

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 2, 2008

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

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**Subject:** Approve execution of a three-month extension of the Interlocal Agreement with Travis County under which the City of Austin provides public health services, including animal control and shelter services, to Travis County for a term beginning October 1, 2008, in exchange for compensation in the amount of \$658,349.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$2,967,883 was included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget of the Health and Human Services Department General Fund. The term of the agreement is for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Shannon Jones III, Acting Director, 972-5416; Melanie Miller, Chief Administrative Officer, 972-5045; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved the initial one-year term of the interlocal agreement on October 18, 2007. Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

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**BACKGROUND**

The City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has provided public health services and animal services, including animal control and shelter services to Travis County through various agreements since 1985. After several years of work by City and County staff to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments, the Travis County Commissioners Court and Austin City Council approved the current Interlocal Agreement on September 27, 2007 and October 18, 2007, respectively.

The original Agreement term was October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and provides for up to four 12-month renewal terms. However, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved only the attached 90-day extension of the agreement at its meeting on September 23, 2008. Travis County wishes to negotiate further regarding costs included in this agreement. The agreement allows continuation of provision of services by the City on behalf of Travis County through December 31, 2008.

If this extension is approved, the Agreement will remain in full force and effect, including payment to the City at the Fiscal Year 2008 rate, and the City will maintain performance at the Fiscal Year 2008 level. A true-up provision is included in paragraph 2.3 as required by Travis County.

The full amount of the extension agreement is \$658,349. The City will provide an estimated credit of \$42,996 to the County for three County-direct funded positions, for a net amount of \$615,353. Should these positions become vacant, they will be replaced with City employees and the credit to the County will be reduced.