

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: **002**

Animal Services Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a fifth amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the provision of animal services for a 9-month period beginning January 1, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$1,658,126.

Lead Department	Animal Services Office.
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact. Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$1,658,126 was included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget of the Animal Services Office General Fund. The term of the agreement is for the period January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.
Prior Council Action	On September 28, 2017, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of the fourth amendment for a 3-month term beginning October 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017. On September 13, 2017, Council approved Ordinance No. 20170913-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget.
For More Information	Lee Ann Shenefiel, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, 512-978-0521; Kymberley Maddox, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Public Health, 512-972-5041; Belinda Hare, Agenda Coordinator, Animal Services, 512-978-0565.

Additional Backup Information:

On September 26, 2013, City Council approved the current interlocal agreement, which includes an initial term of one year beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, with up to four 12-month renewal options to begin on October 1st of each subsequent renewal term. On September 28, 2017 City Council approved the fourth amendment of the current agreement for a 3-month term beginning October 1, 2017. This action will authorize negotiation and execution of the fifth amendment of the current agreement representing the remainder of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and includes adjustments to program work statements and the eligibility of reimbursed expenses. This action is contingent on the agreement of the amendment to the Inter-local Agreement by both the City of Austin and Travis County.

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), and later the Animal Services Office, has provided animal services to Travis County through various agreements since 1985. City and County staff worked together for several years in an effort to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments, resulting in an interlocal agreement that was approved by the Travis County Commissioners Court and City Council 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 a maximum of four 12-month renewal terms.

Pursuant to this interlocal agreement, the Animal Services Office will continue to provide animal protection, shelter services, and public education to Travis County residents.