

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION TO RECONSIDER THE INTAKE POLICY REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HOLD STRAY ANIMALS FOR A TIME PERIOD OF 72-HOURS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers are often the last resort when responding to an issue involving an animal; and

WHEREAS, in the past stray animals could immediately be turned over to the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division for care and for the protection of the community; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement and municipalities have been informed that the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division intake policy has been revised to require municipalities and law enforcement to hold animals for 72-hours before being taken in by the County; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities in Broward County, including the Town of Southwest Ranches, do not have the resources or capacity to hold and safely care for animals over this period of time; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches respectfully requests the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to reconsider its new 72 hour animal hold requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby urges the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to reconsider its new 72-hour animal hold requirement.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute this Resolution to all necessary and proper governmental agencies.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 27th day of October, 2022 on a motion by

Council Member Kuczynski and seconded by Council Member Hartmann

Breitkreuz
Jablonski
Allbritton
Hartmann
Kuczynski

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Ayes
Nays
Absent
Abstaining

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Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

Attest:

Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith Poliakoff
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
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