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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: We believe in the unity of our human community and that each individual in Henderson County, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation and economic status is entitled to equal justice, decent housing, adequate health care and equal opportunity for education; and

WHEREAS: We believe that disregard for human rights results in unfair and unequal treatment and offends the conscience of the community, and that a community in which all individuals enjoy equal respect is the highest aspiration of a society; and

WHEREAS: We further believe in the value of a meaningful, honest dialogue and shared activities to promote human rights, relations and responsibilities among the diverse groups of Henderson County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners proclaims December 10, 2007 locally as Human Rights Day and calls upon the citizens of Henderson County to be informed of this Proclamation by causing it to be disseminated, displayed and read in public places without distinction.

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2007.

[Signature]
WILLIAM L. MOYER, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

[Signature]
ELIZABETH W. CORNS
CLERK TO THE BOARD
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE “PIGGYBACKING” ON A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO PROCURE NEW AMBULANCES

WHEREAS, The Henderson County EMS Department would like to piggyback on a purchase agreement through Buncombe County, North Carolina, for the procurement of new ambulances in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-129(g); and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County EMS Department has verified that the conditions of “piggybacking” on the original contract have been met; and

WHEREAS, a public notice of this procurement without competitive bidding was placed in the Hendersonville Times-News on October 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the piggybacking on a purchase agreement through Buncombe County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue leasing new ambulance units because it is financially more advantageous to lease versus purchase finance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Henderson as follows:

1. That the Board authorizes the procurement of new ambulances by “piggybacking” on Buncombe County’s purchase agreement with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles at a cost of $95,883 per vehicle.

2. That the Board authorizes the County Manager and Finance Director to issue a purchase order to Southeastern Specialty Vehicles to procure the new ambulances.

3. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption. Adopted this 5th day of November, 2007.

ATTEST:

Henderson County Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Clerk to the Board

[Signature]
William K. Moyer, Chairman
Memorandum

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Charles Russell Burrell
DATE: 5 November 2007
RE: Henderson County Hospital Corporation -- Sale of Pardee Care Center

This document is a public record under North Carolina Public Records law, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-1.1.

If the Board is inclined to allow the sale of the Pardee Care Center to proceed forward, the following Motion is proposed (NOTE: this motion has been reviewed by Pardee staff):

I move that the Board agree to the marketing (including solicitation of requests for proposals and offers) for the purpose of sale of the Pardee Care Center, and the sale of the same, with final approval of the documentation of the sale to occur at a later meeting.

I further move that all proceeds of such sale would belong to the Henderson County Hospital Corporation, to be used for:

- capital costs (including payment of existing capital indebtedness).

[OR]

(other purpose desired by the Board)
November 5, 2007

Henderson County Commissioners, William Moyer, Chairman
Charles Messer, Larry Young, Mark Williams, Chuck McGrady

Gentlemen:

As a Henderson County native I have had several occasions over the years to call on Animal Services for assistance. In each instance they have been very helpful.

I favor spay/neuter for family pets and animals adopted from shelters. However, the proposed Animal Ordinance, while it contains many good points, does not offer a solution to your stated objective of reducing the number of animals euthanized at the Henderson County Shelter.

In my opinion, the Spay-Neuter Requirements outlined under the Spay-Neuter Program are unrealistic, unobtainable and subjective in definition and enforcement. For example, note that the exemptions in Section E include some venues of dog performance events and fail to mention many equally valid activities. More important, it places on any investigating officer, who may know nothing about what is being presented as an exemption, the responsibility of making a subjective decision as to its validity. By definition any complaint-driven issue is subjective on the part of the person making the complaint. It may be valid or just a legal loophole to get at another unrelated issue.

Henderson County statistics from 2001 to 2005 show that, while the numbers of cats and dogs taken into the shelter are roughly the same, an average of 86% of cats were euthanized as opposed to 67% of dogs. Neither of these figures takes into account animals which were turned in with specific requests from the owners that they be euthanized, were critically injured or ill or were feral.

Passing any ordinance, good or bad, places it into law. Furthermore, once it is enacted the door is open to amendments. As the current draft fails to meet your stated objection you will be subject to constant pressure to amend and “fix” the problem. There are multiple examples of other cities that have passed, and later rescinded, spay/neuter ordinances after finding that they are very expensive and simply do not work.

You, as commissioners, and the people who elected you, will have to live with whatever ordinance you pass. I urge you to fully understand what you are considering. Please be certain that what you pass meets your objective and is not punitive to any particular portion of Henderson County residents or businesses.

Having dealt with the recent problems of zoning and land use for what must seem like a lifetime, I’m sure you are painfully aware that a bad ordinance is a lot harder to deal with than no ordinance at all.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia B Turner
225 Hawthorn Dr
Hendersonville, NC 28991
Did You Know?

Save a Life

Spay or Neuter your pet

Be a responsible pet owner

- Produce 67,000 dogs within 7 years?
- Produce 420,000 cats within 7 years?
- Male dog and her offspring can
- Female cat and her offspring can

General Good Health

And now a note on your pets

American Veterinary Medical Association

- Examinations: detection and treatment of problems that can lead to early death, injury, or disability for your pet,
- Neutering: improves behavior and health for your pet,
- Vaccinations and deworming: protects your pet from disease,
- Regular check-ups: early detection of problems before they become severe

Henderson County Animal Services

Henderson County Animal Shelter

828 Stony Mountain Road

Phone: (828) 697-7492

For emergencies after hours, holidays, and weekends call the Henderson County Sheriff's Department at 911.

www.hendersoncountync.org/animals

Services Offered:

- Spay/Neuter Clinic
- More information on the Human-Animal Best with low-cost Spay/Neuter Services for their pets. These vouchers may be redeemed for

Henderson County Animal Services

Providers:

- Spay/Neuter Services at designated local veterinary practices
- Assistance with Spaying and Neutering their pets
- Low-income residents with the experience

Vouchers are available at the Henderson Neuter Assistance Program.
Spaying and Neutering of Pets

The Pet Population Problem

What is the Best Age to Spay or Neuter a Pet? Health and Quality of Life.

and Neutering dogs reduces the risk of prostate disease, and increases the risk of ovarian and uterine problems. Neutering also reduces the risk of ovarian and uterine problems.

Benefits to Your Male Pet

Benefits to Your Female Pet

Benefits to Your Male Pet

Benefits to Your Female Pet

What are the Benefits of Spaying and Neutering?

The County's Spay-Neuter Program has 3 main components:

1. Assistance Program for Low-Income Pet Owners: Rewards the county's Animal Ordinance and education, and increases the risk of ovarian and uterine problems.

2. Owners wishing to spay-neuter their pets:

3. Rewards Pet Owners By Pet Owners in Henderson County:

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**SPAY & NEUTER**

It’s the Law!

Buncombe County and the City of Asheville have a pet overpopulation ordinance that requires animals over the age of 6 months be spayed or neutered or owners must obtain a $100 permit. Violation of this ordinance will subject the guardian to a $100-200 citation per animal. The citation will be waived if the guardian has each animal spayed or neutered within thirty days.

The permit is for the lifetime of the animal and the ordinance is only enforced if another violation of the animal ordinance is found. This makes enforcement fairly easy since officers are already on the scene for a complaint. The officers do not respond to complaints of unaltered animals therefore the ordinance targets offenders and the population that is contributing to the tax payer burden. When an officer finds a violation of the ordinance, they inquire whether the animal is altered, if not, a citation is issued. The owner has 30 days to comply and if so, the fine is waived. Most people comply. The ordinance has been in effect for 2 years and we have seen a significant decrease in the number of animals entering our shelter and subsequently euthanized.

**Benefits:**
- Reduces the number of animals received and euthanized at the shelter
- Reduces tax payer burden for animal control
- Reduces the number of unwanted animals in your community
- Easy to enforce

The County passed the ordinance in Dec 2003 and it went into effect April 2004. The City passed the ordinance in July 05 and it went into effect immediately.

**STATS:**

**FY 2003** (year prior to passage of ordinance)
- Received 9737
- Euthanized 6798

**FY 2004** (year during which it was passed; only 3 months enforced)
- Received 9226
- Euthanized 6621

**FY 2005** (1st full year county enforcement)
- Received 8255
- Euthanized 5674

**FY 2006** (first full year city enforcement)
- Received 7911
- Euthanized 5219

For more information contact:
Asheville Humane Society
admin@ashevillehumane.org
828-236-3885

**After 2 yrs + 3mos. decreased by 1,824 Animals or 18.75%
The Charlotte Observer just finished doing a three part, in depth series about companion animal overpopulation. A link is below. I hope you will take the time to read this informative series.

If you can't read the entire series, please take the time to read the one story below. It includes examples of areas that have had great successes in reducing the numbers of stray animals and the numbers of animals euthanized. While it initially takes an increased investment to reduce the numbers, taxpayer money is saved in the long run. And so are the lives of countless animals that are killed simply because there are no homes available.

Animal overpopulation is an issue that many people care deeply about, and I hope you will sponsor and support legislation to help end this unnecessary killing. Thank you.

Stewart David, President
Carolina Animal Action
PO Box 19242
Asheville, NC  28815
828-298-4647


Sterilizing key to lower kill rate
Low-cost spay and neuter clinics making an impact across U.S.
MICHELLE CROUCH AND SCOTT DODD
Staff Writers

Even as their human populations have grown, communities across the country have reduced the number of homeless and unwanted animals -- and the number killed.

The key is pet sterilization, especially in low-income areas, say leaders in those cities and national experts. Aggressive adoption efforts and public education campaigns also help, but don't solve the problem.

"We can't adopt our way out of euthanasia," said Kate Pullen, director of animal sheltering issues for the Humane Society of the United States. "But we can spay and neuter our way out."

In the Carolinas, where the unwanted pet population is exploding, it's tough to find successful programs.

But a few communities are making progress.

In Guilford County, Leadership Greensboro members and other animal welfare groups launched the No More Homeless Pets program three years ago. As part of the effort, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of the Triad opened a spay-neuter clinic that offers discounted rates to low-income pet owners. The group also began taking spay-neuter vans into low-income neighborhoods.

It's worked: The percentage of animals killed at the county shelter plunged from 91 percent in 1998 to about 49 percent today.

Wednesday, July 02, 2003
Moore County, home to the golf resort town of Pinehurst, kills a similarly low number of its animals. Animal advocates there say a partnership between animal control and the local humane society are behind its success.

The humane society operates a sterilization program for pets of low-income owners and traps and neuters feral cats. And Moore's Animal Control bureau offers programs not found in most counties around Charlotte: microchips for shelter animals, off-site adoption fairs and seven-day-a-week shelter hours. The county also built a new, $700,000 shelter last year.

With a budget of $527,000, Moore County's animal control department is spending $6.82 per person — almost one and a half times the average of $4.74 spent in the Charlotte region.

Here are examples of other communities with successful programs:

• **New Hampshire** — A 1994 statewide program financed by dog registration fees provides low-income residents with vouchers to get their pets spayed and neutered for $10. The state of 1.2 million people saw a 75 percent drop in animal euthanasia by 2001, to 2,851 dogs and cats.

• **Phoenix** — Seven years ago, Maricopa County's animal control agency launched a comprehensive plan to reduce pet euthanasia. The agency built two spay-neuter clinics and began offering free or low-cost surgeries to needy families. Other strategies: sliding adoption fees, depending on animals' health, temperament and adoptability; mobile adoption and spay-neuter vans; and an extensive advertising campaign. The number of animals killed per 1,000 people fell from 30 per 1,000 a decade ago to 8 per 1,000 today.

• **San Francisco** — The city/county animal control agency paired with the local SPCA in 1994 with the goal that no adoptable dog or cat would be killed. The agency launched a variety of programs, with low-cost spaying and neutering as the key component. The number of animals killed in the city dropped from one of the nation's highest two decades ago to 3 per 1,000 people now, the lowest of any major U.S. city.

• **Jacksonville, Fla. (Duval County)** — The city/county animal control agency spends $250,000 annually on vouchers for free spaying and neutering services available to about 3,000 low-income pet owners. The agency also launched a major advertising campaign, opened an adoption facility in a local shopping center, and spent $1.5 million renovating its shelter. In three years, the animals killed at the shelter fell from 91 percent to 69 percent.

• **Denver** — In 1993, the city was one of the first in the country to require all pet owners except registered breeders to spay or neuter their animals. This includes pet stores. The change helped cut in half the percentage of animals killed annually at the shelter, to 34 percent in 2002.
First look at Pardee P&L impact on Balance Sheet

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2007

This is a projection - September actuals still not determined.
The only actuals reported were Gross Revenue 296,237,027 vs. 296,782,365 projected, a decline of 545,338. Don't know how this projects to net income but not likely to be favorable.

Depreciation    | (11,375)     | 1. Not replacing depreciation                                           |
| Capital Plan   | 8,933        | 2. Not procuring a replacement MRI - 5 Yr operating lease               |
| Care Center    | (3,600)      | 3. Nothing shown for Urgent Care unit in 1st qtr. detail                |

Book value of unit - no idea what sale may bring

Overall
1. I agree with the strategy of eliminating weak or doubtful valued units and toughening administration went through the same process myself in my last years at Searle. It is just as necessary here as it was there. This budget should accomplish that.
2. I was surprised at the lack of discussion around the DETOX unit. There was considerable good feeling about its creation. Somebody will have to take care of that patient stream - somewhere in this county. I wonder if there aren't grants that would help or even Foundation support?
3. No commentary on the investment strategy except that 2008 less than 2007.

The thoughts in this note are 100% my own analysis and experienced judgment. I have studied this hospital for a long time and see this budget as a new beginning for Pardee's long term future. It seems to me that assuming a realistic performance against it ought to result in a new assessment of Pardee's role in Henderson County's future. It is the step that should have been taken two years ago but wasn't.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS

THIS MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT is between Henderson County ("the County") and Blue Ridge Community Health Services ("the Agency").

Facts and Circumstances

1. On or about 24 April 2007, the parties entered into a "Performance Agreement" requiring the Agency to perform certain mental health related services for residents of the County, in return for payment by the County ("Agreement 1").

2. On or about 28 June 2007, the parties entered into another "Performance Agreement", requiring the Agency to perform certain additional mental health related services for residents of the County, in return for payment by the County ("Agreement 2").

3. Under both Agreement 1 and Agreement 2, the Agency's services were to be provided by not later than 31 October 2007.

4. Due to various circumstances, the parties wish to extend the period for the Agency's performance of services under Agreement 1 and Agreement 2 to 31 October 2008.

Agreement

As a result of the foregoing, the parties agree that the time for performance by the Agency under both Agreement 1 and Agreement 2 is hereby extended to 31 October 2008. No additional funds will be due from the County as a result of this modification.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Modification of Agreements on the date shown below.

Attest:

HENDERSON COUNTY

By:

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Attest:

By:

Chief Executive Officer

Chairman of the Board