STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	RESOLUTION No. 23-08
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER	i i	

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, SEC 4-20 FREE ROAMING CAT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council is authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations implementing the provisions of Chapter 4, Animals, Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Sec. 4-20, establishes the free roaming cat program which authorizes, among other things, conditions and requirements for the allowance of free roaming cats; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sec. 4-20 - Free roaming cat program, free roaming cats shall be allowed in Dorchester County as long as all of the following requirements are met:

- 1) Cats must be spayed or neutered.
- 2) Cats must be microchipped.
- 3) Cats must be vaccinated for rabies
- 4) Cats must be ear tipped.

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council wishes to adopt the below rules and regulations for the implementation of that program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Dorchester County Council duly assembled that the following rules and regulations shall apply to the free roaming cat program established in the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Sec. 4-20.

1. Save and except for calls for service for a free roaming cat constituting a nuisance pursuant to Sec. 4-9 of the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, or any other provision of Chapter 4, Animals, which authorizes the seizure, pickup and/or impoundment of cats, the Dorchester County Animal Control Department shall not be responsible for the trapping, capturing or transporting of free roaming cats nor responsible for taking the steps necessary for the cat to qualify as a free roaming cat.

2. Residents of Dorchester County who wish to trap or capture a free roaming cat so that the necessary steps can be taken for the cat to qualify as a free roaming cat may make direct contact with the County's designated animal shelter, Dorchester Paws so that an appointment can be made to have the procedures set forth in Sec. 4-20 performed.

3. This Resolution shall become effective May 1, 2023.

Adopted this 6th day of March 2023.

DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

S. Todd Friddle, Chairman

County Council of Dorchester County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Tracey L. Landley, Clerk

County Council of Dorchester County,

South Carolina