

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, In October 2007, the City Council voted to keep the Davenport Building open permanently, as an "Adoption Center," once the new shelter opens on Levander Loop;

WHEREAS, in March 2010 the City Council approved the No Kill Implementation Plan, which included partnering with a non-profit to operate the Davenport Building as an Adoption Center and to keep open the entire Town Lake Animal Shelter (TLAC) site for at least six months as a safety net;

WHEREAS, since December 2010 the Animal Services Office has successfully operated close to or surpassed a 90% live outcome rate;

WHEREAS, allowing a non-profit to operate the TLAC site as an adoption center is critical to maintaining a 90% live outcome rate which meets the City of Austin No-Kill Implementation Plan's goal;

WHEREAS, the Animal Advisory Commission adopted criteria for the selected non-profit shall be the following:

1. Ensure that the City of Austin stays at a 90% live-outcome rate by focusing primarily on the adoption of animals from the City's "at-risk list" (meaning that all other groups have passed on them) so as to complement rather than be redundant with City services.

2. Use the facility only for animals that come from the City shelter in order to directly impact the City's live-outcome rate.

3. Be committed to multiple, full-time off-site adoptions for City animals.

4. Occupy and use the facility immediately for adoptions only upon the City's evacuation of the facility to prevent an increase in euthanasia at the new site.

5. Be wholly committed to Austin's No Kill Implementation Plan and the 90% live-outcome goal.

6. Work with the City's Animal Services Office to develop and implement additional life-saving programs; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to adopt the Animal Advisory Commission's recommended criteria in the selection process for a non-profit that will operate the Adoption Center at the current Town Lake Animal Center site.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk