

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING AN ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Zipprich offered the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, there is public interest in the Borough of Red Bank and from its residents to create a committee of concerned citizens to provide guidance to the Municipality and information to residents concerning issues that are germane to domestic animals and animal welfare in an enlightened society; and

WHEREAS, it is a need and desire to create a public awareness committee that involves citizens for the dissemination of information and notifications concerning animals and their care, maintenance, treatment, and well-being generally and during periods of natural disasters and emergency; to provide information to the general public concerning the enforcement of animal cruelty laws and animal safety regulations, as well as the care and treatment of wild animals in our community; and the establishment of assistance to pet owners regarding animal poison information, stray cats, licensing, injured and abandoned wildlife, hoarding, spaying and neutering information, dogfighting, animal adoption resources in the State of New Jersey, pet loss and bereavement, humane education, pet friendly housing, and the relation of animal welfare with Borough Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it would be the desire and intent of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee to coordinate with other agencies of the Borough of Red Bank to disseminate information concerning the implementation of resources and protections for animals and pet owners to residents and visitors of the Borough of Red Bank;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank herewith create an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (hereinafter, "the Committee") to be composed of seven members appointed by the Mayor, which appointments shall be for a three-year period, subject to confirmation by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank. Initial Committee members shall serve the following initial terms; two (2) members for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members for a term of two (2) years and three (3) members for a term of three (3) years. The members shall serve until successors are qualified if no appointment is made on the anniversary of that member's appointment.
2. The members of the Committee shall not be employees of the Borough of Red Bank and shall be unpaid, and the members shall not be able to receive any consideration or remuneration other than membership in the committee.
3. The Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis and shall provide reports to the Mayor and Council by May 31 and September 31 of every year concerning its activities and shall make regular recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning issues involving animal welfare and shall be afforded opportunities for the dissemination of information on the Borough's website concerning animal welfare issues as they arise, subject to the approval of the chief administrative office of the Borough of Red Bank.
4. The Committee shall not have any rights, duties, or obligations that are specifically delegated by law to enforcement agencies of the State, County, or Municipality concerning animal cruelty issues of any type.
5. If any part of this Ordinance is deemed to be illegal or ineffective, the other provisions shall nonetheless remain in force.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilman Whelan and introduced on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Taylor	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Whelan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Yngstrom	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Ballard	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: February 14, 2018