

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
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Sec. 6-87. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivation shall have the meaning given herein:

Board means the animal services advisory board of the City of New Braunfels, Texas.

Board member means the members of the city animal services advisory board.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-88. Establishment of an animal services advisory board.

The animal services advisory board is hereby established to, among other things, advise and make recommendations to the city council pertaining to animals and this chapter. The board shall further advise the city council, through the city manager, on any aspect of animal care services which in the board's opinion merits the attention of the city. The animal services advisory board shall be appointed by the city council and shall be composed of the following members as identified in section 6-89.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-89. Number of members; qualified appointment; terms.

The board shall consist of seven appointed members. The board shall consist of one licensed veterinarian, representing the Comal County Veterinary Medical Association, one municipal official, represented by the city's designated Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) local rabies control authority, one county official, represented by Comal County's designated TDSHS local rabies control authority, one person whose duties include the daily operation of the Humane Society of New Braunfels Area, one representative from an animal welfare organization, represented by a board member of the Humane Society of New Braunfels Area, one citizen who resides either within the city or city's extra-territorial jurisdiction, and one currently permitted commercial animal establishment facility owner or operator. With the exception of the appointed municipal official, the county official, and the representatives of the Humane Society of New Braunfels Area, all other members shall be appointed by the city council for staggered terms of three years.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-90. Meetings.

The board shall meet at least three times per year and any additional meetings as may be called. Special meetings may be called by the chair or by written request sent to the chair or vice-chair by two members of the board.

¹Editor's note(s)—At the discretion of the editor, sections 6-87—6-94 as enacted by Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, adopted September 9, 2013, have been designated as division 2, "Animal services advisory board" of this article.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-91. Vacancies.

When vacancies occur on the board, the city council shall appoint, by majority vote, a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-92. Removal.

Each board member serves at the pleasure of the city council and may be removed at the discretion of the city council. Board member absences shall be controlled by article III, section 2-56 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-93. Quorum; voting.

Four board members shall constitute a quorum of the board for the purpose of conducting its business, exercising its powers, and for all other purposes. No action of the board shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of those board members present and voting.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Sec. 6-94. Powers and duties.

- (a) The board shall act in an advisory capacity to the city staff and the city council in any matter pertaining to compliance with V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 823.001 et seq.
- (b) The board shall operate under bylaws approved by the city council. The set of bylaws shall govern rules of procedure, board operations, conduct and other such activities in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised edition.
- (c) The board shall elect such officers as the members deem necessary to conduct their business affairs. The board, through its representatives, shall make an oral and/or written report annually to the city council concerning its activities during the past year and its proposals for the coming year.
- (d) The board shall not have the power to obligate the city for funds and/or expenditures or incur any debt on behalf of the city.
- (f) All powers and duties prescribed and delegated herein are delegated to the board, as a unit, and all action hereunder shall be of the board acting as a whole. No action of an individual board member is authorized, except through the approval of the board or city council. The board shall have any other power and/or duty as prescribed and authorized by the city council.
- (g) The board's authority shall not extend to the direction, supervision, employment or termination of the city employees. No supervisory power of the board is created.

(Ord. No. 2013-51, § II, 9-9-13)

Secs. 6-95—6-105. Reserved.