



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2848, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

1/22/2026

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a three-month period beginning February 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$965,928 to be paid to the City. Funding: Travis County will reimburse the City for these services through a cost recovery model.

Lead Department

Animal Services.

Fiscal Note

Travis County will pay the City for the animal-related services provided by the Austin Animal Services to Travis County through a cost recovery model.

Prior Council Action:

September 25, 2025 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County; approved on consent on an 11-0 vote.

January 30, 2025 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County; approved on consent on an 11-0 vote.

December 9, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County; approved on consent on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Animal Services has provided animal services throughout the unincorporated areas of Travis County (County) through various agreements since 1985. City and County staff worked together for several years in an effort to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments for these services, resulting in an interlocal agreement (ILA) that was approved by the County Commissioners Court and City Council on September 27, 2007, and October 18, 2007, respectively. This original ILA was renewed several times.

Today's action authorizes a three-month amendment to the ILA. If approved, the amendment will be effective beginning February 1, 2026, and end on April 30, 2026.

Pursuant to this ILA, Austin Animal Services will continue to provide animal protection, shelter services, wildlife mitigation services, and public education to Travis County residents.