

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2018

Agenda Item:

2018-2019 Interlocal Agreement between Village of Estero and Lee County for Stray Animal Control Services

Description:

Since incorporation, the Village has relied on several services provided by the County. The Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services is one such agreement. It is recommended that the Council renew this contract for an annual cost of \$33,879.

The County has established a robust program for control of domestic dogs and cats. The program involves the local monitoring and pick-up of stray animals, sheltering, attending to the limited medical needs of sheltered animals, and ultimate discharge, adoption or euthanasia of pets. While the program needs to be extensive the demand in Estero is limited. Nonetheless, the Village has no immediate alternatives for this service. The cost and effort to replicate this service is not thought appropriate given the limited savings.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Interlocal Agreement between Village of Estero and Lee County for Stray Animal Control Services.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of the annual service is \$33,879. This represents a 49% increase from last year's contract of \$22,760. These costs have been included in the Village of Estero 2018-19 Budget.

Attachment:

1. Copy of the 2018-19 Interlocal Agreement for Stray Animal Control Services

ATTACHMENT 1



2018-2019 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR STRAY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

This 2018-2019 Inter-local Agreement for Stray Animal Control Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, _____ by and between LEE COUNTY, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County") and the VILLAGE OF ESTERO, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida ("Village").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the County has the authority to enter into agreements for sharing of certain governmental powers and obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City wants to contract with the County to provide stray animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to provide stray animal control services to the City utilizing the County's Domestic Animal Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the City and the County, both intending to be legally bound, hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Initial Term of the Agreement: The initial term of this Agreement is from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.
2. Extension/Renewal: This Agreement may be extended/renewed for successive one year periods. As a condition of the County's extension/renewal, the amount of Compensation to be paid to the County may be increased or decreased. The City has the right to accept or reject such an adjustment in the amount of Compensation.
3. Compensation to County: The annual fee of \$33,879.00 is based upon the County's net expenses for the most recent year where a full year's actual expenses are available (Fiscal Year 2016-2017). The City also agrees to compensate the County for Capital Improvement Projects based upon the percentage of annual total number of stray animals allocated by jurisdiction.
4. Determination of Compensation to the County: A fee of \$33,879.00 is for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 animal control services. A portion of the fee is for capital equipment (animal control vans) that is not part of the operating budget.
5. Regulations Utilized: The City agrees to utilize the County's Animal Control Ordinance, section numbering and external fee manual for citations of violations.
6. Quarterly Invoicing: The County will invoice the City on a quarterly basis for services provided, and the City will make payment in accordance with the following:

Quarter	Period Covered	Invoice Date	Payment Due Date
1 st	Ending December 31, 2018	January 2, 2019	February 15, 2019

2 nd	Ending March 31, 2019	April 2, 2019	May 15, 2019
3 rd	Ending June 30, 2019	July 2, 2019	August 15, 2019
4 th	Ending September 30, 2019	October 2, 2019	November 15, 2019

Late payments shall be subject to a one percent (1%) administrative fee.

7. **Termination:** Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice to the other part of their intention to terminate this Agreement by providing such notice to the address set out below.
8. **Written Notice and Correspondence:** Written notice of termination, extension, amendment or other correspondence must be provided via regular mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

<p>To the City: Steven R. Sarkozy, Manager Village of Estero 9401 Corkscrew Palms Cir. Estero, FL 33982</p>	<p>To the County: Mack Young, Director Lee County Domestic Animal Services P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, FL 33902</p>
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9. **Effective Date:** This Agreement will become effective on the date written above, and any subsequent amendments thereto shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, City Clerk and Lee County.
10. **Operational Policies and Rules:** Management, policy and fiscal measures will be established and maintained by the County to implement stray animal control field and shelter services to enforce animal control laws, rules and regulations as they relate to domestic dogs, cats and ferrets.
11. **Certain Types of Animals Excluded:** Agricultural (domestic livestock and fowl), exotics and any other wildlife are specifically excluded from the jurisdiction of the County's Domestic Animal Services and are not covered under the terms of this Agreement. Inquiries or service calls for these types of animal should be referred to other proper authorities. Also excluded from this Agreement is the transport of deceased animals from City property or private residences. The County will accept deceased domestic animals for proper disposal at Animal Services from the City authorized employees during open business hours of Monday-Saturday, 8 AM to 4 PM excluding County approved holidays.
12. **Establishment of Fees:** The County has established and will maintain a schedule for both fees and fines for all services that are charged to the public. The fee schedule is approved by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners and is included in the County's External Fees and Charges Manual. These fees will be charged directly to the citizens and are payable upon receipt of the service. The County reserves the right to adjust fees and fines as necessary.
13. **Applicable Rules:** Certified animal control officers will be utilized to provide stray animal control services in accordance with applicable State statutes and County ordinances.
14. **Hours of Operation:** Hours of operation are as follows:
 - A. Administrative Hours: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

B. Field Operations Hours:

Full Field Service (7 days a week):	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Limited/Emergency Field Service (7 days a week)*:	8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Impoundment of confined injured animals, animals associated with an arrest/detainment of an owner, or a death investigation:	24 hours a day

*Limited/Emergency Field Services only as defined in Section 17 during County approved holidays

C. After-Hours Contracted Services:

An answering service will be available for receiving requests for service after 11:30pm through 8:00am on the next day. The answering service will have the ability to notify an on-call animal control officer of emergency calls for service.

15. Participation in County Programs: The City agrees to participate in the County's Pet Licensing Program. Due to the pet overpopulation problem in Lee County, the restricted pet licensing program will provide low-cost spay/neuter, microchip and vaccination services for Lee County pet owners who qualify for eligibility based on receipt of public assistance programs. The program(s) should be accessible to all areas served by the County's Domestic Animal Services and should be targeted to provide the most effective results for the lowest available costs. Outside contractors, discount certificates and other programs may be included in these programs along with any program provided directly by the County's Domestic Animal Services.
16. Record Keeping and Quarterly Reports: The County will maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to the performance under this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and consistently applied. The City shall be provided with such records and documents with billing information on a quarterly basis.
17. Calls for Service: Calls for service will be assessed and prioritized at the sole discretion and judgment of the County's Animal Control Officers.

Limited/Emergency Service Calls: The following calls for service (appearing in no specific order) are classified as "limited/emergency" in nature and will take precedence over non-emergency calls for service.

- a. Rescue of stray injured domestic cats, dogs and ferrets.
- b. Rescue of domestic cats, dogs and ferrets that are inhumanely trapped or unnaturally restrained.
- c. Rescue or take custody of living domestic cats, dogs and ferrets involved in motor vehicle accidents or which impede traffic.
- d. Assistance to citizens where a bite or attack has occurred by a stray domestic cat, dog or ferret, and the animal remains at scene and is a threat to citizens or their property.
- e. Assistance where any dangerous dog has escaped and is posing an immediate threat to citizens or property.
- f. Assistance to law enforcement for emergencies including the pick-up and transport of an injured domestic cat, dog or ferret at the scene related to a law enforcement incident.
- g. Patrol areas where a threatening or menacing animal has been reported and still at large in the area.

- h. Nuisance dog barking complaints will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency within the jurisdiction.

Non-emergency Calls: All other calls of a non-emergency nature, and not referenced above, will be responded to as quickly as possible dependent upon available manpower and emergency calls taking precedence. Non-emergency calls may include, but are not limited to, matters such as investigation of State Statute and County ordinance violations relating to animals.

- 18. Disposition of Unclaimed Stray and Surrendered Animals: The disposition of unclaimed stray and surrendered animals will be in accordance with State Statute and County Ordinance.
- 19. Notice of Ordinance/Regulation Changes: The County will provide the City with a minimum of thirty (30) days notification of any proposed ordinance or policy changes approved by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 20. Utility Service Fees: All utilities for County facilities will be paid by the County by Lee County Domestic Animal Services operating budget. Facility utilities include cost or fees for electricity, water, sewer, solid waste disposal and telephone service.
- 21. Statistical Report: Upon request, the County shall provide a yearly statistical report on calls for service and impoundments for fiscal year 2015-2016, which are the basis for the determination of fees charged. The Village may request custom reports, other than the report referenced above, and the County may assess a fee to cover County staff costs to produce such custom reports.
- 22. Dispatch Services: Trained County personnel will be utilized to serve as dispatchers. The dispatch personnel will dispatch calls over the County's two-way 800 MHz radio system and/or dispatched electronically through the Chameleon Software System during normal business hours. Animal control officers will receive text pages from the answering service to respond to after-hour calls for emergencies. The City will be granted the same access to the County's two-way 800 MHz radio system as afforded to the other municipalities and the Lee County Sheriff. During nights, weekends and holidays, animal control officers will be operating on the Lee County Sheriff's Office radio frequency for safety monitoring. The City may access services by contacting Lee County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (239) 477-1202 or by calling Lee County Domestic Animal Services at (239) 533-7387 (Option #2).
- 23. Rabies: The County will follow State Statute and/or Health Department rules or regulations relating to the Rabies Administration Program, including ten-day quarantine for rabies observation and/or testing of stray animals that have bitten and/or scratched a human.
- 24. Adoption, Sterilization, Microchips and Vaccinations: An adoption program will be maintained as part of the administrative and kennel functions of Domestic Animal Services.
- 25. Sterilization and Micro-chipping Requirements: All cats and dogs adopted shall be required to be sterilized and permanently identified through an implanted microchip.
- 26. Vaccination and Licensing: Appropriate vaccinations and licensing will be required based on species, age and other relevant factors.
- 27. County Facility Provided Services: The following services will be provided for all animals brought into the County's facility:

- a. Proper identification and recording of stray animals using established policies and procedures.
- b. Health evaluation for stray animals with injury, illness, temperament or other additional conditions.
- c. Emergency medical care as required.
- d. Authorized preventative care.
- e. Check [and treat] for parasites and groom or clean if needed.
- f. Preventative treatment for intestinal parasites; heartworm, feline leukemia and AIDS testing, and vaccinations.
- g. Appropriate housing of animals.
- h. Complete inventory of animals in the shelter.
- i. All animals brought into the facility will be fed and watered in a manner diet-appropriate for their breed, species and physical condition.
- j. Proper cleaning on a daily basis of all areas where animals are housed and treated.

28. Additional Program Availability: The County will provide the following services as part of this Agreement for Lee County residents:

- a. Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs
- b. Adoption Services
- c. Owner Surrender Services (based on available capacity)
- d. Investigation of State Statute and County Ordinance violations Relating to Animals including Cruelty Investigations
- e. Necropsy of Deceased Animals for Law Enforcement Agency Investigations When Requested
- f. Community Pet Pantry Program (providing veterinary care and pet food supplies for financially disadvantaged pet owners)
- g. Housing and Disposal of Stray Animals
- h. Pet Behavior Hotline
- i. Foster Program
- j. Return to Owner and Lost & Found Services
- k. Pet Placement Partnership Referral Services
- l. Animal Care Trust Fund for Treatment of Sick and Injured Animals
- m. Humane Euthanasia of Stray Sick, Injured or Aggressive Animals
- n. Rabies Quarantine of Stray Animals that have Bitten or Scratched a Human
- o. Educational Program to Promote Responsible Pet Ownership
- p. Disclosure of Information Related to Applicable State Statutes and Local Ordinances
- q. Disclosure of Information Emphasizing the importance of Spay/Neuter to Prevent Pet Overpopulation

Please note that these programs may be adjusted and/or eliminated as needed at the discretion of the County.

28. Limitation on the County's Liability: The County will only be liable for money damages in tort for any injuries to or losses of property, personal injury, or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act(s) or omission(s) of any official or employee of the County while acting within the scope or the official's or employee's office or employment under circumstances under which a private person would be held liable in accordance with the general laws of the State of Florida, subject to the limitations as set out in Section 768.28 Florida Statutes, as it may be amended or revised from time to time.

29. Entire Agreement: This Agreement sets for the all agreements, terms, conditions and understandings between the City and the County, and there are no other agreements, customs, usages, terms, conditions

or understandings, oral or written, express or implied, other than as set forth herein. Additionally, all negotiations or acts made prior to the execution hereof are deemed to be merged, integrated and superseded by this Agreement.

- 30. Amendment of this Agreement: Notwithstanding any of the provisions contained herein, this Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the City and the County, and any such amendment must be in writing to be effective.
- 31. Severability: Should any provision contained within this Agreement be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, such a determination will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section or part herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this presence to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their official seals hereto affixed, on the day and year as written below.

ATTEST:

By: _____
 VILLAGE CLERK

Date: _____

VILLAGE OF ESTERO

By: _____
 VILLAGE MANAGER

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: _____
 VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Date: _____

ATTEST:
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

By: _____
 Deputy Clerk

Date: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
 Chairman

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM FOR
THE RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:

By: _____
 Lee County Attorney's Office