

ORDINANCE NO. A- 468

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF VOTING FOR OR AGAINST A VOLUNTARY TAX TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER IN SUCH CITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Conway, Arkansas does not have funds or facilities to care for, house and feed unattended dogs, cats and other household pets which are, or may be impounded within said City under valid ordinances adopted by its City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that there is an immediate need for additional funds to be used for aiding in the construction, operation and maintenance of a municipal animal shelter in order to properly and effectively administer and enforce its ordinances which may now be in force or which may hereafter be adopted regarding the licensing, vaccination and/or keeping of such animals and pets within the City; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds needed for the construction, operation and maintenance of such an animal shelter can be obtained by the collection of an assessment of one-half of one mill on the assessed valuation of all or a substantial part of the real and personal property located within the City of Conway and assessed upon the tax books; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Conway does not desire to make payment of an assessment for a municipal animal shelter mandatory but believes that a substantial majority of the property owners in said City are willing and able to pay said one-half of one mill on the assessed valuation of their real and personal property located within the said City on a voluntary basis for the benefit of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of such City that the sentiment of the electors of said City should be obtained in regard to the imposition of a voluntary procedure whereby owner of property within said City would be encouraged to pay to the City

of Conway, in addition to the regular city taxes, an assessment equal to one-half of one mill on the assessed valuation of the property owner's real and personal property located within said City on a completely voluntary basis;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That a special election be, and the same is hereby called to be held in said City on the 5th day of November, 1968, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City the question of levying a voluntary assessment of One-Half of One Mill upon the assessed valuation of all real and personal property within the said City of Conway,

SECTION 2. That the question shall be placed upon the ballot in substantially the following form:

It is proposed to levy a voluntary assessment in the amount of One-Half of One Mill on the assessed valuation of all real and personal property located within the City of Conway, Arkansas for the purposes of providing additional funds for the purpose of aiding in the construction, operation and maintenance of a Municipal Animal Shelter. If the proposal is approved a reminder of this voluntary assessment will be sent to each property owner within the City together with the regular property tax statement. Each property owner, upon receipt of the reminder, may pay all, a part of, or none of the voluntary assessment as he sees fit.

Vote on measure by placing an "X" in the square either For or Against:

For a voluntary assessment in the amount of One-Half of One Mill assessed on the valuation of all real and personal property located within the City of Conway, Arkansas, for the purpose of providing additional funds for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Municipal Animal Shelter within the City of Conway, Arkansas .....

Against a voluntary assessment in the amount of One-Half of One Mill assessed on the valuation of all real and personal property located within the City of Conway, Arkansas, for the purpose of providing additional funds for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Municipal Animal Shelter within the City of Conway, Arkansas .....

SECTION 3. That the election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections, so far as the same

is applicable, and the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such election by an advertisement published in a newspaper published in and having a bona fide circulation in the City, the said publication to be not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the election, and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote at said election on said question.

SECTION 4. That the results of said election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and his proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the City and having a bona fide circulation therein.

SECTION 5. That a copy of this ordinance shall be given to the Faulkner County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided.

SECTION 6. That if the proposal is approved by a majority of the electors voting in said special election, the City Council will take the necessary steps to cause the Collector of Faulkner County to send to each property owner within the City, along with the regular property tax statements, a reminder of the voluntary One-Half of One mill assessment for construction, operation and maintaining a Municipal Animal Shelter within the City.

SECTION 7. That the payment of the voluntary One-half of One Mill assessment provided for herein shall be completely voluntary on the part of each taxpayer.

SECTION 8. That all proceeds derived from said voluntary assessment shall be used solely and exclusively for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Municipal Animal Shelter within the said City.

SECTION 9. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 10. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is an immediate need for additional funds to be used for construction, operating and maintaining a Municipal Animal Shelter within the City of Conway, Arkansas, in order to protect the public health, safety

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welfare of its inhabitants, that said additional funds can be obtained only by the payment of a voluntary assessment by taxpayers within said City and that no taxpayer should be requested to pay such voluntary assessment unless the proposal of the voluntary assessment is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question in said special election. It, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED THIS 24 day of September, 1968.

APPROVED : \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST : \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer