



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

April 19, 2022

Intergovernmental Agreements for the Provision of Animal Care and Related Services

Background

Animal care services may be provided by Pima County to those in incorporated jurisdictions only through the consent of the cities or town. Consent is granted when Pima County enters into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with incorporated cities and towns for animal care services and enforcement. In these agreements the County is specifically delegated the ability to enforce the jurisdictional partners' code as it relates to domestic companion animals and inclusive of rabies control and vaccination, dog licensing, leash laws, sheltering of surrendered and stray animals, animal cruelty and neglect. These agreements are funded by each jurisdictional partner on an annual fee basis based on historical service utilization and paid in a manner that has been modified from time to time over the years, but which now specifies payment in twelve monthly installments.

In 2014 Pima County formed Pima Animal Care Partners (PACP), which is comprised of representatives of each of the incorporated jurisdictions that utilize Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) services. At the time the group was formed, PACC had evolved from an operational model that focused primarily on euthanasia to one of care, foster and adoption. As the new model increased the cost and the services provided, it was important that PACP exist as a critical partner to engage in collaborative discussions about the health, safety and welfare of animals and people in Pima County. The result of the regular and on-going communications between the participating jurisdictions and PACC is that all partners share a joint vision regarding the level of care provided.

To further a regional model of care, it is recommended that at the time of contract renewal, on June 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approve revised intergovernmental agreements with existing jurisdictional partners to update the funding model for the provision of companion animal sheltering, veterinary, enforcement and related animal care services. This model would decrease the funding provided the County by the jurisdictional partners that is earmarked for PACC to the amount collected in licensing fees. The authority granted by an executed IGA and the funding provided by tax payers within that jurisdiction provides for a commitment to a shared level of service that is funded through the existing tax base.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the new intergovernmental agreements retain licensing fee revenues continue to be collected on behalf of the partner jurisdiction to offset licensing and related

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
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enforcement expenses. However, we request the balance of services including sheltering, veterinary care and community programming be funded through a direct general fund appropriation.

Sincerely,



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