

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Cathedral City has contracted Animal Control Field and Shelter Services through the Riverside County Department of Animal Services since FY 2005. We recently concluded a 2-year part-time contract on June 30, 2023. Staff were recently informed by Riverside County Department of Animal Services the contract would be extended to June 30, 2024, with no changes in either services or cost to the existing contract.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff were notified by Riverside County Department of Animal Services in September of 2023 of the proposed contract extension. Riverside County Department of Animal Services indicated they are in the middle of a fee study which they anticipate will be completed in early 2024. Riverside County Department of Animal Services will negotiate a new contract for services in early 2024, for fiscal year 2024/2025, after a new fee schedule is established.

The City is currently contracting with Riverside County Department of Animal Services for one part-time animal control officer for 20 hours of field service work, deployed Monday-Friday 8am to 12pm.

This contract provides for One Animal Control Officer covering listed part-time hours. Any hours before or after these contracted hours, to include holidays and weekends is billed at an overtime rate with a minimum of two hours callout pay at \$142 an hour for a minimum callout rate of \$284 per incident.

<b>Contract: Part-Time</b>	<b>FY 2023 to 2024</b>
Animal Control Officer (.5)	\$106,423.00
Animal Sheltering	\$ 30,960.00*
Wildlife Impounds	\$ 1,104.00*
Deceased Animal PU & Disp	\$ 5,530.00*
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 1,253.00*
Overtime	\$ 17,054.00**
License processing fee	\$ 11,573.00**
Total	<b>\$173,897.00</b>

\*Estimates based on FY 20/21- Part-time services contract.

\*\*Estimates based on FY 20/21 statistics. This fee will be billed based on actual usage.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None for FY 2023/2024

**FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

GOAL E: SAFETY Cathedral City is safe for all who live, work visit and play in our community.