



AGENDA ITEM NO.	1	Z
COUNCIL MEETING	6/03/10	
APPROVED BY		

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

June 3, 2010

FROM: RANDALL L. COOPER, Director
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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 83rd AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2009-149 APPROPRIATING \$50,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REINSTATE THE MID-YEAR REDUCTION FOR CONTRACT ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution that reinstates half of the \$100,000 mid-year reduction to funding for contract animal control services, utilizing as an offset, the additional revenue from revised animal fees approved by Council on April 15, 2010. The attached AAR, along with utilization of one-time operational savings in the FY 2010 Department budget, will bring appropriations back in line with the current year contract amount for animal control services approved by Council in October 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to Citywide FY 2010 mid-year budget reductions, on November 30, 2009, City Council approved a resolution granting the City Manager or designee authority to negotiate an amendment to the FY 2010 contract with the SPCA that results in a mid-year reduction of \$100,000 for animal control services. This reduction was in addition to a \$66,263 reduction to the contract in the FY 2010 Adopted Budget. The PARCS Department, City Manager's Office, and SPCA staff has worked exhaustively on solutions to meet the budget reduction and continue to provide vital public safety services for animal control.

The initial \$66,263 reduction to animal control services was achieved by the SPCA holding a position vacant, discontinuing a uniform allowance, increasing the employee contribution to health insurance, and deferring vehicle replacement. The additional cuts required to meet the mid-year \$100,000 reduction would have required SPCA to layoff full-time kennel staff or animal control officers, and put the operation at risk of not meeting State mandated animal care regulations and/or severely impacting public response times.

The solution first presented to Council on April 15, 2010 from City and SPCA staff focuses on generating additional revenue to offset the reduction amount through revised animal fees and increased enforcement efforts of existing ordinances. The approved revisions to animal license, impound, daily boarding, and citation fees is expected to generate additional revenue to offset the impact of reinstating the mid-year reduction - and position the City and SPCA to mitigate further impacts to animal control services in FY 2011.

BACKGROUND

It is estimated that only 10% of dogs within City limits are licensed. The SPCA has already begun improving enforcement efforts by increasing 'spot' dog license surveys in high activity neighborhoods. These surveys educate and remind dog owners about the public health benefits of a licensing their dog(s). In addition, the City Finance Department will now send 100% of delinquent animal citation accounts to collection agencies for improved follow-up. The City will also be working with the SPCA to revise animal control citations to include collection of a dog owner's social security number, which will be used by collection agencies to ultimately report the account to credit bureaus if a citation remains unpaid.

The City is not alone in its challenges to fund ongoing animal control services. Many City-run animal control agencies are implementing severe budget reductions or altogether shutting down animal control services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The ongoing challenges of the City General Fund require that animal control services move towards a higher cost recovery structure. The recently approved fee adjustment, along with a gradual increase in public participation will improve cost recovery of providing animal control services; however even *with* the fee increase, the program will not be full cost recovery unless participation rates for dog licensure rise significantly above 50% of City dog owners. This is illustrated by the FY 2010 budget of \$2,165,800 for City animal control services vs. the projected dog license revenue of \$1,556,695 under the revised fees at 50% participation (vs. 10% currently).

The partial reinstatement of the mid-year budget reduction to animal control services will be fully offset over the next six to nine months by increased revenue from the revised animal fees (approved on April 15, 2010) and increased enforcement efforts discussed earlier.

Attachment: AAR

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO
ADOPTING THE 83rd AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-149 APPROPRIATING \$50,000 IN THE PARKS,
AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT TO REINSTATE THE MID-YEAR REDUCTION FOR
CONTRACT ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO:

THAT PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2009-149 be and is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
TO: PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT General Fund	\$ 50,000

THAT account titles and numbers requiring adjustment by this Resolution are as follows:

General Fund

Revenues:

Account: 32261 Animal Licenses	\$ 40,000
32263 Animal Control Citations	<u>10,000</u>
Fund: 10101	
Org Unit: 520501	

Total Revenues	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
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Appropriations:

Account: 53402 Specialized Services/Tech	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Fund: 10101	
Org Unit: 170208	
CS: SQ002	

Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
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THAT the purpose is to appropriate \$50,000 for the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department to reinstate the mid-year reduction for contract animal control services.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF FRESNO } ss.
CITY OF FRESNO }

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ Day of _____, 2010

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____ 2010
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____ 2010
Mayor Veto: _____ 2010
Council Override Veto: _____ 2010

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk
