTION 2. The City Commissioners of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida hereby express its support of the Broward County Audit of the Animal Care and Adoption Division dated December 16, 2020.

SECTION 3. The City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida expresses its concern that the Broward County Shelter, due to operational failures, fails to provide adequate care for dogs and cats and therefore the City Commissioners of the City of Pompano Beach fully supports all the recommendations contained in the audit and desire that same be immediately implemented and adhered to by the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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