

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 08/12/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0702

LOG NAME: 23RABIES ILA SECOND AMENDMENT TARRANT COUNTY

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County to Decrease the Number of Animal Impoundments from 400 to 300 for Fiscal Year 2026 and Adjust the Fee Schedule for the Three Remaining Renewal Terms for the Code Compliance Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County to decrease the number of animal impoundment from 400 to 300 for Fiscal Year 2026 and adjust the fee schedule for the three remaining renewal terms for the Code Compliance Department.

DISCUSSION:

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 include functions and services related to public health and welfare. Under this provision, 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.

Approval of this M&C will reduce the number of animal impoundments from 400 to 300 for Fiscal Year 2026 and adjust the fee schedule for the three remaining renewal terms. All other provisions of the Agreement will remain the same.

The following fee schedule contains the cost breakdown of fees paid by Tarrant County to the City for the initial term and each renewal thereafter. For each renewal year, the total compensation will increase by 3%.

| Year | Total Compensation | Monthly Payment |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Fiscal 2025 (Renewal Term) | \$204,032.04 yearly | \$17,002.67 |
| Fiscal 2026 (Renewal Term) | \$157,614 yearly | \$13,134.50 |
| Fiscal 2027 (Renewal Term) | \$162,342 yearly | \$13,528.50 |
| Fiscal 2028 (Renewal Term) | \$167,214 yearly | \$13,934.50 |

For all service calls where an animal is impounded, the service call fee is waived and a flat rate charge per animal is assessed. These rates are included in the yearly rate for each renewal year, the flat rate charge shall increase by 3%. The flat rate charged per animal the initial term and each renewal term are as follows:

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| Year | Flat Rate per Animal Service Call |
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| Fiscal Year 2024 <i>(Initial Term)</i> | \$495.22 |
| Fiscal Year 2025 <i>(Renewal Term)</i> | \$510.08 |
| Fiscal Year 2026 <i>(Renewal Term)</i> | \$525.38 |
| Fiscal Year 2027 <i>(Renewal Term)</i> | \$541.14 |
| Fiscal Year 2027 <i>(Renewal Term)</i> | \$557.38 |

Beyond the first 300 animals, the County shall pay the City a flat fee of \$557.38 for each additional animal impounded from unincorporated Tarrant County, up to a maximum of 30 additional animals.

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

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement, funds will be deposited into the General Fund. The Code Compliance Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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