

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZING METROPOLITAN ANIMAL SERVICES PARTICIPATION IN A COMMUNITY TRAP NEUTER AND RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Mills wants to improve the quality of life and bring positive changes for the community cats in our city by humanely reducing the number of feral cats and nuisance complaints associated with unsterilized cats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mills seeks to decrease the impact feral cats have on wildlife and to increase the number of cats vaccinated for rabies; and

WHEREAS, the Mills City Council finds it is in the best interest of residents to participate in a TNR program that aligns with industry best practices, operating in cooperation with community organizations and Metropolitan Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mills will participate in this program on a trial basis, which will allow both the City and Metropolitan Animal Services the opportunity to assess the program's data and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, if after a trial period data indicates the TNR Program is not effective in reducing the overall feral cat population; is not effective in reducing nuisance complaints; is not effective in reducing non-live outcomes of cats from the shelter; is negatively impacting our residents' health, property, or fiscal resources; is negatively impacting our wildlife populations; the City and Metropolitan Animal Services will work to modify the program as necessary or opt out of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MILLS, WYOMING:

SECTION 1: INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The City Council finds that the statements set forth in the Recitals of this Resolution are true and correct and the City Council hereby incorporates such Recitals as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Mills, Wyoming, authorizes the participation in a TNR Program that aligns with industry best practices and is administered by Metropolitan Animal Services.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, part, or provision of this Resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid, by a court of competent jurisdiction, then in that event, it is expressly provided and it is the intention of the City Council, in passing this Resolution, that its



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parts shall be severable, and all other parts of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, and they shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of July,
2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mayor, Leah Juarez



Councilman, Sara McCarthy



Councilman, Cherie Butcher




Councilman, Tim Sutherland



Councilman, Brad Neumiller

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Christine Trumbull

