



## RESOLUTION NO. 40222

1 A RESOLUTION relating to animal control; authorizing the execution of an  
2 agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, in the amount  
3 of \$1,015,000, budgeted from the General Fund, for animal sheltering  
4 services for the years 2019-2020.

5 WHEREAS, from 1992 through 2005, the City contracted with the  
6 Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society ("Humane Society") for animal  
7 sheltering, control, and licensing services, and

8 WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2006, the City assumed responsibility for  
9 animal control and licensing services and, since that time, has continued to  
10 contract with the Humane Society for animal sheltering services, and

11 WHEREAS these services are vital to City residents and the City's Animal  
12 Control staff for the boarding, keeping, and care of lost, abandoned, and injured  
13 animals, and

14 WHEREAS, when negotiations began in May 2018, the Humane Society  
15 indicated that the contracts with the City and other jurisdictions have not been  
16 sufficient to cover the cost of care for animals brought to the shelter by Animal  
17 Control Officers and citizens for several years, and

18 WHEREAS, in September 2018, a performance audit was completed by the  
19 Pierce County Auditor's Office to determine the actual costs of caring for animals  
20 sheltered by the Humane Society, and the audit determined an estimated cost per  
21 animal of \$195, and  
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23 WHEREAS the Humane Society and City have agreed to a proposed  
24 service contract in lieu of a fee-per-animal contract, which caps the number of  
25 charges per pet to the 2018 count, estimated to be 4,000, and provides for a  
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3 percent cost-of-living adjustment in 2020, as well as all necessary medical expenses for the animals, and

WHEREAS the proposed contract, in the amount of \$1,015,000, budgeted from the General Fund, will allow for animal sheltering services for the years 2019-2020; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, in the amount of \$1,015,000, budgeted from the General Fund, for animal sheltering services for the years 2019-2020, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney