



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Services

**DCM:** Cassey Odgen, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** June 17, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton, Texas, and Denton County, Texas, for the services of holding and dispositioning of animals and the collection of fees pursuant to the provisions of said agreement; authorizing the City Manager to perform all obligations of the City under the agreement; and providing an effective date. The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee recommends approval (5-0).

### **BACKGROUND**

Denton County ("County") provides animal control services—including rabies control and animal impounding—for its residents in accordance with Texas Government Code SS 791.001. The County does not maintain facilities for quarantine, intake, or disposition functions. For several years, the County has contracted with the City of Denton ("City") and its shelter to perform these services, with the City invoicing the County under the current interlocal agreement (ILA) **Exhibit 4**.

The existing ILA, adopted on April 6, 2004 (Ordinance 2004-104), outlines the roles and responsibilities of both the County and the City in holding and dispositioning animals and establishes the fee structure for services rendered. The proposed updated ILA reflects current practices, removes credits issued for reclaim fees, and addresses rising operational costs (**Exhibit 3**).

### **OPTIONS**

Approve or deny.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

On May 14, 2025, the ILA was presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to Council who recommended adoption of the proposed ILA with a vote of 5 to 0.

On April 6, 2004, Council approved ordinance 2004-104 for an interlocal agreement between County and the City for the impoundment and disposition of dogs and cat and the collection of fees.

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Exhibit 3- Interlocal Agreement 2025

Exhibit 4- Ordinance 2004-104

Respectfully submitted:  
Nikki Sassenus, Animal Services Director