



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS  
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING  
CITY HALL - TEJAS ROOM  
550 LANDA STREET**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Approval of the 7/10/2024 meeting minutes  
Samantha Calder Administrative Assistant

[25-771](#)

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

*This time is for citizens to address the board on issues and items of concern NOT on this agenda. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, there can be no board action nor board conversation on topics brought up during Citizens' Communication. If you have comments, please come forward, state your name and residency for the record, and you will have 5 minutes.*

**5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A) Consideration and recommendation to City Council on [25-764](#)  
an ordinance to amend Chapter 6-109, of the City's  
Code of Ordinance regarding home quarantine.  
[Bryan V. Ruiz, Neighborhood Services Manager]
- B) Provide an update to the Animal Services Advisory [25-763](#)  
Board on the ordinances that were adopted by City  
Council in May of 2025.  
[Bryan V. Ruiz, Neighborhood Services Manager]

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

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Board Liaison

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## Animal Services Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street  
New Braunfels, TX

6/18/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

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**PRESENTER:**

Samantha Calder Administrative Assistant

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the 7/10/2024 meeting minutes

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Eric Trager called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Eric Trager present, Robert Blythin present, Adrianna McDonald present. Elizabeth Gooden present.

Sarah Hammond joined the meeting at 6:06pm.

Dr. Ana Robinson was absent.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Approval of the July 22 2023, March 18 2024, June 18 2024 Minutes

Chair Eric Trager called for a approval of the minutes for: July 25,2023, March 20,2024 and June 18,2024. Robert Blythin motioned for the approval of the minutes, Elizabeth Gooden seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

No citizens spoke.

*In order to ensure the safety of the board members, staff and the general public during the pandemic, in-person communications is temporarily suspended. However, citizens may email their comments to [AnimalServices@nbtexas.org](mailto:AnimalServices@nbtexas.org). Comments will be distributed to the Animal Advisory Board.*

**5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A) Provide an update on Chapter 6-110 regarding domestic animals exposed to rabies

Neighborhood Services Manager Bryan Ruiz gave short presentation on updating code to be more aligned with the state.

Board members want to use the phrase "Euthanize" instead of humanely killed.

No questions from the public.

- B) Consideration and recommendation to City Council on an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Animals, of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding dangerous dogs

**Senior Animal Welfare Rescue Officer Allison Scheffel stated that the definition of unprovoked attack has been added to the ordinance.**

**Board member Robert Blythin had concerns regarding the language of restraint of an animal and the definitions concerning the leash. Bryan Ruiz clarified what the language means.**

**Eric Trager brought up other language issues and the lack of clarity making some of the code confusing. Would like some paragraphs spaced apart to make it easier to read. Attorney Nathan Brown offered some options to make the section easier to read such as having a separate section on restraints. Also suggested bringing this back some other time to focus on it more later.**

**At 630pm Chair Eric Trager asked if there was a motion to approve. Robert Blythin made a motion to approve, Elizabeth Gooden seconded the motion. At 634pm roll was called for voting, Elizabeth Gooden, Robert Blythin, Sara Hammond and Chair Eric Trager all voted unanimously. The motion passed**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Eric Trager adjourned the meeting at 634pm.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD CHAIR

**Attest:**

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BOARD LIAISON

**Chari Eric Trager stated the meeting was adjourned at 633pm.**

6/18/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

**PRESENTER:**

[Bryan V. Ruiz, Neighborhood Services Manager]

**SUBJECT:**

[Consideration and recommendation to City Council on an ordinance to amend Chapter 6-109, of the City's Code of Ordinance regarding home quarantine.]

**DEPARTMENT:** [Planning & Development Services; Animal Welfare & Rescue Division.]**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** [All]**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

[Currently chapter 6-109 (b) (6) requires an animal in home quarantine only to be observed on the first and last day by a licensed veterinarian. The state of Texas also allows for home quarantine, but the state code does allow for the local rabies control authority or a veterinarian to observe the animal in home quarantine on the first and last day. We are recommending amending our local code to be consistent with the state code. Additionally, this amendment would allow us to be consistent with surrounding Animal Control Agencies. This amendment would also allow residents who are granted home quarantine to reduce their financial burden by not having to take their pet to a veterinarian on the first day and last day.]

**ISSUE:**

[When a resident is granted home quarantine by our local Animal Welfare Officers, they still are required under our local code to have a vet visit for a first and last day check. this can pose a financial concern especially if the pet owner is on a fixed income or does not have consistent transportation. These concerns may have the person question the need to keep the pet or just take to the shelter to owner release which then increases the burden on the shelter to house another animal that already had a home.]

**STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:**

☐Economic Mobility ☐Enhanced Connectivity ☐Community Identity  
☐Organizational Excellence ☒Community Well-Being ☐N/A  
[Enter Objectives/Performance Measures Supported]

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

[None]

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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[City staff recommends approval or ordinance amendment.]

# Animal Bites

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All animal bites must be reported to Animal Protection. If medical attention has been received after a bite, complete an **Animal Bite Report (<https://austin-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/direct/ACBITE2>)**.

**Rabies has a strong presence in Travis County and the risk should not be taken lightly. Learn more about rabies (<https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/rabies-and-disease-prevention>)**

Animals that are currently vaccinated and were restrained at the time the bite occurred may qualify for home observation.

- **Animal Bite Report (<https://austin-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/direct/ACBITE2>)** (online form)
- **Bite Affidavit Form ([https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal\\_Services/bite-affidavit-form.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/bite-affidavit-form.pdf))** (PDF)

**Received a yellow notice from Animal Protection? Please use the guide below to help you answer questions and guide you to come into compliance.**

## If You Are the Victim of an Animal Bite

Call 9-1-1 if you have been attacked, bitten, or scratched by a domestic or wild animal and need emergency care.

### Wild Animals



File a report with Animal Protection by calling 3-1-1 (512-974-2000) or submitting an Animal Exposure Report, and consult your primary care provider about rabies post-exposure treatment as soon as possible.

## Domestic Animals

Please review and fill out an **Animal Bite Report** (<https://austin-csprodcdwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2/ACBITE2?guid=7b14c7712ea64d36aa704aaf9fb34de0>) with the activity number listed on the yellow notice that you received.

## If Your Own Animal Bit a Human

Owners of dogs involved in bite cases must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate to Animal Protection. If the animal is not currently vaccinated or if the vaccination status is unknown, the animal must be placed in quarantine and observed by a veterinarian.

### Home Quarantine

If your animal was restrained (in your home, on a leash, or in a dog park) at the time of the incident, **and** your pet was current on their rabies vaccine at the time of the incident, your pet may be eligible to do a home quarantine.

Dogs, cats or ferrets that are reported to have bitten or scratched a person must be observed for 10 full days from the date of the bite, **regardless of rabies vaccination status**. You are required to keep your pet confined at home for the duration of the observation period and certain conditions must be met.

### Home Observation Requirements

#### Isolation

**Your pet must be kept isolated for 10 full days from the date of the bite.** “Isolation” means that the animal under observation must be prevented from coming into contact with people or animals other than members of the immediate family, and the animal should not leave your property, even for walks or rides in the car. There should be no contact with visitors.

If your pet requires veterinary care during the observation period, be sure to tell the veterinarian that your pet is under rabies observation. Your pet should not receive any rabies vaccinations during the home observation period.

If you are unable to keep your pet isolated, or your pet is reported to be in violation of the observation agreement, the home observation will be revoked and your pet will be required to finish quarantine at a veterinarian’s office.

If your pet gets sick, exhibits abnormal behavior, dies, or runs away during the observation period, you must notify Animal Control immediately at 512-974-2000 or 3-1-1.

### Health Check

An Animal Protection Officer or a veterinarian must observe the animal on the first and last day of the observation period. You should ensure that either Animal Control or a veterinarian will be able to view your pet on those days. If you are not able to do so, please contact Animal Protection to make arrangements.

The final health check will occur on the 11th day after the date of the incident. Failure to complete the final health check can result in citations being issued.

### **Vet Quarantine**

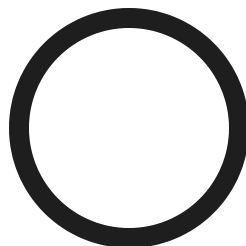
If your animal was loose at the time of the incident, **and/or** your pet was not current on their rabies vaccine at the time of the incident, your pet needs to complete the rabies observation time at a vet clinic. Animal Protection will need to be notified of which vet clinic your pet goes to before the 10 days in over; failure to do so will result in a citation.

## **If Your Own Animal Came Into Contact With a High-Risk Rabies Vector (Bat, Raccoon, Skunk, Fox, Coyote)**

Your pet may have been exposed to rabies by the wild animal with which it has come in contact. State and local laws require that your pet be isolated at home for 45 or 90 days from the date of exposure, depending on rabies vaccination status. Proof of vaccination status is required.

If your pet had a **current rabies vaccination** at the time of the exposure, we recommend getting a booster shot (rabies vaccination) as soon as possible. Then the animal shall be placed in home observation for **45 days**. Please see Home Quarantine information above.

If your pet was **NOT current** on rabies vaccine at the time of exposure, we recommend getting your pet the rabies vaccination as soon as possible. Then getting an additional booster shot at 3 weeks from the exposure and then again after 8 weeks of the exposure is recommended. The animal shall be placed in home observation for **90 days**. Please see Home Quarantine information above.



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**5.1 RABIES QUARANTINE:**

- a) When Animal Control has probable cause to believe that the owner of an animal that has bitten a human has been identified, the owner, if any, will be required to produce the animal for ten (10) days confinement at the owner's expense.
- b) Refusal to produce said animal constitutes a violation of this Section.
- c) The ten (10) day observation period begins on the day the animal is produced for quarantine.

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- d) The animal must be placed in an animal control facility or a veterinary hospital approved for that purpose by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- e) However, the owner of the animal may request permission from the Animal Control Officer for home quarantine if the following criteria can be met:
  - 1) The animal was on the property of its owner at the time of the attack;
  - 2) A secure facility is available at the residence of the animal's owner which is approved by the Animal Control Officer;
  - 3) The animal's vaccination is current along with a current Comal County license, as registered with the Animal Control Office;
  - 4) The animal must be observed on at least the first and the last day of the quarantine period by either the Animal Control Officer or, at the owner's expense, a licensed veterinarian of the owner's choice; and
  - 5) If the animal becomes ill during the observation period, the Animal Control Officer must be notified immediately by the owner or a licensed veterinarian having possession of the animal.

**5.2 HUMANE DESTRUCTION:** If the biting animal cannot be maintained in a secure quarantine or if the owner chooses not to pay for the quarantine, the animal shall be humanely destroyed, and the brain shall be submitted to a Texas Department of State Health Services - certified laboratory for rabies diagnosis, at the owner's expense.

**5.3 WILD ANIMALS:** No wild animals will be placed in quarantine. All wild animals involved in biting incidents shall be humanely killed in such a manner that the brain is not mutilated and the brain shall be submitted to a Texas Department of State Health Services - certified laboratory for rabies diagnosis.

**5.4 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:**

- a) Any person who violated a provision of this Section may be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- b) Each day an animal is not produced for quarantine shall constitute a separate offense.

**TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**  
**TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES**  
**PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**  
**CHAPTER 169. ZOONOSIS CONTROL**  
**SUBCHAPTER A. RABIES CONTROL AND ERADICATION**

**§169.21. Purpose.**

The purpose of this subchapter is to protect public health by establishing standardized rules for the control and eradication of rabies in the State of Texas, in accordance with the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 826.

The provisions of this §169.21 adopted to be effective April 1, 1980, 5 TexReg 812; amended to be effective July 12, 1998, 23 TexReg 7224; amended to be effective December 20, 2007, 32 TexReg 9341; amended to be effective March 31, 2013, 38 TexReg 1994

**§169.22. Definitions.**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Unless defined in this section, all words have definitions as provided in the Texas Health and Safety Code, §826.002.

- (1) Animal--Any mammal, domesticated or wild.
- (2) Assistance animal--An animal that is specially trained or equipped to help a person with a disability and that:
  - (A) is used by a person with a disability who has satisfactorily completed a specific course of training in the use of the animal; and
  - (B) has been trained by an organization generally recognized by agencies involved in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities as reputable and competent to provide animals with training of this type.
- (3) Cat--Any domestic cat, excluding hybrids.
- (4) Confinement--The restriction of an animal to an area, in isolation from other animals and people, except for contact necessary for its care.
- (5) Currently vaccinated--Vaccinated and satisfying all the following criteria.
  - (A) The animal must have been vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for that species at or after the minimum age requirement and using the recommended route of administration for the vaccine.
  - (B) At least 30 days have elapsed since the initial vaccination.

veterinarian. Drinking bottles may be used for animals acclimated to their use. Domestic ferrets shall have fresh, clean water accessible at all times, provided in drinking bottles of appropriate size to maintain a fresh supply. Water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

(d) Sanitation.

(1) Cleaning of primary enclosures. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the inhabitants, but not less than daily.

(2) Sanitation of primary enclosures. Cages, rooms, and pens shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

(3) Building and premises. Building and premises shall be kept clean.

(e) Pest Control. A regular program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and other pests shall be established and maintained. The facility shall be free of visible signs of rodents and keep other vermin infestations to a minimum at all times. Each pesticide must be used in accordance with its manufacturer's label instructions.

(f) Outdoor facilities are acceptable under this section provided those facilities meet all the requirements of this section.

(g) This section applies to all animal shelters located in counties with a population of 75,000 or greater as required by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 823, and to all quarantine or impoundment facilities regardless of county population.

The provisions of this §169.26 adopted to be effective April 1, 1980, 5 TexReg 812; amended to be effective February 22, 1993, 18 TexReg 845; amended to be effective February 21, 1996, 21 TexReg 963; amended to be effective August 21, 1996, 21 TexReg 7660; amended to be effective July 12, 1998, 23 TexReg 7224; amended to be effective February 18, 2003, 28 TexReg 1389; amended to be effective July 21, 2004, 29 TexReg 6936; amended to be effective December 20, 2007, 32 TexReg 9341; amended to be effective March 31, 2013, 38 TexReg 1994

### **§169.27. Quarantine Method and Testing.**

(a) When a dog, cat, or domestic ferret that has bitten a human has been identified, the custodian will place the animal (regardless of its vaccination status) in quarantine as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code, §826.002, until the end of the 10-day observation period. The animal must also be quarantined if there is probable cause to believe that it has otherwise exposed a human to rabies. The observation period will begin at the time of the exposure. The animal must be placed in a department-licensed quarantine facility specified by the local rabies control authority and observed at least twice daily. However, the local rabies control authority may allow the animal to be quarantined in a veterinary clinic. As an alternative to quarantine at a department-licensed facility or a veterinary clinic, the local rabies control authority may allow home confinement. To allow home confinement, the following criteria must be met.

(1) A secure enclosure approved by the local rabies control authority must be used to prevent escape.

(2) The animal has been vaccinated against rabies and the time elapsed since the most recent vaccination has not exceeded the manufacturer recommendations for the vaccine. If an unvaccinated animal is not over 16 weeks of age at the time of the potential exposure, it may be allowed home confinement.

(3) During the confinement period, the animal's custodian must monitor the animal's behavior and health status and immediately notify the local rabies control authority if any change is noted.

(4) The local rabies control authority or a veterinarian must observe the animal at least on the first and last days of the home confinement.

(5) The animal was not a stray as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code, §826.002, at the time of the potential exposure.

(b) If the potential rabies exposure described in subsection (a) of this section occurs in a city or county other than where the animal's custodian resides, the animal may be transferred to a department-licensed quarantine facility or a veterinary clinic in the city or county of the custodian's residence or allowed home confinement, if applicable, if there is mutual agreement to do so between the local rabies control authorities for the city or county where the exposure occurred and where the custodian resides.

(c) The alternative to quarantining (to include home confining) a dog, cat, or domestic ferret that has bitten or otherwise potentially exposed a person to rabies as described in subsection (a) of this section is to have the animal euthanatized in such a manner that the brain is not damaged and a suitable specimen submitted to a department-designated laboratory for rabies testing. A list of department-designated laboratories may be found on the department's website or may be obtained from any of the department's regional Zoonosis Control offices.

(d) A domestic animal that has potentially exposed a human to rabies and has been designated by the local rabies control authority as unowned may be euthanatized. If the animal is euthanatized, a suitable specimen shall be submitted for rabies testing.

(e) "Free-roaming animals" as used in this section includes animals that have been in captivity less than 200 days immediately prior to the potential exposure and those that are not in captivity. If the animal implicated in the potential exposure is a free-roaming high-risk animal, it shall be euthanatized and a suitable specimen submitted for rabies testing. If the animal implicated in the potential exposure is a high-risk animal that has been in captivity without contact with free-roaming animals for 200 days or more immediately prior to the potential exposure or is less than 200 days old, has always been in captivity without contact with free-roaming animals, and is the progeny of a dam that has been in captivity without contact with free-roaming animals for 200 days or more immediately prior to the potential exposure, the local rabies control authority shall conduct a risk assessment to gauge the probability that the animal could have been exposed to rabies and, therefore, poses a public health risk. If the probability that the animal implicated in the potential exposure could have had animal contact conducive to rabies transmission is low and the potential exposure poses a negligible public health risk, the local rabies control authority may require that the animal involved in the potential exposure be quarantined at a department-licensed quarantine

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS,  
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS,  
ARTICLE V, TO UPDATE RABIES QUARANTINE PROVISIONS;  
REPEALING ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas finds that these regulations are a proper exercise of its authority as a home-rule municipality, and further finds that these amendments are necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, as authorized under the Texas Local Government Code, has adopted and employed ordinances establishing the New Braunfels Animal Services Advisory Board; and

**Whereas**, the City Council amends its ordinances from time to time to ensure they are achieving community and citizen goals; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has directed that ordinance dealing with the care of pets be reviewed by the Animal Services Advisory Board to make recommendations concerning improving those regulations; and

**Whereas**, the Animal Services Advisory Board at a public meeting on June 18, 2025 recommended approval of the proposed amendments; and

**Whereas**, the City Council heard a presentation and held a public hearing on this topic at their DATE meeting at which time they directed staff to bring forward for consideration amendments that would update the local ordinances and address citizen concerns; and

**Whereas**, the City Council considered the first reading on said amendments on DATE, and a second reading on DATE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION1:** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6-Animals, Article V be amended as indicated below:

***ARTICLE V. RABIES CONTROL***

**Sec. 6-109. Quarantine method and testing.**

- (a) Animals quarantined at a veterinary clinic shall be observed by a licensed veterinarian at least on the first and last days of the quarantine period. If the veterinarian determines that the animal has clinical signs of the



disease of rabies, the animal shall be humanely euthanized, and the head or brain submitted for testing. If the veterinarian determines that the animal does not exhibit the clinical signs of the disease of rabies, the local rabies control authority officer shall provide a form to the veterinarian for ~~his~~ their signature certifying that the animal has been found to be free of the clinical signs of rabies at the end of the quarantine period. This form shall be returned to the local rabies control authority officer at the end of the quarantine period.

- (b) The owner of the animal to be quarantined may request permission from the local rabies control authority officer for home quarantine if the following criteria can be met:
- (1) Secure facilities must be available at the home of the animal's owner and must be approved by the local rabies control authority officer.
  - (2) The animal is currently vaccinated against rabies and possesses a current city registration (if the licensing requirement of this chapter is applicable).
  - (3) The animal was not in violation of any laws or ordinances at the time of the incident.
  - (4) The bite or scratch incident was a provoked attack.
  - (5) The animal welfare officer must approve the granting of a home quarantine if all other requirements have been met. The approval must be in writing on a form provided by the local rabies control authority officer.
  - (6) A licensed veterinarian or Animal Welfare Officer must observe the animal at least on the first and last days of the quarantine period. ~~For the first observation, the animal will be transported by the animal welfare officer or the owner to the local veterinarian chosen by the owner, and then returned to the location of the home quarantine by the animal welfare officer or the owner after the observation.~~ If the animal becomes ill during the home quarantine period, the veterinarian and the local rabies control authority officer must be notified by the person having possession of the animal. ~~At the end of the observation period the owner shall transport the animal by direct route to the veterinarian for the final observation. Both observations by the veterinarian may be made at the location of the home quarantine if requested by the owner or required by the rabies control officer.~~ The release from quarantine must be accomplished in writing.
  - (7) The owner shall be responsible for paying all rabies observation fees to the veterinarian.
  - (8) It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions and conditions of the home quarantine as required by the local rabies control authority officer. If the owner of the animal fails to abide by all provisions and conditions required by the local rabies control authority officer when the home quarantine was granted and the animal is found in violation of such conditions, the animal shall be immediately impounded and quarantined for the remainder of the observation period at an approved veterinary facility at the owner's expense.
- (c) No dog or cat shall be released from quarantine unless:
- (1) The owner has an unexpired rabies vaccination certificate and registration for the animal (if the registration requirement is applicable); or
  - (2) The animal is vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense and a registration, if required, is obtained at the owner's expense from the veterinarian.
- (d) No wild animal will be placed in quarantine. All wild animals involved in biting incidents will be humanely euthanized in such a manner that the brain is not mutilated. The brain shall be submitted to a state department of health certified laboratory for rabies diagnosis.

(Code 1961, § 3-24)

State law reference(s)—Release or disposition of quarantined animal, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.043.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative to all other ordinances of the City of New Braunfels relating to animals within the City of New Braunfels, and same shall not operate to repeal or affect any such ordinance or ordinances except insofar as the provisions of such ordinance or ordinances are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which instance or instances those provisions shall be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That if any provisions of this Ordinance shall be held void, illegal, or unconstitutional, it is hereby provided that all other parts of the same which are not held void, illegal or unconstitutional shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION:

This Ordinance shall become adopted upon its second reading, signature, and filing with the City Secretary's Office; however, it will not take effect until it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation at least one time within ten (10) days after its final passage, as required by the City Charter of the City of New Braunfels.

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

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NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Valeria M. Acevedo, City Attorney

6/18/2025

Agenda Item No. B)

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**PRESENTER:**

[Bryan V. Ruiz, Neighborhood Services Manager]

**SUBJECT:**

[Provide an update to the Animal Services Advisory Board on the ordinances that were adopted by council in May of 2025.]

**DEPARTMENT:** [Planning & Development Services]**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** [All]**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

[Last year the ASAB started discussion on several agenda items which included amending the dangerous dog ordinance, creating an aggressive dog ordinance, amending the local home quarantine code, as well as updating two other chapters to be consistent with the state rabies code. This agenda item is to brief the board on the adoption of the amendments.]

**ISSUE:**

[Brief the ASAB on the recent updates to the local code. ]

**STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:**☐Economic Mobility ☐Enhanced Connectivity ☐Community Identity☐Organizational Excellence ☒Community Well-Being ☐N/A

[Enter Objectives/Performance Measures Supported]

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

[None]

**RECOMMENDATION:**

[None]