

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-454 – approving a Council Bill that would authorize an update to the agreement for animal sheltering services between the City of Joplin (City) and the Joplin Humane Society, Inc. (Society).

MEETING DATE

October 7, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Health Department

ATTACHMENTS

CB2019-454 Humane Society Animal Sheltering Agreement

REVIEWED BY

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SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes an Animal Sheltering Agreement between the Joplin Humane Society, Inc. and the City of Joplin providing animal sheltering services for animals brought to it by the City's animal control program staff or by residents of the City.

BACKGROUND

The City has contracted with the Society for animal sheltering services in conjunction with the City's animal control program since 1975. The original contract has been amended from time to time over the years allowing for increases in the monthly payment for such services.

The agreement calls for the Society to provide sheltering services for animals brought to it by the City's animal control program staff or by residents of the City, as approved. The agreement includes basic impoundment services for stray animals or those animals collected for a violation of city code, and rabies quarantine services for animals involved in bite situations.

The Society has requested a 1.61% CPI increase in fees which is allowed under the current agreement. The new agreement specifies a schedule of fees that may be charged to the City or residents of the city for various services including; rabies sample submission, daily care charge, animal intake and tracking, quarantine, euthanasia, and cremation. The agreement also allows for other charges to the City for specific cases where extraordinary care may be required for an animal. Finally, the Society will receive 20% of fines it collects as specified in city code, for animals retrieved by the owner.

The Society agrees that all costs charged to the City per this agreement will be the same fees charged to other contract governmental entities. The estimated contract cost for this agreement period is approx. \$216,764.

The agreement period will be from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020. Thereafter, subject to annual appropriations, it will be automatically renewed for four (4) successive one (1) year terms, to coincide with the city fiscal year unless amended by both parties.

FUNDING SOURCE

The source of funding is the Health Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis.