

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Interlocal Agreements with Tarrant County and the Cities of Benbrook, Kennedale, and Pantego for the Purpose of Providing Limited Animal and Rabies Control Services and Rabies Specimen Shipments During Fiscal Year 2021 with Renewal Options

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of Interlocal Agreements with Tarrant County and the cities of Benbrook, Kennedale, and Pantego for the purpose of providing limited animal and rabies control services and rabies specimen shipments through September 30, 2021 with the option to renew, by mutual written agreement of the parties, for up to two additional one-year terms.

## DISCUSSION:

The Code Compliance Department, Animal Care and Control Division, has historically assisted Tarrant County and various municipalities within the county by providing limited animal control services and processing and shipping of specimens to the Bureau of Laboratories in Austin for testing related to rabies control. Services associated with processing specimens include the kenneling of impounded animals, euthanasia, disposal services and specimen shipping.

Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code provides that a local government may contract with another local government to perform "governmental functions and services," which includes functions and services related to public health and welfare. Under this provision, the City of Fort Worth (City) may enter into an Interlocal Agreement so that the Animal Care and Control Division may provide animal control, animal impoundment, boarding, quarantine, euthanasia and disposal services to a municipality.

Approval of the above recommendation will authorize Interlocal Agreements for Fiscal Year 2021. In addition, the term may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties, for up to two additional one-year terms. Renewals do not require City Council approval. The City would provide the specified services to following entities:

- The City of Benbrook is contracting for specimen shipment services only;
- The City of Kennedale and Town of Pantego are contracting for boarding, quarantine, specimen shipping, euthanasia, animal care and disposal services;
- Tarrant County is contracting for the services listed above plus periodic routine animal control services and education services by request.

SERVICE	Fiscal Year 2021 FEE
Flat Per Animal Fee for all Services	\$400.00 per animal
Service Calls and Rabies Response if no Flat Animal Fee Charged	\$100.00 per request
Service Calls and Rabies Response After Hours if no Flat Animal Fee Charged	\$200.00 per request
Head Preparation and Shipment	\$200.00 per animal head
Education Services Staff Charge	\$70.00 per hour

In addition to the above fees, Animal Care and Control will also collect fees from owners from Tarrant County and these various municipalities, as follows:

SERVICE	FISCAL YEAR 2021 FEE PER RECLAIMED ANIMAL
Rabies Vaccination Fee	\$9.00

<b>Spay or Neuter Fee</b>	
Per Cat	\$50.00
Per Dog	\$80.00
Microchip Fee	\$12.00
<b>Daily Board Fees</b>	
Kenneling (dog, cat, small animal)	\$30.00 per day
Kenneling (other than dogs, cats or small animals)	\$30.00 per day
Quarantined Animals	\$50.00 per day

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Tarrant County, City of Kennedale, Town of Pantego and City of Benbrook

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Finance Director certifies that the Animal Care and Control Division of the Code Compliance Department will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City under these Agreements. Upon receipt, these funds will be deposited into the General Fund, Code Compliance Department, Animal Care and Control Division.

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