

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-033**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF BROWARD COUNTY'S PROGRAM TO BECOME A NO KILL COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTING LIFESAVING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTERS; ENCOURAGING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION TO REDUCE THE FEES RELATED TO ADOPTION, INCLUDING RABIES FEES, REGISTRATION FEES AND ADOPTION FEES, FOR ADOPTION OF ANY ANIMALS THROUGH THE BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the Broward County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2012-271 to establish a program with the goal to become a no kill community and to provide a strategic plan to implement lifesaving programs and services at Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, for several years, Broward County has implemented strategic plans and developed programs to provide sheltering, humane care and live-release of all healthy, adoptable dogs and cats entering the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the official goal of the City of Coconut Creek is to save the lives of all of the healthy, adoptable dogs, cats, horses, and other animals in the possession of Broward County animal shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, a no-kill community is generally considered as a community saving 90 percent or more of the cats and dogs coming through the sheltering system; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Coconut Creek want to help bring about positive change for all the animals in the care and possession of the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, there are positive changes that can be made to increase lifesaving opportunities at the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers in order to save all of the adoptable and healthy animals in their care and possession; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 40.9 of the Broward County Administrative Code establishes fees related to the Animal Care and Adoption Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 40.10 of the Broward County Administrative Code provides for the waiver of rabies registration tag fees for dogs and cats under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek finds that fee waivers and reductions in the fees for the adoption of animals from Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers through amendments to the Broward County Code will reduce one of the barriers to adoption, increase interest in adoption of shelter animals and incentivize the adoption of shelter animals over the purchase of other non-shelter animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek finds and determines that it is in the best interest of its residents, business owners, and visitors to support Broward County's strategic plan and programs to provide sheltering, humane care and live-release of all healthy animals entering the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

**Section 2:** That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek supports and encourages the Broward County Commission to continue their work to save the lives of all healthy and adoptable animals in the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers by fully implementing a no-kill policy countywide at the earliest date possible.

**Section 3:** That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek encourages the County to work, in collaboration with individuals and organizations in the area, to develop a comprehensive plan within the upcoming year to reach this countywide no-kill goal.

**Section 4:** That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek encourages the Broward County Commission to reduce the fees related to adoption, including rabies fees, registration fees and adoption fees, for adoption of any animals through the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers in order to reduce barriers to adoption, incentivize adoption from Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Centers, and help achieve the County-wide no-kill goal.

**Section 5:** That the City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit this resolution to all of the municipalities in Broward County, the Broward County Commission, and the Broward County League Cities to help support Broward County's strategic plan and programs to become a no kill community.

**Section 6:** That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

**Section 7:** That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

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Sandra L. Welch, Mayor

Attest:

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Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Welch	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>