

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin Animal Center (AAC) is committed to serving the public's needs as they relate to animal care, animal safety, and public health under the central principle of No-Kill sheltering; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Austin has been a proud No-Kill city and a leading model for the nation in compassionate, life-preserving shelter practices; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, AAC has faced a growing overcrowding crisis; and

WHEREAS, veterinary staff members employed by the City are highly qualified and skilled in evaluating the safety and necessity of medical procedures related to animals; and

WHEREAS, City Code unnecessarily restricts the exercise of medical judgement by the City's veterinary staff when it comes to spaying or neutering animals, leading to more animals born into stressful, overcrowded shelter environments; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, the City Council re-allocated funds within the Animal Services Office budget to the veterinary care budget; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

In order to facilitate this budgetary reallocation, the City Manager is directed to prepare a City Code amendment that:

1. allows the City's veterinary staff to spay or neuter all animals owned by the City without delay or notification; and

2. restores all decision-making authority as to whether an individual animal should be spayed or neutered to the City's veterinary professionals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

Erika Brady
City Clerk