

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23RABIES CONTROL ILA AMENDMENT - TARRANT COUNTY FY24

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County to Provide Rabies Control Services for the Purpose of Increasing the Amount of Animal Impoundments from 300 to 400 for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of amending Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the purpose of increasing the limit from 300 animal impoundments to 400 animal impoundments for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

**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.

1. Section 6, subsection H of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to be and read as follows:

H. The City will notify the County when the number of animals impounded by the City pursuant to this Agreement exceeds 375 animals during the term of the Agreement. The City will not impound animals pursuant to this Agreement in an amount in excess of 400 animals without written approval from the County.

1. Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to be read as set forth in Exhibit A of this First Amendment which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

a. All other provisions of the Agreement which are not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

b. All terms in this First Amendment that are capitalized, but not defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Agreement.

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:

- 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 **\$198,088.00** for up to 400 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 300 impoundments	\$12,380.50

Fiscal 2024 Amendment Change June 2024	\$198,088.00 increase to 400 impoundments	\$24,761.00 New Monthly
Fiscal 2025 <i>(Renewal Term)</i>	\$204,032.04 yearly	\$17,002.67
Fiscal 2026 <i>(Renewal Term)</i>	\$210,152.04 yearly	\$17,512.67
Fiscal 2027 <i>(Renewal Term)</i>	\$216,456.00 yearly	\$18,038.00
Fiscal 2028 <i>(Renewal Term)</i>	\$222,951.96 yearly	\$18,579.33

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 2028 <i>(Renewal Term)</i>	\$557.38

Beyond the first 400 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.

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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