ORDINANCE 2021 – 11

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH THE WARREN COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the public interest to eliminate/prevent cruelty, neglect and homelessness for animals in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that public support through City funding should be given to the Warren County Humane Association, a private non-profit organization and that such expenditure constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Humane Association operates the only animal shelter and adoption center of this type in Warren County providing a safe haven and loving care for tens of thousands of homeless dogs and cats.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Humane Association is also responsible for reuniting thousands of lost pets with their owners, including Mason.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Human Association understands that funds provided by the City of Mason will be used solely to further the organization's mission within the City of Mason and that such expenditure will result in a demonstrable benefit to the City of Mason that can be substantiated with evidence.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Humane Association will work collaboratively with the City to provide activities and events that educate the community about the importance of animal welfare and the reduction of homeless pets through spay/neuter programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members thereto concurring:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a service agreement attached as Exhibit "A" in an amount of \$8,000 in support of its programs in the interest of the City of Mason and its citizens.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest possible date allowed by law.

Passed this 25th day of January, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council