

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 013-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS APPROVING AND SUPPORTING A TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASE POLICY AND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE HANDLING, MONITORING, CONTROLLING, AND REGULATING FERAL, STRAY, COMMUNITY, AND COLONY CATS, AND OTHER ANIMALS, WITHIN THE TOWN OF ADDISON PURSUANT TO LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE ADDISON CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by citizens of the Town of Addison, Texas (“City”) and others regarding the treatment of feral, stray, community, and colony cats within the City, and the City Council desires to take steps to address those concerns; and

WHEREAS, feral, stray, community, and colony cats pose a risk to the health and safety of Addison residents, their property, and their pets, and could rise to the level of a nuisance within the City; and

WHEREAS, following its receipt of information regarding such cats from Town Staff and from citizens and others, including information received at public hearings conducted by the City Council on January 22, 2013 and May 14, 2013, the City Council directed the City Staff to conduct research on the laws and ordinances of other municipalities pertaining to feral, stray, community, and colony cats, cat leash laws, cat roaming laws, and a program generally referred to as “Trap-Neuter-Release,” and based on that research the City Council has determined that a Trap-Neuter-Release program is the most effective and humane method of dealing with feral, stray, community, and colony cats.

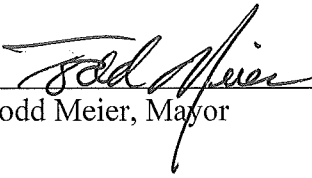
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

Section 1. Addison Trap-Neuter-Release Policy. The City Council of the Town of Addison recognizes Trap-Neuter-Release as a method of humanely regulating feral, stray, community, and colony cat populations. The City Staff is authorized to inform citizens of the City about Trap-Neuter-Release, including providing information regarding community-based resources, animal professionals, and experienced cat caretakers.

Section 2. Recitals. The above and foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporate herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas this the 28th day of May, 2013.



Todd Meier, Mayor

ATTEST:
By: 

Chris Terry, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: 

John Hill, City Attorney