



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1208, **Agenda Item #:** 1.

3/12/2026

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and Travis County for the City's provision of animal-related services in the unincorporated areas of Travis County between May 1, 2026, and September 30, 2026, and for successive one-year terms, beginning October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 of the following year. Funding: Travis County will pay the City for the animal-related services provided by Austin Animal 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 Austin Animal Services through a cost recovery model.

Prior Council Action:

December 9, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2021, on an 11-0 vote.

September 29, 2022 - Council authorized 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 term beginning October 1, 2022, on an 8-0 vote with Council Members Harper-Madison and Kitchen off the dais and Council Member Fuentes absent.

September 21, 2023 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2023, on an 11-0 vote.

November 30, 2023 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services for a 12-month term beginning on December 1, 2023, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Ryan Alter absent.

January 30, 2025 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County was approved on consent on Council Member Qadri's motion, Mayor ProTem Fuentes' second on an 11-0 vote.

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 22, 2026 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County was approved on consent on Council Member Harper-Madison's motion, Council Member Siegel's second on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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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.

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