



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: February 13, 2013

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair – Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Appropriation and revenue increases to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control for spay/neutering of shelter animals

Recommendation: Approve \$50,000 appropriation and revenue increases for Minneapolis Animal Care & Control

Increase appropriation for Regulatory Services in General Fund 00100-8350500 (Regulatory Services) by \$50,000.

Increase revenue estimate for Regulatory Services in General Fund 00100-8350500 (Regulatory Services) by \$50,000.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by:

Jay Stroebel, Interim Director of Regulatory Services

Presenters in Committee: Dan Niziolek

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
Dept Name: Regulatory Services
Fund Name:
Amount: \$50,000
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
Dept Name: Regulatory Services
Fund Name:
Amount: \$50,000
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- City Goals
 - Livable Communities and Healthy Lives

Supporting Information

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) requests a \$50,000 budget appropriation to allow the spay and neutering of animals sheltered at the MACC shelter.

Currently, animals adopted from or transferred from Minneapolis Animal Care and Control leave the shelter not altered. People and rescue groups receiving the animals are required to have the animals sterilized within 30 days. Failure to have the animal sterilized results in the voiding of the adoption or the transfer of the animal.

This current process does not ensure the altering of all animals leaving the MACC shelter, especially when the animal is homed outside the City of Minneapolis. In addition, enforcement of the requirement results in the waste of a significant amount of city resources. In some cases, enforcement may require securing and serving a search warrant.

The requested budget appropriation will be used to pay for the spay/neutering of animals before they leave the MACC shelter. The cost of the procedure will be recovered by increasing the adoption and transfer fees for animals leaving MACC. By utilizing MNSNAP or MACC contract vet services, the spay/neutering will cost approximately \$50, which is a great value.

The altering of shelter animals will ensure the sterilization of sheltered animals and increase the desirability and value of sheltered animals. In the end, this will be another step forward to decreasing the number of unwanted animals in the City of Minneapolis.

