

**RESOLUTION 13-1**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board set the hours that the Sangamon County Animal Control Shelter and Adoption Center (“Animal Control”) is open to the public as Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., excepting days when county offices are closed for holidays, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board set the fees Animal Control charges to the public for services, including adoption fees and reclaim fees; and

**WHEREAS**, when the number of dogs or cats housed at Animal Control is at high occupancy (i.e., above 75% of the individual living units available for either dogs or cats are occupied), the cost of housing and caring for the animals increases; and

**WHEREAS**, avoiding high occupancy at Animal Control would likely be achieved by extending the hours Animal Control is open to the public for purposes of adoption activities and reclaiming activities and by reducing the fees for adoption and reclaim services during periods of high occupancy; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to reducing costs related to housing animals, avoiding high occupancy through extended hours and reduced fees would likely help realize the goals of increasing adoptions and returning animals to responsible owners; and


**WHEREAS**, as pursuit of these benefits is warranted, the Board desires that Animal Control, through a pilot program, attempt to reduce high occupancy at Animal Control through increased public hours and reduced fees and that the results of those efforts be analyzed to determine both their effectiveness and cost.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sangamon County Board on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, that a one-year pilot program be undertaken to reduce high occupancy at Animal Control through increased public hours and reduced fees, conducted as follows:

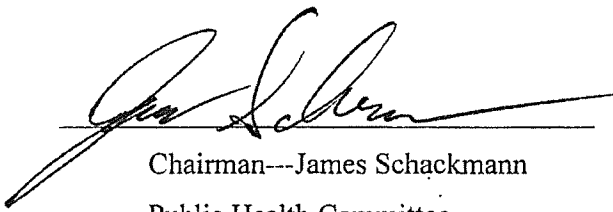
- (1) Fees may be reduced and extended public hours provided only when the number of dogs or cats housed at Animal Control is at high occupancy (i.e., above 75% of the individual living units available for either dogs or cats are occupied);
- (2) Extended public hours shall not exceed seven percent of existing public hours during the one-year pilot program;
- (3) The overall cost of the pilot program, determined by adding lost fee revenues to direct expenses of the program, shall not exceed \$20,000;

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- (4) Subject to the above parameters, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Operations for Animal Control shall determine both the type of fees to reduce and the amount of each fee reduction;
- (5) Subject to the above parameters, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Operations for Animal Control shall determine when public hours will be extended;
- (6) The Director of Operations for Animal Control shall provide a summary of pilot program activities, overall costs, and results quarterly to the Public Health Committee for its analysis and consideration; and
- (7) The Public Health Committee may terminate the pilot program at any time if, in its sole discretion, it determines that the pilot program is unlikely to provide desired benefits;
- (8) Following the Director of Operations for Animal Control's third quarter report to the Public Health Committee concerning the pilot program, said Committee shall submit a report to the Sangamon County Board setting forth activities conducted under the pilot program, the cost of the program, the effectiveness of the program, and the Committee's recommendations concerning addressing high occupancy at Animal Control going forward.



Chairman---James Schackmann  
Public Health Committee

Date: April 12, 2023

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Chairman---Andy Van Meter  
Sangamon County Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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County Clerk