

North Metro Animal Care and Control
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Ramsey Police Department
Chief Jeff Katers

RE: Discontinuation of Services

Dear Chief Katers,

As you know, North Metro Animal Care and Control (NMACC) has been providing Animal Control and Impound Services to the City of Ramsey for the past few years.

It is with deep regret that we must inform you that we are closing and will no longer providing animal control or impound services.

This has been precipitated by many factors, including on-going staffing challenges in hiring and retention, rising costs and other problems associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. North Metro Animal Care and Control can no longer provide services at a level that provides for the responsiveness, care, and follow-through that your community deserves and has come to expect from us.

Therefore, effective **June 1, 2022**, North Metro Animal Care and Control will no longer be providing Animal Control and Impound Services for the City of Ramsey.

North Metro Animal Care and Control intends to continue services until June 1, 2022, to allow for time for you to make other arrangements as you see fit.

If you can arrange for other services prior to June 1, 2022, please let me know as soon as practicable.

I would recommend that the city work with Anoka County toward creating a Countywide Animal Control program that will integrate Animal Services within the framework of existing public safety services.

As the County becomes more populated, I believe it would serve the interests of the animals and the public best to have a dedicated animal control program under centralized administration and supervision rather than hiring individual contractors.

It has been a pleasure to have been able to serve the needs of the Ramsey Police Department and its Officers.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 763-269-1102.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Anderson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark D. Anderson
Director,
North Metro Animal Care and Control