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Subject: RE: Hernando County Ordinance No. 2024-18 - Adopted on December 17, 2024
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Good morning,

Attached is the acknowledgement letter for Hernando County Ordinance No. 2024-18.

Best,

Alexandra Leijon

Administrative Code and Register Director
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Sender Full Name:	Heidi Kurppe
Sender Phone number:	352-754-4970
County Name:	Hernando
Ordinance Number:	2024-18

Thank You,

Heidi Kurppe

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Secretary of State

December 23, 2024

Doug Chorvat, Jr.
County Clerk
Hernando County
20 North Main Street, Rm. 362
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Dear Doug Chorvat Jr.,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Hernando County Ordinance No. 2024-18, which was filed in this office on December 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Leijon
Administrative Code and Register Director

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HERNANDO COUNTY CODE § 6-43 TO
AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACTS WITH THIRD-PARTIES TO PROVIDE ANIMAL SHELTERING
SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION
IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING
PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY:

Section 1. Amending Hernando County Code § 6-43. Hernando County Code § 6-43,
“Operation of Animal Shelter,” is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-43. Operation of Animal Shelter.

(a) The county shall operate and maintain an animal shelter for the purpose of
receiving and housing impounded animals. At the board of county commissioners’
discretion, the county may contract with either private entities or other governmental
units to provide animal sheltering services.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or of law, the animal
shelter may not accept owner-surrender animals except as provided by the animal
shelter's policies and procedures. The animal shelter shall encourage owners who

1 wish to voluntarily surrender an animal to contact an alternative animal organization
2 that can accept the animal (e.g., rescue organizations, the Humane Society, etc.).

3 (c) Animal shelter personnel shall encourage the adoption of animals in the
4 animal shelter's custody. The department shall charge fees for transferring ownership
5 of such animals and for vaccination, sterilization, and other medical care provided
6 to such animals. Such fees shall be fixed by a resolution adopted by the board of
7 county commissioners.

8 (d) The county may, at its own discretion, transfer animals to an animal rescue
9 organization for medical care, for adoption, for adoption to third parties, or for any
10 other lawful purpose, in accordance with the following provisions:

11 (1) The animal rescue organization shall be registered with the
12 department.

13 (2) The animal rescue organization shall enter into a written agreement,
14 approved by the board of county commissioners, that provides for the following: a
15 requirement that the organization report to the county on the disposition of animals
16 acquired from the animal shelter on a biannual basis; and that the county shall have
17 the right to reclaim animals that are being maintained in violation of this chapter or
18 other provisions of this Code. Breach of the agreement shall be a separate, class V
19 violation of this section.

1 (3) In deciding whether to transfer animals to an animal rescue
2 organization, the county may consider, among other factors:

- 3 a. The resources of the organization to care for animals.
4 b. The facilities where the animals will be kept.
5 c. The prior experience of the organization or its members or
6 agents in the field of animal care.
7 d. Whether the organization or its members or agents are, or have
8 previously been found to be, operating in violation of any of the provisions of this
9 chapter, of any federal, state, or local laws governing public health or sanitation, or
10 of the applicable zoning code governing the keeping of animals.
11 e. Any additional burdens on the county for partnering with the
12 organization.

13 (e) The county administrator, or his/her designee, is hereby delegated the
14 authority to negotiate and enter into agreements, which require no expenditure of
15 additional funds by the county, with other persons to encourage the adoption of
16 animals or to provide for animals in the custody of the animal shelter.

17 **Section 2. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County
18 Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this

1 ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the
2 validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

3 **Section 3. Inclusion in the Code.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners
4 of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
5 become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the
6 sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that
7 the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or any other appropriate designation.

8 **Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in
9 conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

10 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of
11 official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this ordinance has
12 been filed with said office.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 17th day of December 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:

Hildi Kuyper, Deputy Clerk
DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.
Clerk and Comptroller

By

Brian Hawkins
BRIAN HAWKINS
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Jan Jouben
County Attorney

