

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024-2025 GREENVILLE COUNTY BUDGET TO ESTABLISH SPENDING REQUIREMENTS, PRIORITIES, AND PARAMETERS FOR THE SECOND CHANCE FUND ANCILLARY TO GREENVILLE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE.**

An amendment to the Greenville County 2024-2025 Budget, relating to the establishment or amendment of spending requirements, priorities, and parameters for the account known as the “Second Chance Fund” ancillary to Greenville County Animal Care; and providing an effective date.

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County has a significant interest in reducing the number of pets that are euthanized; and,

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County Animal Care advertises itself as “No Kill;” and,

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County Greenville County Animal Care (“the Shelter”), is open admission and has been unable to maintain a no-kill status (which is less than 10% euthanasia) since the start of 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Shelter previously averaged just 6% euthanasia for many years and are currently operating at an average of 15-16% euthanasia; and,

**WHEREAS**, intake of dogs has increased by at least 20% from 2021 to 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County has a significant interest in reducing the number of pets that are euthanized; and,

**WHEREAS**, increases in euthanasia of dogs and cats at the Shelter puts a tremendous strain on County staff and volunteers at the Shelter; and,

**WHEREAS**, County Council desires to return the Shelter to no-kill status and improve the overall well-being and welfare of animals and citizens in Greenville County; and,

**WHEREAS**, to assist in less euthanizing to the goal of “no kill” status, Greenville County created the “Second Chance Fund” as an ancillary fund-raising mechanism whereby private, tax deductible, donations can be made to supplement the efforts of the Shelter.

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, the stated purpose of the Second Chance Fund is to, “Help Us Save Them All - Giving to the Second Chance Fund directly saves the lives of homeless animals and makes it possible to keep Greenville County a no-kill community;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the beginning balance of the Second Chance Fund is reported as: \$964,753.48 for the fiscal year 2024. That, the beginning balance for the previous years are: \$1,138,810.76 for 2023, \$976,232.06 for 2022, \$781,163.94, and \$657,777.75 for 2021.

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the Second Chance Fund are cumulative and have increased substantially every year cited as opposed to being annually or quarterly spent for the purpose of directly saving the lives of homeless animals and making it possible to keep Greenville County a no-kill community; and,

**WHEREFORE**, Greenville County Council finds that the purpose of the Second Chance Fund is the immediate prevention of euthanizing animals in its care at the Shelter; and,

**WHEREFORE**, Greenville County Council finds that accumulation and hoarding of the large amounts of donated moneys in the Second Chance Fund does not effectuate the purpose of the Second Chance Fund.

**NOW, BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina, it is the policy of Greenville County that Greenville County Animal Care spends-down the Second Chance Fund, at least quarterly, to a sum of no more than \$1,000.00, for the purpose of directly saving the lives of homeless animals and making it possible to keep Greenville County a no-kill community; and,

**FURTHER**, under the authority granted to Greenville County Council under Section 4-9-630(2), South Carolina Code of Laws *to execute the policies, directives and legislative actions of the council*; the Administrator is hereby directed to execute this policy duly enacted and legislated by Greenville County Council.

Section 1. Greenville County Ordinance No.: \_\_\_\_\_, is created to read:

It is the policy of Greenville County that Greenville County Animal Care spends-down the Second Chance Fund, at least quarterly, to a sum of no more than \$1,000.00, for the purpose of directly saving the lives of homeless animals and making it possible to keep Greenville County a no-kill community.

Section 2. The Administrator is hereby directed to ensure that the Greenville County Animal Care administration spends-down the Second Chance Fund, at least quarterly, to a sum of no more than \$1,000.00, for the purpose of directly saving the lives of homeless animals and making it possible to keep Greenville County a no-kill community.

Section 3. That, the Administrator must prepare, and report directly to County Council at his or her report to Administrator's Report to Council at a regular council meeting, at least monthly, the total balance of the Second Chance Fund.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

GREENVILLE COUNTY

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
County Council

ATTEST:

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator