



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** May 7, 2019

**TO:** Jim Throop, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Agreement with County of Santa Barbara for Animal Control Services for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Services (Amendment) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 with County of Santa Barbara (County) in the total amount of \$326,814 (Attachments 1 and 2).

### **Background:**

The City has historically contracted with the County for animal control services who operate the Lompoc Animal Shelter. The County provides services including regulation, control and enforcement of Lompoc Animal Control Ordinances set forth in Title 6 of the Lompoc Municipal Code.

Last year, staff was directed to explore alternative solutions for animal control services due to rising contract costs with the County. Staff brought forth the option to extend the agreement with the County for FYs 2018-20 with 1.5% increases each fiscal year, or renew the animal services contract for both shelter and field services for one year and build structures needed for a full animal shelter with both an administrative office and kennels. The latter option included contracting with a private consultant to provide scope of field and kennel services.

At the June 19, 2018, City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to move forward with renewing the contract with the County for all animal control services with proposed 1.5% increases for two fiscal years.

### **Discussion:**

In the agreement for FY 2018-19, annual increases of 1.5% were agreed upon for both FYs 2019-2020 and 2020-21, for a total of a 3% increase over the two-year period. In the proposed agreement for FY 19-20, the County and City agreed to not implement a 1.5%

increase. Therefore, the amount of the contract for FY 2019-20 will remain the same as FY 2018-19, totaling \$326,814. Due to the current budgetary deficit, renewing the agreement from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, with no increase in the contract amount is in the best interest for the City.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact to the City will be the amount of the one-year Amendment totaling \$326,814, with a 0% increase for FY 2019-20, creating no additional cost over FY 2018-19.

**Conclusion:**

Continuation of this essential full-service Animal Control Program provided by the County is in the best interest of the City for the upcoming fiscal year because the County will not be increasing the contract amount by 1.5% for FY 2019-20. The County and City will renegotiate the terms of the Animal Control Services Agreement for FY 2020-21.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jasmine McGinty, Development Programs Specialist II

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachments: 1) Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Services  
2) Agreement (original) for Animal Control Services and Statement of Work