



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 25, 2014

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

BY: LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: APPROVE RENEWAL OF FIVE-YEAR CITY-COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES

In October 2009, the City Council approved the five-year agreement with the County of Angeles (County) for animal care and control services. The current agreement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2014. On June 12, 2014, the City was advised that the County Board of Supervisors approved the renewed service agreement on May 27, for services provided by the Department of Animal Care and Control, and is seeking the cooperation from contracting agencies in executing the new agreement. The City has, historically, utilized the County of Los Angeles for a variety of services, including the provision of Animal Control Services. Like past agreements, this revised agreement provides the authority for the County to provide animal care and control services within the City's established boundaries. The revised agreement allows the County to continue to provide the following services:

- Kennel and animal shelter services at Agoura shelter
- Veterinarian services for impounded or relinquished animals (in shelter only)
- Dead animal pickup in public rights of way
- Proper disposal of dead animals
- Collect fees for and distribute animal licenses
- Microchipping of dogs
- Investigate animal abuse claims
- "Pet" adoptions

Additionally, the revised agreement requires contracting agencies to continue to complete the "Service Level Request" annually, whereby allowing an agency to request specific changes to service levels, or add services not previously provided. There is also an opportunity for these requests to be modified if special needs arise and also affords contracting agencies the flexibility to make adjustments. For the upcoming Fiscal Year, additional attention will focus on the enforcement of off-leash dogs.

The revised agreement would commence July 1, 2014, and will terminate on June 30, 2019. The rates of service are reviewed and adjusted annually by the County's Auditor-

Controller. There are no fiscal adjustments being requested to accommodate this renewed agreement, as the costs for animal control services have been budgeted for the coming fiscal year (FY2014-2015).

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the renewal of the City-County Services Municipal Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Attachment: City-County Municipal Agreement - Animal Care and Control Services 2014-2019

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CITY-COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as County, and the CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, hereinafter referred to as City.

RECITALS

- a. The City is desirous of contracting with the County for the performance of animal care and control functions described herein by the County.
- b. The County of Los Angeles is agreeable to rendering such services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- c. Such contracts are authorized and provided for by the provisions of Section 56-1/2 and 56-3/4 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles and Section 51300 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California.

1.0 AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER STATE AND LOCAL STATUTES

- 1.1 The County agrees, through the County Department of Animal Care and Control, to provide general animal care and control services within the corporate limits of the City to the extent and in the manner hereinafter set forth.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise specifically set forth in this Agreement, such services shall only encompass duties and functions of the type coming within the jurisdiction of and customarily rendered by the County under the Charter of the County and the Statutes of the State of California and under the municipal codes of the City. The County will provide services in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Animals of the Los Angeles County Code, and all amendments thereto, except as otherwise agreed by the parties in the attached Service Level Request.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL

- 2.1 The rendition of the services performed by the County, the standards of performance, the discipline of officers and staff, and the matters incident to the performance of such services and the control of personnel so employed shall remain with the County.
- 2.2 In the event of a dispute between the parties to this contract as to the extent of the duties and functions to be rendered hereunder, or the

minimum level or manner of performance of such service, the City shall be consulted and a mutual determination thereof shall be made by both the County and the City.

- 2.3 With regard to Sections 2.1 and 2.2, the County, in an unresolved dispute, shall have final and conclusive determination as between the parties hereto.
- 2.4 All City employees who work in conjunction with the County's Department of Animal Care and Control pursuant to this Agreement shall remain employees of the City and shall not have any claim or right to employment, civil service protection, salary, or benefits or claims of any kind from the County based on this Agreement. No City employee as such shall become employees of the County unless by specific additional agreement in the form of a merger contract which must be concurrently adopted by the City and County. To the extent the County provides the City with animal licensing services, City employees or their agents shall not perform any function related to the licensing of animals, including collection of license fees, penalties, or field enforcement fees, except as otherwise agreed to by the parties in the attached Service Level Request or other prior written agreement. Field enforcement fees will only be collected for services performed by employees of the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control.
- 2.5 For the purpose of performing services and functions, pursuant to this Agreement and only for the purpose of giving official status to the performance thereof, every County officer and/or employee engaged in performing any such service and function shall be deemed to be a contracted officer or employee of the City while performing such service for the City, as long as the service is within the scope of this Agreement and in a municipal function.
- 2.6 The contracting City shall not be called upon to assume any liability for the direct payment of any County Department of Animal Care and Control salaries, wages, or other compensation to any County personnel performing services hereunder for said City. Except as herein otherwise specified, the City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnity to any County employee or agent of the County for injury or sickness arising out of his/her employment as a contract employee of the City.
- 2.7 As part of its compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to employee hiring, the County agrees that the County Civil Services Rules to which it is subject and which prohibit discrimination on the basis of non-merit factors, shall for purposes of this contract be read and understood to prohibit discrimination.

3.0 DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

- 3.1 Services performed hereunder and specifically requested by the City shall be developed in conjunction with the County Department of Animal Care and Control.**
- 3.2 The City agrees to complete a Service Level Request form annually (Attachment A) and the level of service to be provided and contract sum shall be signed and authorized by the City and the County Department of Animal Care and Control or his/her designee and shall be attached to this contract as an amendment.**
- 3.3 The City may request a change in level of service and complete an additional Service Level Request form and submit such form to the County Department of Animal Care and Control. The revised level of service to be provided and contract sum shall be signed and authorized by the City and the County Department Animal Care and Control or his/her designee and attached to this contract as an amendment to the level of service and the contract sum.**
- 3.4 The City is not limited to the foregoing services indicated, but may also request any other services in the field of public safety, animal welfare, or related fields within the legal power of the Director of Animal Care and Control to provide.**

4.0 PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 For the purpose of performing said functions, County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, communication facilities, and supplies necessary to maintain the agreed level of service to be rendered hereunder.**
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City may provide additional resources for the County to utilize in performance of the services.**
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is mutually agreed that in all instances where special supplies, stationery, notices, forms, and the like must be issued in the name of said City, the same shall be supplied by the City at its own cost and expense.**

5.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 5.1 The parties hereto have executed an Assumption of Liability Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 27, 1977, and/or a Joint Indemnity Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 1991, and/or a revised Joint Indemnity Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 9, 1993. Whichever of these documents the City has signed later in time is currently in effect and**

hereby made a part of and incorporated into this Agreement as if set out in full herein.

- 5.2 In the event the Board of Supervisors later approves a revised Joint Indemnity Agreement and the City executes the revised agreement, the subsequent agreement as of its effective date shall supersede the Joint Indemnity Agreement previously in effect between the parties hereto.

6.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 6.1 Unless sooner terminated as provided for herein, this Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2014, and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2019.
- 6.2 At the option of the Board of Supervisors and with the consent of the City Council, this Agreement may be renewable for successive periods not to exceed five years each.

7.0 RIGHT OF TERMINATION

- 7.1 Either party may terminate this Agreement as of the first day of July of any year upon notice in writing to the other party of not less than 60 days prior thereto.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the City may terminate this Agreement upon notice in writing to the County given within 60 days of receipt of hereunder, and in such an event this Agreement shall terminate 60 calendar days from the date of the City's notice to the County.
- 7.3 This Agreement may be terminated at anytime, with or without cause, by either party upon written notice given to the other party at least 180 days before the date specified for such termination.
- 7.4 In the event of a termination, each party shall fully discharge all obligations owed to the other party accruing prior to the date of such termination, and each party shall be released from all obligations which would otherwise accrue subsequent to the date of termination.

8.0 CONTRACT SUM

- 8.1 The City shall pay for the services provided under the terms of this service agreement at the rate established by the County's Department of Animal Care and Control and approved by the Auditor-Controller.
- 8.2 The rates indicated in the Service Level Request form shall be readjusted by the County annually effective the first day of July each year to reflect the cost of such service in accordance with the policies and procedures for

the determination of such rate as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.

- 8.3 The City shall be billed based on the service level provided within the parameters of the Service Level Request form.
- 8.4 The cost of other services requested pursuant to this Agreement and not set forth in the Service Level Request form shall be determined by the County's Department of Animal Care and Control and in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the County Board of Supervisors.

9.0 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 9.1 The County, through the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control, shall render to said City within 15 days after the close of each calendar month a summarized invoice which covers all services performed during said month, and said City shall pay County for all undisputed amounts within 30 days after date of said invoice.
- 9.2 If such payment is not delivered to the County office which is described on said invoice within 60 days after the date of the invoice, the County is entitled to recover interest thereon. For all disputed amounts, the City shall provide County with written notice of the dispute including the invoice date, amount, and reasons for dispute within 15 days after receipt of the invoice. The parties shall memorialize the resolution of the dispute in writing. For any disputed amounts, interest shall accrue if payment is not received within 60 days after the dispute resolution is memorialized.
- 9.3 Interest shall be calculated at the rate of seven percent (7%) annually or any portion thereof, calculated from the last day of the month in which the services were performed, or in the case of disputed amounts, calculated from the date the resolution is memorialized.
- 9.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code Section 907, if such payment is not delivered to the County office which is described on said invoice within 60 days after the date of the invoice, or in the case of disputed amounts, from the date the resolution is memorialized, the County may satisfy such indebtedness, including interest thereon, from any funds of the City on deposit with the County without giving further notice to City of County's intention to do so.

10.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 10.1 This Agreement and Attachment A hereto, constitute the complete and exclusive statements of the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All changes or amendments to this

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Chair and the City has caused this Agreement to be subscribed on its behalf by its authorized officer.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
MARCIA MAYEDA
Director, Animal Care and Control

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

By _____
City of Agoura Hills, City Manager

ATTEST:

By _____
City Clerk Date

By _____
City Attorney Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN KRATTLI
County Counsel

By _____
Principal Deputy County Counsel