

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00 FROM BEST FRIENDS SOCIETY, A 501 (C) (3) NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOR USE BY THE LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SPAY, NEUTER AND RELEASE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY CATS AND TO ASSIST WITH THE CURRENT SPAY/NEUTER AND RELEASE PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE SHELTER'S LIVE RELEASE RATE FOR CATS AND TO DECREASE OVERPOPULATION IN OUR COMMUNITY; AND AMEND THE FY 23-24 BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Best Friends Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation has informed the Laredo Animal Care Services Department (ACS) of its intention to grant funds in the amount of \$66,000.00 to be used by the Animal Care Services Department to provide Spay and Neuter Services on Community Cats.

WHEREAS, to assist with the Spay/Neuter and Release Program to increase the shelter's live release rate for community stray cats and to decrease overpopulation in our community; and

WHEREAS, no cash or in-kind matching contributions are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The grant to the City in the amount of \$66,000.00 to be used by the Animal Care Services Department to provide a Spay and Neuter services for community Cats; is hereby accepted.

Section 2. A copy of the award letter from Best Friends Society to ACS regarding this grant which sets forth certain requirements regarding the use of the granted funds is attached hereto as Attachment 1 and made a part hereof for all purposes. The City Manager or his designee, or the Director of the Laredo Animal Care Services Department or their designee, are each hereby authorized to execute any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate and evidence the acceptance of the grant and/or perform the programs for which the funds will be used, without further action by the City Council.

Section 3. The City Manager or their designee, or the Director of the Laredo Animal Care Services or their designee is hereby authorized to accept funds in an amount of \$66,000.00 to be used by the Animal Care Services Department to Spay and Neuter Services for community Cats.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas,

except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____ 2024.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**