

ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD AND LICENSING SERVICES

Public Works Department

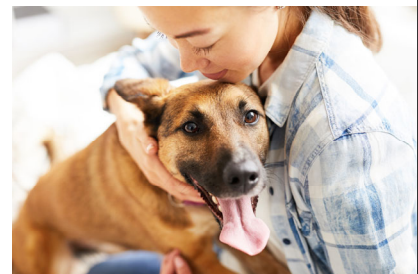
City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. Riverside County's Department of Animal Services has provided animal control field, shelter and intermittent licensing services to the City since 1995.
2. Together, both agencies work to promote animal welfare, public health and safety, and quality of life within the City of Riverside.



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DISCUSSION

1. Rates include:
 - a. Fixed Costs: Animal Control and Licensing Officers
 - b. Variable Costs: number of animals admitted to the shelter, kenneling, management of deceased animals in the public right-of-way, and OT.
2. DAS is currently under contract with a consultant performing a cost-of-service study.



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DISCUSSION

The proposed Second Amendment will:

1. Retroactively approve a term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
2. Maintain same levels of service currently in effect

Note: DAS has indicated that pricing will remain constant through June 30, 2024. Because current pricing levels are not sustainable, Staff recommend reviewing alternative options.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

2.3 Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

2.4 Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement and build public trust.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Field and Licensing Services with the County of Riverside, Department of Animal Services for a term retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$3,600,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Amendment, including making minor and non-substantive changes;



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

3. Direct staff to research and evaluate alternatives to decrease Animal Control Field costs including, issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to compare and evaluate outsourcing field and shelter services, and perform a cost evaluation on in-sourcing animal control services; and
4. Direct staff to share the results of the outsourcing RFP, in-sourcing cost evaluation, and County of Riverside, Department of Animal Services Approved Rates for Fiscal Year 2024/25 with the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee and City Council to advise on the next course of action.



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