



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Animal Care Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jonathan Gary

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Paul Jolly Adoption Center Lease Agreement with Animal Defense League.

SUMMARY:

Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the lease agreement with Animal Defense League (ADL) to operate and manage the Paul Jolly Adoption Center located in Brackenridge Park to include the option of renewal for one additional three-year term from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2028.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In FY 2010, City Council approved the construction of a \$5.7 million adoption facility in Brackenridge Park to provide the public with an additional location to adopt pets. The facility opened in October 2013 and has been operated by local rescue partners since. San Antonio Pets Alive! operated the facility from FY 2014 – FY 2016. Animal Defense League (ADL) has operated the facility since FY 2017 and has pulled over 16,000 pets from ACS.

Under this lease agreement, ADL is responsible for transferring 2,000 pets from ACS each year in order to find them permanent placement. ADL is reimbursed \$225 per animal and is reimbursed

75% of their utility (CPS and SAWS) costs, up to \$45,000. The annual contract amount is \$495,000. In addition to transferring animals from ACS, ADL is responsible for day-to-day operations of the adoption center, including staffing, humane housing of animals, and processing foster and adoption placement. All revenue generated from the adoption center is retained by ADL to pay for operations.

ISSUE:

The current lease, which began November 1, 2019, was for a three-year term with one, 3-year renewal. The renewal was executed in 2022 and is scheduled to end on October 31, 2025. Rather than going through the solicitation process at this time, ACS is proposing to add to the existing agreement one additional three-year renewal option, making the agreement renewable through October 31, 2028.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this amendment not be approved, ACS will have to issue a Request for Proposals to solicit a new partner to manage and operate the Paul Jolly Adoption Center upon the termination of this agreement on October 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the lease agreement with Animal Defense League (ADL) to operate and manage the Paul Jolly Adoption Center located in Brackenridge Park to include the option of renewal for one additional three-year term from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2028. Funding for this lease agreement is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.