

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, UTAH, REGARDING THE
OPERATION OF THE CITY ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, the City of St. George, under the direction of the Chief of Police operates the city animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. George established the animal shelter with the goal of providing a safe, clean environment to humanely oversee the care and custody of seized, stray, homeless, quarantined, abandoned or unwanted dogs, cats, or other domestic animals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to review the operation of the animal shelter along with the policies and procedures associated with the operation of the shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, HAVING INITIATED AN EVALUATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER, direct that the City Manager assign the Chief of Police to:

1. Assign a sergeant of the police department to oversee the operation of the animal shelter under the direct supervision of a captain who reports directly to the Chief of Police; and
2. Complete the investigation of the operations of the animal shelter that was initiated at the request of the Mayor and City Council under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Police. The investigation shall include a review of the policies and procedures for the operation of the animal shelter as well as a review of the personnel involved with the operation of the animal shelter; and
3. Evaluate the animal shelter and make recommendations on possible improvements or upgrades to the building; and
4. Direct that all cleaning of kennels be completed after removal of animals in the kennel, unless unique circumstances do not allow for removal, such as the concern for the safety of the worker or volunteer. All employees and volunteers shall be made aware of this policy and be instructed to report any violation of the policy to the sergeant overseeing the operation of the animal shelter; and
5. Immediately initiate the installation of beds in each kennel meeting appropriate standards; and
6. Direct that animal owner-requested euthanasia services no longer be provided at the animal shelter. All euthanasia requests shall be referred to a list

of licensed veterinarians in the area and direction given to contact a veterinarian to provide euthanasia services. If the animal shelter reaches capacity, the City will request assistance for adoption or foster care of the animal from interested parties or groups.

7. Direct that all food used at the animal shelter be appropriate for the different animals housed there.

Upon completion of the investigation and evaluation of the operation of the animal shelter, the City Manager shall report the findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2013.

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Daniel D. McArthur, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder