

**RESOLUTION 1997**

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING TO ALLOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAP, NEUTER, AND RELEASE FERAL CATS PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.**

**WHEREAS**, The trap-neuter-return (TNR) is a management technique in which community cats are humanely trapped, evaluated, spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian, ear-tipped to show they've been sterilized, vaccinated against rabies and distemper,\* and then returned to their original habitat.

**WHEREAS**, the West Branch Animal Control Commission, would like to investigate and continue testing TNR as a potential effective management tool for controlling feral cat population in West Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Alan Beyers a retired trained professional veterinarian will be collecting data and coordinating this program for another year to be reevaluated April of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is to be evaluated annually and is subject to cancellation at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary for the City Council to approve said agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, that the City Council hereby approves a temporary exemption for TNR cats from current prohibition at large or stray animal ordinance.

**Passed and approved this 19th day of April, 2021.**

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Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Redmond Jones II, City Administrator / City Clerk