

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 2024 with Up to Four One-Year Renewal Terms

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, 2024 with up to four one-year renewal 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 2024. In addition, the term may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties for up to four 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 City 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.

The following fee schedules comprises the Fiscal Year 2024 fees:

During the initial term of this agreement Tarrant County shall pay the City a total compensation not to exceed **\$148,566.00** for up to 300 animals impounded by the City from unincorporated Tarrant County. For each renewal year, the total compensation not-to-exceed amount will increase by 3%. Payment for the initial term and each renewal term are as follows:

Year	Total Compensation	Monthly Payment
Fiscal 2024 (<i>Initial Term</i>)	\$148,566.00 yearly	\$12,380.50
Fiscal 2025 (<i>Renewal Term</i>)	\$153,024.00 yearly	\$12,752.00
Fiscal 2026 (<i>Renewal Term</i>)	\$157,614.00 yearly	\$13,134.50
Fiscal 2027 (<i>Renewal Term</i>)	\$162,342.00 yearly	\$13,528.50
Fiscal 2028 (<i>Renewal Term</i>)	\$167,214.00 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:

Year	Flat Rate per Animal Service Call
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 \$4,000.00 for each additional full or partial increment of up to 10 additional animals impounded from unincorporated Tarrant County.

SCHEDULE OF FEES PAID BY BENBROOK:

SPECIMEN HEAD PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT

Per Animal Head Specimen - \$250.00 per specimen

SCHEDULE OF FEES PAID BY CITY OF KENNEDALE AND CITY OF PANTEGO:

Impoundment/Boarding Fee:

City of Kennedale and City of Pantego shall pay the City a flat fee of \$495.22 per dog or quarantine animal impounded by the City from City of Kennedale and City of Pantego during the term of this agreement.

For each renewal year, the total compensation not to exceed amount will increase by 3%. Payment for the initial term and each renewal term are as follows:

Year	Flat Rate per Animal Service Call
Fiscal Year 2024 <i>(Initial Term)</i>	\$495.22
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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 2024 FEE PER RECLAIMED ANIMAL

Rabies Vaccination Fee	\$9.00
Spay or Neuter Fee	
Per Cat	\$50.00
Per Dog	\$80.00
Microchip Fee	\$12.00
Daily Board Fees	
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

This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Tarrant County, City of Benbrook, City of Kennedale, City of Pantego.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreements, 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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