



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Shawn Stringer, Captain, Police Department
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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – 2019/2020 Animal Sheltering Contract– January 29, 2019
DATE: January 11, 2019

SUMMARY:

The City currently contracts with the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society (TPCHS) for animal sheltering services. A new two-year contract has been negotiated for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$1,015,000. Staff is seeking approval of the contract.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

From 1992 through 2005, the City contracted with the TPCHS for animal sheltering, animal control and animal licensing services. Beginning January 1, 2006 the City assumed responsibility for animal control and licensing services and has continued to contract for animal sheltering services with the Humane Society. TPCHS also provides sheltering services for Pierce County, Lakewood and Federal Way.

Staff has been negotiating the contract terms and amount since May 2018, when TPCHS proposed several changes to the 2019/2020 contract including a substantial increase in the sheltering cost. The current contract for animal sheltering services ended on December 31, 2018 and reverted to a month-to-month contract starting in January until the new 19/20 contract can be approved by the City Council.

ISSUE:

When negotiations began in May 2018, TPCHS indicated that the contracts with the City and other jurisdictions have not been covering their cost to care for the animals brought to the shelter by the Animal Control Officers (ACO) and citizens for several years. TPCHS proposed a cost per animal increase from the \$91/animal used for 2018 that reflected more specific and direct costs of sheltering animals to the jurisdictions they are providing services, TPCHS initial offer was a cost per animal of \$150 for 2019, \$200 for 2020 and \$250 for 2021.

A performance audit was completed in September 2018 by the Pierce County Auditor’s Office to determine actual costs of caring for the animals that are sheltered by the Humane Society. The audit determined an estimated cost per animal of \$195.

TPCHS and the City agreed to a service contract in lieu of a fee per animal contract. The contract caps the number of charges per pet to the 2018 count, estimated to be 4000, and provides for a 3% cost of living adjustment in 2020. In addition, the service contract covers all necessary medical expenses for the animals.

Service Contract	2019	2020
All animals held for a 72 hour period	485,000	499,550
Confiscated animals (\$25 per day after 72 hours), additional medical services approved by Tacoma ACO	\$15,000	\$15,000



ALTERNATIVES:

There are no other animal sheltering services currently available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the two-year contract for animal sheltering services with the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society in the amount of \$1,015,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
General Fund – Police Department	221000	5330100	\$1,015,000
TOTAL			\$1,015,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
General Fund	Various	Various	\$1,015,000
TOTAL			\$1,015,000

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,015,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes