



Dear Ms. Arraiz:

We would like to thank the City of Fort Pierce for their dedication to Animal Services in our community. The City of Fort Pierce and The Humane Society have enjoyed a long standing and positive working relationship. We are pleased to assist and work with the City in their animal control obligations to the citizens of Fort Pierce and look forward to a continued positive relationship.


As costs for animal care, housing and associated veterinary services continue increase, the Humane Society is regularly exploring additional funding options to maintain its vital mission. We seek support from stakeholders and throughout our community. The Humane Society hosts several charitable events and fundraisers, and we continue to recruit volunteers and raise money that supports our programs. Additionally monies received from grants/donations received are helpful but are insufficient to ensure we can sustain our vital role in the future.

The Humane Society has embarked on a concerted effort to address cost control, resulting in substantial progress. In addition we have consulted with our CPA to identify additional areas of costs savings and to determine an exact cost per animal housed at the Humane Society of St. Lucie County. After a lengthy and thorough analysis the accountant firm of Mcalpin-Cavalcanti-and-Lewis has determined a cost per animal for The Humane Society of \$191.00.

The purpose of this letter is to assist the City of Fort Pierce to better prepare as we budget and prepare for the 2016 contract renewal. As a not for profit agency, The Humane Society we can no longer cover and absorb the substantial difference between the current contractual fees and our actual costs for each animal we take in and remain a viable partner in providing animal control services to your citizens.

Please be advised that The Humane Society of St. Lucie County and its Board of Directors respectfully urge that the City of Fort Pierce budgets 85% of the actual cost or \$165.00 per animal in planning for the next contract renewal.

We are proud of our partnership with the City and our collective efforts to reduce pet overpopulation in our community.


David Robertson
Director of Administration
Humane Society of St. Lucie County

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