



THE SUNRISE CITY
ANIMAL CONTROL

FORT PIERCE *Florida*

TO : Nicholas Mimms, City Manager
FROM : Peggy Arraiz, Code Compliance Manager
SUBJECT : FY 19 Humane Society Contract
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City of Fort Pierce
City Manager's Office

I have been in communication with the Humane Society regarding the contract for FY19 and we have been able to come to an amicable agreement of a minor increase of \$3000.00 for the year plus an increase to \$10 per day for the housing of animals impounded for abuse cases.

As a brief history, in 2012 the City and the Humane Society agreed to implement a flat-fee based contract instead of a per animal cost. The flat rate fee at that time was \$125,000 with no cap on the number of animals impounded. That same fee remained in effect for FY13, FY14, FY15 and FY16 with only a few minor changes in the per day fee for abuse cases, counting litters as a single animal and the implementation of a cap on the number of animals impounded.

In FY 17, the Humane Society requested a drastic increase to \$165 per animal and a "facility fee" of \$25,000. Substantial negotiations took place that year and we settled on an increase of \$5,000 for a total of \$130,000. This amount remained the same for this current fiscal year.

For FY19, the Humane Society has again requested a substantial increase of \$50,000 for a contract total of \$180,000, which was denied by the City. Staff and representatives from the Humane Society had several discussions in which the following items were agreed upon: 1) The City has maintained its impound rate to less than the 1000 cap; 2) The Humane Society has increased the time a veterinarian is present at the Savannah Shelter; and 3) there are general increases in costs that all businesses have experienced. Based on these discussions, staff agreed to recommend to the City Commission a minor increase of \$3,000.00. Additionally, the per day fee for animal abuse cases has increased to \$10.00 per day. As the City typically only has 1 or 2 cases per year and we have been successful in requiring the animal owner to cover this charge, this is also considered a minor change.

Please advise if you require any additional information regarding this matter.

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