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COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE

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Health Code, Section 41.1 (Ordinance Nos. 226-73; 59-82; 182-89; 394-89; and 107-99)

Board Qualifications:

The Commission of Animal Control and Welfare consists of eleven (11) members.

The seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be voting members:

- > Six (6) members shall represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters; and
- > One (1) member must be a licensed veterinarian practicing in San Francisco.

The other four (4) members are non-voting members, as follows:

- > One (1) member shall consist of the Director of the Animal Care and Control Department or his/her designated representative;
- > One (1) member appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health or his/her designated representative;
- > One (1) member appointed by the Chief of Police or his/her designated representative; and
- > One (1) member appointed by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department or his/her designated representative.

Each member of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare of the City and County of San Francisco shall be a resident of the City and County of San Francisco, except for the licensed veterinarian, who must practice in San Francisco, but who need not be a resident of San Francisco.

The Commission shall have the powers and duties to: a) hold hearings and submit

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recommendations regarding animal control and welfare to the Board of Supervisors and the City Administrator; b) study and recommend requirements for the maintenance of animals in public, private, and commercial care; and c) work with the Tax Collector, Director of the Animal Care and Control Department, and authorized licensing entities to develop and maintain dog licensing procedures and make recommendations on fees.

Term of Office: Three of the members who are first appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be designated to serve for terms of one year and three for two years from the date of their appointment. Thereafter, members shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of two years, except that all of the vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. A member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified.

Reports: The Commission shall render a written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors quarterly as stated in Health Code, Section 41.3.

Sunset Date: None