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✓ 1.	KENNETH WORKMAN	ETOWAH	ANIMAL ORDINANCE
hand out ✓ 2.	Virginia Turner	64 West	Animal Ordinance
✓ 3.	Cherry Meier	Henderson	Hospice / Palliative Care Pardee Care Center
✓ 4.	Lisa Beddingfield	Flat Rock	Animal Ord. Socy / Neuter
✓ 5.	Pan Hodges	Flat Rock	Animal Ordinance
✓ 6.	Pat de Lemos	109 Greenwood	FLAT ROCK SPAY + Neuter
✓ 7.	Sarah Wilson	115 Lake Drive	Animal Ordinance
✓ 8.	Paul Rely	1928 Bernard Rd	H'ville Thinking long term Public Transit, expand
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# HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** We believe in the unity of our human community and that each individual in Henderson County, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation and economic status is entitled to equal justice, decent housing, adequate health care and equal opportunity for education; and

**WHEREAS:** We believe that disregard for human rights results in unfair and unequal treatment and offends the conscience of the community, and that a community in which all individuals enjoy equal respect is the highest aspiration of a society; and

**WHEREAS:** We further believe in the value of a meaningful, honest dialogue and shared activities to promote human rights, relations and responsibilities among the diverse groups of Henderson County;

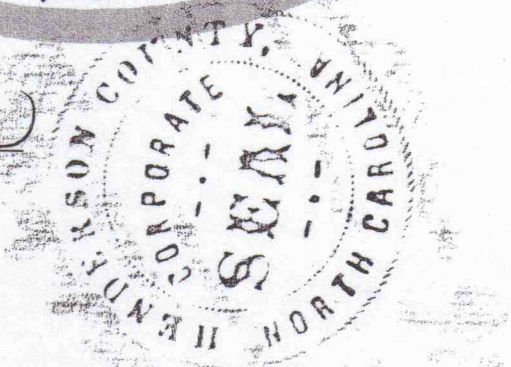
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners proclaims December 10, 2007 locally as Human Rights Day and calls upon the citizens of Henderson County to be informed of this Proclamation by causing it to be disseminated, displayed and read in public places without distinction.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

  
WILLIAM L. MOYER, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

  
CLERK TO THE BOARD



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE "PIGGYBACKING" ON A  
PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA TO PROCURE NEW AMBULANCES**

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WHEREAS, The Henderson County EMS Department would like to piggyback on a purchase agreement through Buncombe County, North Carolina, for the procurement of new ambulances in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-129(g); and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County EMS Department has verified that the conditions of "piggybacking" on the original contract have been met; and

WHEREAS, a public notice of this procurement without competitive bidding was placed in the Hendersonville Times-News on October 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the piggybacking on a purchase agreement through Buncombe County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue leasing new ambulance units because it is financially more advantageous to lease versus purchase finance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Henderson as follows:

1. That the Board authorizes the procurement of new ambulances by "piggybacking" on Buncombe County's purchase agreement with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles at a cost of \$95,883 per vehicle.
2. That the Board authorizes the County Manager and Finance Director to issue a purchase order to Southeastern Specialty Vehicles to procure the new ambulances.
3. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption. Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

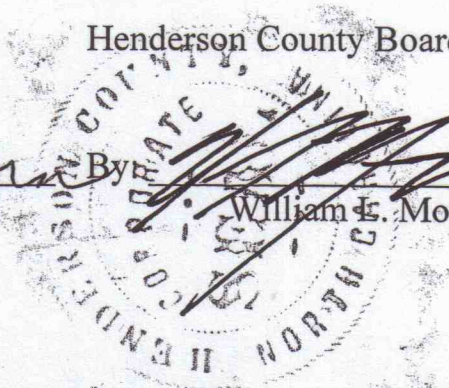
ATTEST:

Henderson County Board of Commissioners

*Elizabeth W. Carr*  
Clerk to the Board

By

*William E. Moyer*  
William E. Moyer, Chairman





Memorandum

TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Charles Russell Burrell *[Signature]*  
DATE: 5 November 2007  
RE: Henderson County Hospital Corporation -- Sale of Pardee Care Center

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If the Board is inclined to allow the sale of the Pardee Care Center to proceed forward, the following Motion is proposed (NOTE: this motion has been reviewed by Pardee staff):


***I move that the Board agree to the marketing (including solicitation of requests for proposals and offers) for the purpose of sale of the Pardee Care Center, and the sale of the same, with final approval of the documentation of the sale to occur at a later meeting.***

***I further move that all proceeds of such sale would belong to the Henderson County Hospital Corporation, to be used for:***

***capital costs (including payment of existing capital indebtedness).***

[OR]

***(other purpose desired by the Board)***

*Chm. Mayer motion*   
*V + C*  
*unanim.*

November 5, 2007

Henderson County Commissioners, William Moyer, Chairman  
Charles Messer, Larry Young, Mark Williams, Chuck McGrady

Gentlemen:

As a Henderson County native I have had several occasions over the years to call on Animal Services for assistance. In each instance they have been very helpful.

I favor spay/neuter for family pets and animals adopted from shelters. However, the proposed Animal Ordinance, while it contains many good points, does not offer a solution to your stated objective of reducing the number of animals euthanized at the Henderson County Shelter.

In my opinion, the Spay-Neuter Requirements outlined under the Spay-Neuter Program are unrealistic, unobtainable and subjective in definition and enforcement. For example, note that the exemptions in Section E include some venues of dog performance events and fail to mention many equally valid activities. More important, it places on any investigating officer, who may know nothing about what is being presented as an exemption, the responsibility of making a subjective decision as to its validity. By definition any complaint-driven issue is subjective on the part of the person making the complaint. It may be valid or just a legal loophole to get at another unrelated issue.


Henderson County statistics from 2001 to 2005 show that, while the numbers of cats and dogs taken into the shelter are roughly the same, an average of 86% of cats were euthanized as opposed to 67% of dogs. Neither of these figures takes into account animals which were turned in with specific requests from the owners that they be euthanized, were critically injured or ill or were feral.

Passing any ordinance, good or bad, places it into law. Furthermore, once it is enacted the door is open to amendments. As the current draft fails to meet your stated objected you will be subject to constant pressure to amend and "fix" the problem. There are multiple examples of other cities that have passed, and later rescinded, spay/neuter ordinances after finding that they are very expensive and simply do not work.

You, as commissioners, and the people who elected you, will have to live with whatever ordinance you pass. I urge you to fully understand what you are considering. Please be certain that what you pass meets your objective and is not punitive to any particular portion of Henderson County residents or businesses.

Having dealt with the recent problems of zoning and land use for what must seem like a lifetime, I'm sure you are painfully aware that a bad ordinance is a lot harder to deal with than no ordinance at all.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Virginia B Turner  
225 Hawthorn Dr  
Hendersonville, NC 28991

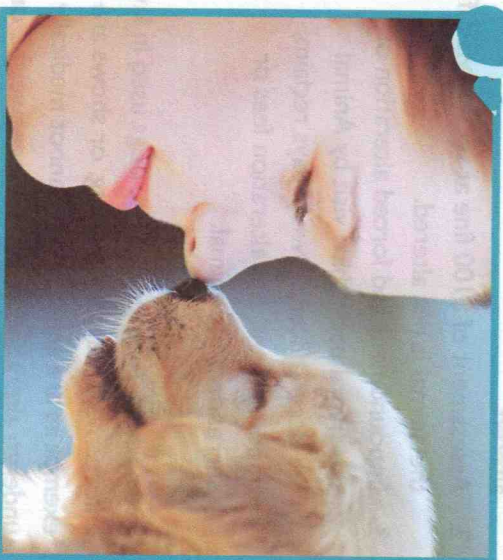
## Spay-Neuter Assistance Program

Vouchers are available at the Henderson County Animal Services Center to assist low-income residents with the expenses associated with spaying and neutering their pets. These vouchers may be redeemed for spay/neuter services at designated local providers.

Henderson County Animal Services contracts with the Humane Alliance Spay/Neuter Clinic located in Asheville. Humane Alliance provides high volume, high quality, targeted, affordable sterilization services of companion animals. This partnership allows Henderson County to provide its residents with low-cost spay-neuter services for their pets.

More information on the Humane Alliance Spay/Neuter Clinic may be found at:

[www.humanealliance.org](http://www.humanealliance.org)



## And now a note on your pet's GENERAL GOOD HEALTH

A healthy pet is a happy companion. Your pet's daily well-being requires regular care and close attention to any hint of ill health. The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests that you consult your veterinarian if your pet shows any of the following signs:

- Lumps or swelling
- Reduced or excessive appetite or water intake
- Marked weight loss or gain
- Limping, stiffness, or difficulty getting up
- Difficult, discolored, excessive or uncontrolled waste elimination (urine and feces)
- Abnormal discharges from any body opening
- Head shaking, scratching, licking, or coat irregularities
- Changes in behavior or fatigue
- Foul breath or excessive tartar deposits on teeth.

Pets age more rapidly than people and can develop disease conditions that can go unnoticed, even to the most attentive pet owner. Veterinarians are skilled in detecting conditions that have gradual onset and subtle signs. Early detection allows problems to be treated most easily and affordably. Help foster early detection and treatment by scheduling regular examinations.

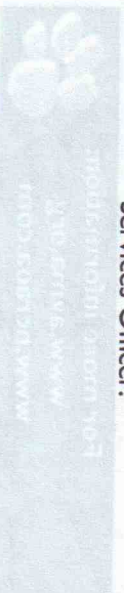
- American Veterinary Medical Association

### Henderson County Animal Services

828 Stoney Mountain Road  
Hendersonville, N.C. 28791  
Phone: (828) 697-4723

[www.hendersoncountync.org/animals](http://www.hendersoncountync.org/animals)

For emergency service after hours, holidays, and on weekends, call the Sheriff's Department at 697-4911 and they will contact the on-call Animal Services Officer.



## spaying & neutering



## save a life

### Did You Know?

- 1 female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats within 7 years?
- 1 female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs within 7 years?

be a responsible pet owner  
spay or neuter your pet.

# Spaying and neutering of pets

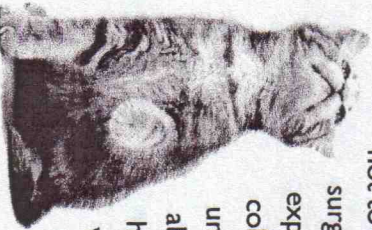
## The Pet Population Problem

Every year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats, including puppies and kittens, are needlessly destroyed. The good news is that every pet owner can make a difference. By having your dog or cat surgically sterilized, you will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted puppies and kittens and you will enhance your pet's health and quality of life.

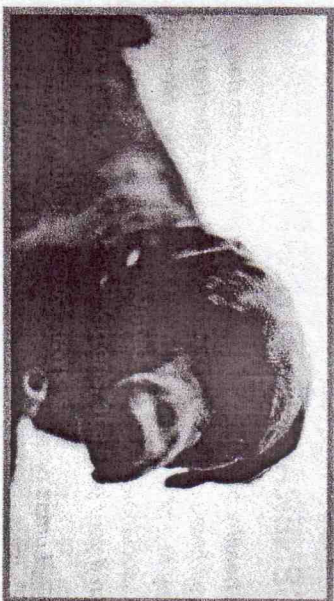
## What is the Best Age to Spay or Neuter my Pet?

Most veterinarians suggest that pets should be spayed or neutered after the age of 4 months, although it may be done earlier in some cases.

## Is the Expense for the Surgery Really Worth It?



Yes! This one-time expense can dramatically improve your pet's quality of life. If you are still uncertain whether or not to proceed with the surgery, consider the expense to society of collecting and caring for all unwanted, abused, or abandoned animals being housed in shelters—most with little chance of finding permanent homes.



## What are the Benefits of Spaying and Neutering?

Both spaying and neutering generally lead to improved long-term health, prevent unwanted litters, and eliminate many behavior problems associated with the mating instinct such as: mounting, spraying and fighting, which result in a decrease in costly vet bills too.

### Benefits to your Female Pet

Spaying may help to reduce negative behavior in dogs and cats. Early spaying of females helps protect them from serious health problems later in life such as uterine infections, FIV, Leukemia, and breast cancer.

### Benefits to your Male Pet

Neutering male dogs and cats tends have a calming effect that can make them less aggressive, less inclined to roam, mount, spray or fight and more content to stay at home. Neutering your male pet also improves his health by reducing the risk of prostate disease, testicular cancer, FIV, Leukemia, and infections.

### For more information:

[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)  
[www.prcraoa.com](http://www.prcraoa.com)



## Henderson County Animal Ordinance § 66A-59 Spay-Neuter Program

Henderson County's Animal Ordinance requires that all cats and dogs 4 months of age or older be spayed or neutered.

The County's Spay-Neuter Program has 3 main components:

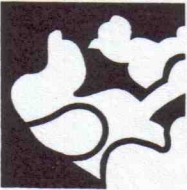
1. Assistance program for low-income pet owners wishing to spay-neuter their pets;
2. Required alteration of all adopted/fostered animals, dogs deemed dangerous, and for animals impounded by Animal Services;
3. Requires spay-neuter by pet owners in Henderson County.

Although this revision requires all pets to be spayed or neutered, it is only enforced when there is another existing violation and takes place in three stages:

1. Education and a warning at initial visit by Animal Services Officer if the animal is not altered.
2. Assessment of \$100 fine at second visit if the animal is not altered.
3. Impoundment and forced alteration of the animal upon third visit by Animal Services Officer. Owner pays reclaim, impoundment, and alteration fees or surrenders the animal.

Exemptions: Assistance dogs, dogs used in law enforcement, hunting, herding, or shows are exempt as are animals who cannot medically undergo alteration because of age, weight, or medical condition.

# SPAY & NEUTER



It's the Law!

Buncombe County and the City of Asheville have a pet overpopulation ordinance that requires animals over the age of 6 months be spayed or neutered or owners must obtain a \$100 permit. Violation of this ordinance will subject the guardian to a \$100-200 citation per animal. The citation will be waived if the guardian has each animal spayed or neutered within thirty days.

The permit is for the lifetime of the animal and the ordinance is only enforced if another violation of the animal ordinance is found. This makes enforcement fairly easy since officers are already on the scene for a complaint. The officers do not respond to complaints of unaltered animals therefore the ordinance targets offenders and the population that is contributing to the tax payer burden. When an officer finds a violation of the ordinance, they inquire whether the animal is altered, if not, a citation is issued. The owner has 30 days to comply and if so, the fine is waived. Most people comply. The ordinance has been in effect for 2 years and we have seen a significant decrease in the number of animals entering our shelter and subsequently euthanized.

## Benefits:

- Reduces the number of animals received and euthanized at the shelter
- Reduces tax payer burden for animal control
- Reduces the number of unwanted animals in your community
- Easy to enforce

The County passed the ordinance in Dec 2003 and it went into effect April 2004. The City passed the ordinance in July 05 and it went into effect immediately.

## STATS:

**FY 2003** (year prior to passage of ordinance)

Received 9737  
Euthanized 6798

**FY 2004** (year during which it was passed; only 3 months enforced)

Received 9226  
Euthanized 6621

**FY 2005** (1st full year county enforcement)

Received 8255  
Euthanized 5674

**FY 2006** (first full year city enforcement)

Received 7911  
Euthanized 5219

## For more information contact:

Asheville Humane Society  
admin@ashevillehumane.org  
828-236-3885



ASHEVILLE  
**HUMANE**  
SOCIETY

Serving All Of Buncombe County

Afters

2yrs + 3mo.s

decreased by

1,826

Animals

OR

18.75%



Subj: **Charlotte Observer Series "Death at the Pound"**  
 Date: 7/1/2003 2:22:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
 From: Carolinaanimal  
 To: Carolinaanimal

The Charlotte Observer just finished doing a three part, in depth series about companion animal overpopulation. A link is below. I hope you will take the time to read this informative series.

If you can't read the entire series, please take the time to read the one story below. It includes examples of areas that have had great successes in reducing the numbers of stray animals and the numbers of animals euthanized. While it initially takes an increased investment to reduce the numbers, taxpayer money is saved in the long run. And so are the lives of countless animals that are killed simply because there are no homes available.

Animal overpopulation is an issue that many people care deeply about, and I hope you will sponsor and support legislation to help end this unnecessary killing. Thank you.

Stewart David, President  
 Carolina Animal Action  
 PO Box 19242  
 Asheville, NC 28815  
 828-298-4647

[http://www.charlotte.com/mld/charlotte/news/special\\_packages/pets/](http://www.charlotte.com/mld/charlotte/news/special_packages/pets/)

**Sterilizing key to lower kill rate**  
**Low-cost spay and neuter clinics making an impact across U.S.**  
**MICHELLE CROUCH AND SCOTT DODD**  
**Staff Writers**

Even as their human populations have grown, communities across the country have reduced the number of homeless and unwanted animals – and the number killed.

The key is pet sterilization, especially in low-income areas, say leaders in those cities and national experts. Aggressive adoption efforts and public education campaigns also help, but don't solve the problem.

"We can't adopt our way out of euthanasia," said Kate Pullen, director of animal sheltering issues for the Humane Society of the United States. "But we can spay and neuter our way out."

In the Carolinas, where the unwanted pet population is exploding, it's tough to find successful programs.

But a few communities are making progress.

In Guilford County, Leadership Greensboro members and other animal welfare groups launched the No More Homeless Pets program three years ago. As part of the effort, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of the Triad opened a spay-neuter clinic that offers discounted rates to low-income pet owners. The group also began taking spay-neuter vans into low-income neighborhoods.

It's worked: The percentage of animals killed at the county shelter plunged from 91 percent in 1998 to about 49 percent today.

~ 54% => 42% decrease

Wednesday, July 02, 2003

Moore County, home to the golf resort town of Pinehurst, kills a similarly low number of its animals. Animal advocates there say a partnership between animal control and the local humane society are behind its success.

The humane society operates a sterilization program for pets of low-income owners and traps and neuters feral cats. And Moore's Animal Control bureau offers programs not found in most counties around Charlotte: microchips for shelter animals, off-site adoption fairs and seven-day-a-week shelter hours. The county also built a new, \$700,000 shelter last year.

With a budget of \$527,000, Moore County's animal control department is spending \$6.82 per person – almost one and a half times the average of \$4.74 spent in the Charlotte region.

Here are examples of other communities with successful programs:

- **New Hampshire** – A 1994 statewide program financed by dog registration fees provides low-income residents with vouchers to get their pets spayed and neutered for \$10. The state of 1.2 million people saw a 75 percent drop in animal euthanasia by 2001, to 2,851 dogs and cats.
- **Phoenix** – Seven years ago, Maricopa County's animal control agency launched a comprehensive plan to reduce pet euthanasia. The agency built two spay-neuter clinics and began offering free or low-cost surgeries to needy families. Other strategies: sliding adoption fees, depending on animals' health, temperament and adoptability; mobile adoption and spay-neuter vans; and an extensive advertising campaign. The number of animals killed per 1,000 people fell from 30 per 1,000 a decade ago to 8 per 1,000 today.
- **San Francisco** – The city/county animal control agency paired with the local SPCA in 1994 with the goal that no adoptable dog or cat would be killed. The agency launched a variety of programs, with low-cost spaying and neutering as the key component. The number of animals killed in the city dropped from one of the nation's highest two decades ago to 3 per 1,000 people now, the lowest of any major U.S. city.
- **Jacksonville, Fla. (Duval County)** – The city/county animal control agency spends \$250,000 annually on vouchers for free spaying and neutering services available to about 3,000 low-income pet owners. The agency also launched a major advertising campaign, opened an adoption facility in a local shopping center, and spent \$1.5 million renovating its shelter. In three years, the animals killed at the shelter fell from 91 percent to 69 percent.
- **Denver** – In 1993, the city was one of the first in the country to require all pet owners except registered breeders to spay or neuter their animals. This includes pet stores. The change helped cut in half the percentage of animals killed annually at the shelter, to 34 percent in 2002.

From: Fielding G. Lucas, 11/5/07, 891-5291, luke22@bellsouth.net  
To: County Commissioners  
cc: Steve Wyatt, County Manager  
Kris Hoce, CEO Pardee Hospital Corporation  
Alan House, CFO PHC

Subject: Pardee 2008 budget

First look at Pardee P&L impact on Balance Sheet

Line Item	Amount1000s	Comments
Net Income	5,028	1. Optimistic - depends heavily on collection improvements while coping with major changes in Medicare DRG process 2. Big cultural change for Hospital. 3. No discussion of illegal immigration impact and possible cost recovery 4. Not sure about costs of moving WCMA, closing DETOX and Care Center sale - contingency allowances? 5. Big jump in expectations of Foundation at less expense
2007	37	This is a projection - September actuals still not determined The only actuals reported were Gross Revenue 296,237,027 vs. 296,782,365 projected, a decline of 545,338. Don't know how this projects to net income but not likely to be favorable
Depreciation	(11,375)	
Capital Plan	8,933	1. Not replacing depreciation 2. Not procuring a replacement MRI - 5 Yr operating lease 3. Nothing shown for Urgent Care unit in 1st qtr. detail
Care Center	(3,600)	Book value of unit - no idea what sale may bring

### Overall

1. I agree with the strategy of eliminating weak or doubtful valued units and toughening administration-went through the same process myself in my last years at Searle. It is just as necessary here as it was there. This budget should accomplish that
2. I was surprised at the lack of discussion around the DETOX unit. There was considerable good feeling about its creation. Somebody will have to take care of that patient stream - somewhere in this county. I wonder if there aren't grants that would help or even Foundation support?
3. No commentary on the investment strategy except that 2008 less than 2007

The thoughts in this note are 100% my own analysis and experienced judgment. I have studied this hospital for a long time and see this budget as a new beginning for Pardee's long term future. It seems to me that assuming a realistic performance against it ought to result in a new assessment of Pardee's role in Henderson County's future. It is the step that should have been taken two years ago but wasn't.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

**MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS**

THIS MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT is between Henderson County ("the County") and Blue Ridge Community Health Services ("the Agency").

Facts and Circumstances

1. On or about 24 April 2007, the parties entered into a "Performance Agreement" requiring the Agency to perform certain mental health related services for residents of the County, in return for payment by the County ("Agreement 1").

2. On or about 28 June 2007, the parties entered into another "Performance Agreement", requiring the Agency to perform certain additional mental health related services for residents of the County, in return for payment by the County ("Agreement 2").

3. Under both Agreement 1 and Agreement 2, the Agency's services were to be provided by not later than 31 October 2007.

4. Due to various circumstances, the parties wish to extend the period for the Agency's performance of services under Agreement 1 and Agreement 2 to 31 October 2008.

Agreement

As a result of the foregoing, the parties agree that the time for performance by the Agency under both Agreement 1 and Agreement 2 is hereby extended to 31 October 2008. No additional funds will be due from the County as a result of this modification.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Modification of Agreements on the date shown below.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive Officer