

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 37764 Agenda Number 2.

Meeting Date: 11/20/2014 Department: Animal Services Office

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County by \$10,080, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,421,054 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 under which the City will provide certain animal control and sheltering services for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2014.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$1,410,974 was included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget of the Animal Services Office Fund. The Term of the agreement is for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 25, 2014: Approved negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Presented to the Animal Advisory Commission on August 13, 2014.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City Health and Human Services Department has provided public health 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 City Council approved the current interlocal agreement on September 27, 2007 and October 18, 2007, respectively. The original term was for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and provided for up to four 12-month renewal terms. On October 2, 2008, the City Council approved a three-month extension of the interlocal agreement, terminating on December 31, 2008, and approved a nine-month renewal and extension on December 18, 2009 for the period of January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. On September 24, 2009, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. On September 23, 2010, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. On September 22, 2011, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. On September 27, 2012, the City Council approved a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. On September 26, 2013, the City Council approved a term of one year and up to an additional four years for the period beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Through this agreement Animal Services will continue to provide animal control, shelter services, and public education to Travis County residents. This agreement is for the 2015 term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Based upon the cost model approved for the Fiscal Year 2015 term, Travis County will pay \$305,582 more in Fiscal Year 2015 than paid in Fiscal Year 2014. This increase includes the increased costs for health insurance and wage adjustments. In addition, the cost methodology for calculating the County's portion of Animal Control activities has changed from percentage of field activities to percentage of County population. Amending this agreement will allow the City to continue to provide animal services to Travis County through September 31, 2015 in exchange for a total payment by the County of \$1,421,054.