ORDINANCE NO.2023-8

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to institute an animal control program in Union County, Indiana, by regulating and licensing the keeping of animals; and,

Whereas, it is deemed necessary and proper to establish as a part of this program a rabies control program in: Union Country, Indiana;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

DEFINITIONS

- (A) <u>Abandonment:</u> The voluntary relinquishment of possession by the owner with the intention of terminating his ownership, but without vesting possession in any other person. The failure to make adequate provision for food, water and shelter shall be prima facie evidence of abandonment.
- (B) Animal Control Officer: Any person who has been employed as such by the Board of Commissioners.
- (C) <u>Animal Shelter:</u> Any facility operated by a humane society or municipal agency, or its Authorized agents or operated under contract or agreement with the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of impounding or caring for animals held under the authority of this Ordinance or state law.

(Union County will follow all applicable Indiana statutes, rules and regulations.)

Adopted this 20th Day of October, 2023

Board of Commissioners of Union County, Indiana

Tim Williams President

Parni Edwards

Attest:

DENNIS SPAETH, AUDITOR