



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2019

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Tejada, Chief of Police/ Oliver Collins, Captain

SUBJECT: **Resolution of The City Council of The City of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Execute the First Amendment to the Animal Control Services Agreement With the City of Piedmont to Reinstate the Agreement For The Provision Of Animal Control Services For An Amount Not To Exceed \$102,033.13 Per Year For Fiscal Year 2018-19 and To Extend Animal Control Services For Fiscal Year 2019-20 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$106,594.13**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the above-entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the the Animal Control Services Agreement with the City of Piedmont to reinstate the agreement for provision of Animal Control Services. The cost of the agreement is anticipated to be \$102,033.13 for year one, with an anticipated 3% COLA increase for wages and a shelter cost increase of \$1,500 for year two.

BACKGROUND

The City of Emeryville has had an agreement with the City of Piedmont for shared costs related to Animal Control Services for several years. The most current agreement was approved in 2016 by Resolution No. 16-86, for Fiscal Year 16/17 and Fiscal Year 17/18. The City has contracted for Animal Control Services to provide the specialized skill set which is outside the scope and ability of the Emeryville Police Department. The Piedmont Police Department has an Animal Control Services program with full-time staff who are available to respond to calls in Emeryville.

The Emeryville Police Department has enjoyed a healthy relationship over the past two years with the employees of the Piedmont Animal Control Services. The services provided have been professional and the staff has worked well with Police Department personnel. Emeryville officers are encouraged to use the Animal Control Services and dispatchers frequently refer complaints or questions from community members about animal-related incidents. The professional relationship between Emeryville staff and the Piedmont Police Department Animal Control Services team has been beneficial to the Emeryville community.

The Animal Control Services provided include the following:

- Investigation of all complaints or allegations of animal cruelty or inhumane treatment of animals
- Investigation of animal bite cases
- Collection of stray domestic and exotic animals on public and private property
- Collection of any animal surrendered by an owner who is an Emeryville resident
- Collection of an injured animal not in the possession of its owner
- Removal of deceased animals from public property
- Enforcement of animal-related state and local laws and regulations related to animals, issuing of citations when appropriate
- Providing community-based educational presentations or animal safety events
- Proactive vehicle and foot patrol of parks, public areas, or private areas open to the public that are frequented by people with their pets

The City has had an Animal Control Services agreement with the City of Piedmont for many years. In the past, the City of Piedmont has initiated the process for the renewal of the agreement as their City Attorney must draft and approve the renewal prior to submitting it to the City of Emeryville for review. In this case, the prior agreement expired on June 30, 2018 and the City of Piedmont took an extended amount of time to forward the renewal draft to the Police Department. The Police Department did not receive the renewal agreement until March 8, 2019. However, during this time, the City of Emeryville continued to receive Animal Control Services from the City of Piedmont, as required.

DISCUSSION

Penal Code section 597f requires the Police Department to provide for certain services to injured animals. As described above, the City has previously contracted with the City of Piedmont for those services required by law. Since this will be a reinstatement of a previous agreement, we do not anticipate any problems with implementation or service expectations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to the City of Emeryville is anticipated to be \$102,033.13 for FY18/19. There is a 3% increase in wages and \$1,500 increase in kennel services with the Berkeley Animal Shelter anticipated in FY19/20. This cost has been budgeted in the FY18/19 and FY19/20 City budget plan.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

As of publication of this report, there has been no communication with the public on the matter.

CONCLUSION

The City of Emeryville's agreement with the City of Piedmont for Animal Control Services has delivered a professional service to the Emeryville community that otherwise would not be available. Staff recommends the reinstatement of the Animal Control Services agreement with the City of Piedmont.

PREPARED BY: Oliver Collins, Emeryville Police Department Captain

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Animal Control Services Agreement FY16/17 and FY17/18
- Reinstatement Agreement – City of Piedmont
- Draft Resolution