

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Lisa Solomon, Chief of Police
SUBJ: Animal Control Contract
DATE: November 17, 2009

NEEDS: Consider approval of an amendment to the County of San Luis Obispo Animal Control Services Contract July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$200,440.

- FACTS:**
1. The City of Paso Robles contracts with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department Animal Services Division for animal control services.
 2. The Council previously authorized a contract extension for Animal Control Services through September 30, 2009 while a Study Team (comprised of representatives from the County Administration, County Health Agency, County Animal Services, local police chiefs and finance personnel) conducted a comprehensive study of Animal Control Services and associated costs.
 3. Findings from the Animal Services Study are attached to this report (Attachment "A"). Committee work continues in an effort to raise revenues (County fees) and examine service reductions to partially offset future contract increases.
 4. The one-year contract extension provides the same services and price as originally proposed by the County in March 2009. The contract increase was accounted for in the FY 2010 budget.
 5. The newly proposed contract extension would replace the previously authorized contract extension approved June 16, 2009.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: The City has contracted with San Luis Obispo County for animal control services for many years. The contract includes: response of Animal Service Officers for injured or stray animals; investigative services for animal bites, abuse and neglect; sheltering and quarantine services; dog licensing; animal adoption; and other services as required by either State law or City Municipal Code. The most recent three year contract with the County expired June 30, 2009, as did all other incorporated cities' contracts.

The City was notified in March, 2009 that contract costs would increase substantially. The City agreed to a short-term contract extension at the proposed rate through September 30, 2009, while a countywide Study Team worked to conduct a full analysis of animal services and associated costs. The Study Team was put into place, and animal services and associated payments have continued in good faith, per the Council approved contract extension.

Due to a clerical error, the County never ratified the Paso Robles contract extension. Consequently, a successor amended contract is proposed. The new agreement is essentially the same as the prior approved extension; however, it will be in effect thru FY 2010. The contract rate remains as originally proposed at \$200,440. This expense is reflected in the current approved / adopted City budget.

In September, the results of the Animal Services Study were revealed (see attached). In summary, the study revealed that program costs are reasonable and the method of data collection and attribution to individual cities is accurate. The Study also found that the method for allocating costs to each contracting city was not appropriate. Certain cities use Animal Services at a significantly higher rate than others. In considering how rates are currently determined, the Study Team determined the allocation of costs under the old method put an unfair burden on cities that are not utilizing Animal Services to the same level as other municipalities. This finding was unfortunate for the City of Paso Robles, as it is currently the highest user of services of all the contracting municipalities. As such, under the newly proposed method for cost allocation (designed to charge for services based strictly on use) the County expects rates for the City of Paso Robles to be as much as \$300,000 (in FY 2011).

The Study Team has expanded to include representatives from the two highest users of service, Paso Robles and Atascadero to work on ways to reduce contract costs. As an example, the County is proposing increases to 29 out of 73 animal service fees in order to increase offsetting revenues (See Attachment "B") [the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to conduct a public hearing this matter on November 24, 2009]. The Police Department is working with the County to find other cost saving solutions (i.e. spay-neuter grants to reduce feral cat population, micro-chipping program to reduce animal surrenders, etc.) It is anticipated the revenues from fee increases, as well as any reductions made to service levels may help reduce the contract increase that will be proposed for FY 2011.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None.

FISCAL

IMPACT: None.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 09-xx authorizing the Mayor to execute a "First Amendment to Contract for Animal Services" representing a one (1) year contract extension at a cost of \$200,440 with the County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department Animal Services Division for animal control services.
2. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

**San Luis Obispo County
2009 Animal Services Study Report Summary**

Background

For many years, the City of Paso Robles has contracted with the County of San Luis Obispo for the provision of animal control services. The contract includes: emergency and non-emergency response of Animal Services Officers for injured and stray animals; investigative services for animal bites, abuse, and neglect; sheltering and quarantine services; dog licensing; animal adoption and other services as required either by state law or City Municipal Code. The most recent three-year contract with the County expired on June 30, 2009.

In preparation for a new three-year contract, the City was notified by the County that contract costs would be substantially increasing. Contract costs had already increased since 2006 largely because the County had not been achieving full cost recovery from the cities utilizing their services; however, the cost increases being proposed for 2009 through 2012 caused concern for all of the cities involved.

A committee was formed to conduct an in-depth study and analysis of the animal services being provided to the contract cities, along with associated costs. The study team was comprised of representatives from County Administration and the County Health Agency, the County Animal Services Manager, the Police Chiefs from the Cities of San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande, and the City of San Luis Obispo Finance Director.

On June 16, 2009, the Council authorized a contract extension for the County to provide animal control services through September 30, 2009 in order to allow the team to complete the study. Similar contract extensions were executed by the other contract cities. Since then, the study has been substantially completed; however, additional time is needed to implement the recommended actions from the study in order to impact service costs. In addition, due to an oversight, the County did not submit the contract extensions to the Board of Supervisors, so they were never formally executed. The County has, however, continued to provide animal control services, and the City has continued to pay per the new contract rate. A one-year contract extension is being presented for Council consideration on November 17, 2009 that would replace the previously executed contract approved by the Council on June 16, 2009, and will continue services through June 30, 2010.

Study Findings

1. **Program costs are reasonable:** The County provides a wide variety of animal services, many of which are driven by legal requirements and community expectations. The total budget for the Animal Services Division is about \$2.7 million. Costs would be significantly higher were it not for the use of county jail inmates and volunteers who work in the kennel.

Costs are allocated into three main service areas (cost centers):

Service Area	Budget	% of Total Budget
Field Services	\$1.4 million	52%
Kennel Operations	\$1.2 million	45%
Education	\$83,000	3%

Revenue generated through animal licensing and service fees off-set approximately 27% of the costs of the program. The net costs are divided among the County and the seven contract cities according to population and a "service factor" based on each city's usage rates. The study

committee reviewed the animal services budget in detail and is satisfied that costs are reasonable and appropriate for the services being provided.

2. ***Data collection is accurate:*** Services provided are allocated to each City or to the County (unincorporated areas) based on the location of service calls and/or the address of animal owners using the various services. The County utilizes specialized computer software to track services, animals and owners in order to allocate costs and monitor activity trends. Address information is pulled from the U.S. Postal Service zip code database to ensure services are attributed to the correct location / resident. Audits of calls for service in several cities indicated a high rate of accuracy in data collection and address coding.
3. ***A new cost allocation method is recommended:*** The committee compared the following three methods used by various counties to allocate costs of animal control services to contract cities:
 - a) **Per Capita Method:** With this method, costs and revenue are allocated to contract cities and the unincorporated County area based solely on the percentage of population in each jurisdiction. This method is very straight-forward and easy to administer; however, it assumes each city and the county are using about the same level of service proportional to their population (i.e. each resident is using about the same amount of services and generating about the same amount of revenue). An analysis of actual usage of animal control services by each city and County revealed this was not the case. Some cities tend to use services at a much higher frequency than others, and some cities generated significantly greater revenue than others. Allocating costs and revenue based on a per-capita model would result in cities that use fewer services and/or generate more revenue having to effectively subsidize those cities that use a disproportionately higher share of services. In fact, the analysis determined that the city of Paso Robles a relatively higher proportion of services than all of the other cities. Paso Robles is the highest user of services; even than those greater in population.
 - b) **Service Factor Method:** This is the method currently in use by the County. Costs and revenue are allocated to the cities and County based on the assignment of a Service Factor to each city, which measures certain services to determine if each city is using more or fewer services in proportion to its population. Analysis of this method revealed it is deficient in accurately allocating costs and revenue to each city contract city. In addition, this method has proved to be complex and confusing to users.
 - c) **Service-based Method:** This model allocates costs and revenues to the cities and the County based on each jurisdiction’s actual use of services and revenue generated. Usage is measured by allocating actual field calls, animal impounds, and licenses issued (allocated by address of animal owner).

After considering all three cost allocation methods, staff from each contract city and the County agree, the Service-based Method is the most fair and accurate way to allocate costs and revenue.

4. ***Higher cost recovery is desirable to off-set animal services costs and can be achieved through modest fee increases:*** Fees for various services are set annually by the Board of Supervisors. Certain fees are set by State law and cannot be adjusted at the local level. Other fees are purposely set below full cost recovery in order to encourage use of the service, such as animal adoptions and licensing. Current fee revenue off-sets only about 27% of the costs of providing animal control services countywide, even though the costs are almost solely driven by users of the services (animal owners).

A comparison of fees with other counties indicated that some County fees are on the lower end of the scale and could support modest increases without discouraging use of desired services, such as adoptions and licensing. In addition, higher fees in some areas are appropriate in order to discourage undesirable behavior, such as owners who fail to properly confine their dogs resulting in multiple impounds, or owners who fail to obtain the required dog license. As such, the study team recommended modest increases to 29 out of the 73 different fees assessed for various services. On November 3rd, the proposed fee increases will be introduced to the Board of Supervisors and the public, along with the fee ordinance and the setting of a hearing date. The hearing date is set for November 24th, at which time the Board will consider the proposed fee increases for approval. These fee increases, if adopted in total, will generate approximately \$173,000 in additional revenue, bringing overall cost recovery to 41% (from the current 27% level). The additional revenue will be apportioned to the contract cities and the County according to location of origin, and will help reduce animal services contract costs. A letter supporting the fee increases has been sent to the Board of Supervisors by Chief Solomon in advance of their November 3rd meeting.

Next Steps

The original study team has been expanded to include Chiefs from the two highest contract users (Atascadero and Paso Robles). Over the next several months, the study team will work to transition from the current “Service Factor” cost recovery method to the “Service-based Method,” which will take effect in July 2010. The team will continue to work to ensure services and associated costs are reasonable and that cost recovery goals are being achieved. A new multi-year contract for continued animal services will be considered in the City’s next budget cycle.

Department Name: Animal Services
Fund Center: 137

Fee Indicator #	Fee Category	Fee Description	Authority	2009-10 Current Fee	Unit Description	2010-11 Total Cost	2010-11 Proposed Fee	Unit Description	% Change	Comments
1,000		STATUTORY FEES								
				\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		0.0%	Per CA Code/Veterinary Fees
1,001	Unchanged	Rabies Vaccination Fee/Deposit	Ca Code of Reg 2606, H & S Code 121575, 121690							
2,000	Unchanged	SPAY -NEUTER DEPOSIT	CA F&A Code 31751 & 30503							
		Spay/Neuter deposit for any female/male dog		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		0.0%	Per CA Code deposit comparable to vet fees for spay/neuter, in effort to achieve customer compliance with Spay/Neuter code.
2,001	Unchanged	Spay/Neuter deposit for any female/male cat		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		0.0%	Per CA F&A Code/Fine
2,003	Unchanged	Citation for failure to spay/neuter	Ca Code F&A 30804,7	\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		0.0%	Per CA F&A Code/Fine
2,004	Unchanged	2nd Offense		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		0.0%	Per CA Code F&A 31762-31763
2,005	Unchanged	3rd Offense		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		0.0%	Per CA Code F&A 31762-31763
2,006	Unchanged	Citation/Fine Failure to comply with spay/neuter agreement.	CA Code F&A 31762-31763	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		0.0%	
2,007	Unchanged	Citation/Fine Failure to comply with spay/neuter agreement.		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		0.0%	
2,008	Unchanged									Increase to stay consistent with private boarding kennels. Division avoids raising fees to discourage redemptions that would cause shelter over crowding and euthanasia
3,000		BOARD FEES	CA F&A Code 31105, 31108, 31752 & 32001							
3,001	Increased	Regular Wards		\$ 20.00		\$ 33.36	\$ 25.00		25.0%	
		Quarantine, Isolation, Hold Wards		\$ 20.00		\$ 33.36	\$ 25.00		25.0%	
3,002	Increased									
		ADOPTION OF ANIMALS	CA F&A Code 31105 & 31108 SLO County Title 9.08.100 SB 1785 Hayden							Adoptions include, alteration, rabies vaccine, microchip, collars
4,000										Adoptions include, alteration, FIV test, Carrier, rabies vaccine, microchip, collars
4,001	Increased	a. Adoption of Dogs		\$ 95.00		\$ 313.22	\$ 100.00		5.3%	

4,002	Increased	Adoption of Cats		\$	70.00	\$	278.73	\$	75.00	7.1%	To avoid decrease in adoption of small animals. The AS fees are set below actual cost. Small types of animals include rodents, chickens, most fish, rabbits
4,003	Unchanged	b. Adoption of all small animals-common		\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	0.0%	Includes adoption of goats, sheep, small reptiles and small birds.
4,004	Unchanged	Adoption of all standard-common		\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	0.0%	Actual cost of recovery and places fee comparable to true retail value of animals. Includes horses, lizards, ig snakes, ig birds, livestock and tortoises
4,005	Increased	Adoption of other animals exotic/horses		\$	100.00	\$	150.00	\$	150.00	50.0%	Fee set at full cost recovery.
4,004	Unchanged	c. Cat Carriers		\$	3.00	\$	3.00	\$	3.00	0.0%	Fee set at full cost recovery.
4,005	Unchanged	d. Leashes		\$	1.00	\$	1.00	\$	1.00	0.0%	
5,000		LICENSE FEES	CA CCR 2806, H & S Code 1901-06, 1911, 1920 F&A 30801								
5,001		Altered (Spayed or neutered)									Discounted to promote Spay / Neuter
5,002	Increased	One Year		\$	15.00	\$	55.36	\$	20.00	33.3%	
5,003	Increased	Three Years		\$	30.00	\$	55.36	\$	50.00	66.7%	Senior citizen defined as 65 and older.
				\$	(7.00)	\$	55.36	\$	(7.00)	0.0%	Per state codes, additional fees for unaltered dogs may be charged and directed to recover costs resulting from potential increase in population thus increased labor costs, & services & supplies costs.
5,004	Unchanged	Senior Citizen Discount on 3 Year Altered License	Board of Supervisors								
5,005		Unaltered (Non-spayed or non-neutered)									
5,006	Increased	One Year	CA F&A Code 30520	\$	36.00	\$	55.36	\$	55.00	52.8%	Includes processing costs by outsourcing vendor
5,007	Unchanged	Late Licensing Penalty		\$	12.50	\$	55.36	\$	15.00	20.0%	
6,000		REISSUANCE OF LOST TAG/TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	Title 9.09.240								Recovers processing costs by outsourcing vendor
6,001	Unchanged	Reissuance Fee		\$	10.50	\$	37.18	\$	10.50	0.0%	1st impound fee waived if dog is currently licensed and wearing tag, to promote license compliance
7,000		IMPOUND FEES:	CA F&A Code 31101, 31105, 31108, 31253, 31251 and SB 1785, Hayden								Additional impound fees correspond to multiple violations, as a means in achieving compliance of code
7,001		Dogs									
7,002	Increased	1st Impound		\$	61.00	\$	187.72	\$	65.00	6.6%	See footnote #1

7,003	Increased	2nd Impound	\$	92.00	\$	187.72	\$	103.00		12.0%	See footnote #1
7,004	Increased	3rd Impound	\$	122.00	\$	187.72	\$	145.00		18.9%	See footnote #1
		4th and Succeeding Impounds (each)	\$	153.00	\$	187.72	\$	187.00		22.2%	
7,005	Increased	Discount for licensed dog	\$	(15.00)	\$	204.86				-100.0%	Discount allowed once annually
7,006	Deleted										
7,007		Cat Redemption Fee	\$	10.00	\$	204.86	\$	10.00		0.0%	
7,008	Unchanged	Altered	\$	26.00	\$	204.86	\$	26.00		0.0%	Does apply to an animal that has been micro-chipped.
7,009	Unchanged	Unaltered	\$	(5.00)	\$		\$	(5.00)		0.0%	
7,010	Unchanged	Discount with any form of identification at time of impoundment (cat or dogs)									
		QUARANTINE FEES									
8,000			\$	50.00	\$	145.85	\$	72.00		44.0%	Fee set at full cost recovery.
8,001	Increased	Shelter/Veterinarian Quarantine Fee	\$	57.00	\$	160.53	\$	80.00		40.4%	Fee set at full cost recovery. For non-vaccinated animals only. Quarantine a result of non-vaccinated animal exposure. Animal cannot be licensed during 6 month quarantine delaying fees for licensing.
8,002	Increased	Home Quarantine Fee/Non Owner Bite	\$	225.00	\$	633.89	\$	225.00		0.0%	
8,003	Unchanged	180 Rabies Quarantine	\$	40.00	\$	109.52	\$	54.00		35.0%	
8,004	Increased	Positing and Lifting of a Quarantine, Only	\$	(10.00)	\$	161.07	\$	(10.00)		0.0%	
		Quarantine-Licensed Dog Discount									Vaccinated Animals only. Quarantine is a result of animal exposure.
8,005	Unchanged		\$	90.00	\$	308.60	\$	110.00		22.2%	
8,006	Increased	60 Day Rabies Quarantine									
9,000		REQUEST FOR OWNED ANIMAL PICK-UP									
		SLO Co Code Title 9.04.010									
9,001	Unchanged	First Animal	\$	60.00	\$	91.75	\$	60.00		0.0%	See footnote #2
9,002	Unchanged	Each additional adult animal	\$	35.00	\$	91.75	\$	35.00		0.0%	See footnote #2
9,003	Unchanged	Litter (up to 4 month old animals)	\$	60.00	\$	91.75	\$	60.00		0.0%	See footnote #2
10,000		OWNED ANIMAL TURNED INTO SHELTER									
		CA F&A Code 31105									
											Based on current analysis, fee does not recover cost of services to avoid animal abandonment

10,001	Unchanged	Each adult animal		\$ 25.00		\$ 97.83	\$ 25.00		0.0%
10,002	Unchanged	Owned litter turned in with parent animal	CA F&A Code 31105	\$ 37.00		\$ 97.83	\$ 37.00		0.0%
10,003	Unchanged	Owned litter turned into shelter		\$ 25.00		\$ 97.83	\$ 25.00		0.0%
10,004	Unchanged	Transportation (to veterinarians, etc.)		\$ 100.00		\$ 141.79	\$ 100.00		0.0%
10,005	Unchanged	After hours emergency assistance (2 hr min)		\$ 72.50		\$ 200.18	\$ 72.50		0.0%
13,000		DEAD ANIMAL PICK UP							
13,001	Unchanged	Cats/Dogs under 80 pounds		\$ 75.00		\$ 76.13	\$ 75.00		0.0%
13,002	Deleted	Over 80 pounds without second officer		\$ 75.00					-100.0%
13,003	Increased	Over 80 pounds with second officer		\$ 75.00		\$ 113.73	\$ 113.00		50.7%
14,000		EUTHANASIA	CA F&A Code 31105						
14,001	Unchanged	First Animal		\$ 35.00		\$ 87.05	\$ 35.00		0.0%
14,002	Deleted	Each additional adult animal		\$ 35.00					-100.0%
14,003	Deleted	Each Additional adult animal under 4 months		\$ 10.00					-100.0%
14,004	Unchanged	Litter charge (under 4 months)		\$ 35.00		\$ 87.05	\$ 35.00		0.0%
14,005	Unchanged	Rodents and Rabbits		\$ 5.00		\$ 87.05	\$ 5.00		0.0%
14,006	New	Livestock/Domestic				\$ 88.99	\$ 55.00		
15,000		DISPOSAL FEE	CA F&A Code 31105						
15,001	Increased	Under 10 pounds		\$ 45.00		\$ 273.71	\$ 50.00		11.1%
15,002	Increased	10-50 pounds		\$ 55.00		\$ 273.71	\$ 60.00		9.1%
15,003	Increased	50-90 pounds (2 person) Modified Weight		\$ 80.00		\$ 273.71	\$ 85.00		6.3%
15,004	Increased	91-150 pounds (2 persons)		\$ 90.00		\$ 273.71	\$ 95.00		5.6%
16,000		CITATION /FINES							
16,001	Increased	Potentially Dangerous Dog Fee	CA Code F&A 31641	\$ 500.00		\$ 532.59	\$ 532.00		6.4%
16,002	Increased	Vicious Dog	CA F&A Code 31603, 31641, 31645	\$ 325.00		\$ 352.56	\$ 352.00		8.3%

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17,000			SLOC Title 9.04.145, Contracts with cities										Fee will reduce financial burden to cities and county, places financial responsibility for aggressive dogs on animal owners
17,001	Unchanged		NUISANCE ABATEMENT Investigation/Inquiry with guilty finding.	\$	375.00	\$	492.10	\$	375.00	0.0%			Fee added to cover cost of case review and site evaluation
17,002	Unchanged		Nuisance Abatement Appeals	\$	250.00	\$	325.29	\$	250.00	0.0%			
17,003	Unchanged		RELEASE OF INFORMATION, COPIES OF REPORTS	\$	0.10	\$		\$	0.10	0.0%			
17,004	Unchanged		Research Fee	\$	15.00	\$	19.28	\$	15.00	0.0%			
17,005	Unchanged		CAT TRAP RENTAL	\$	2.00	\$	112.92	\$	2.00	0.0%			Refundable upon return of trap. Offsets cost of equipment of lost.
17,006	Unchanged		Cat Trap Deposit	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	0.0%			Refundable upon return of trap. Offsets cost of equipment of lost.
17,007	Unchanged		Dog Trap Deposit	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	0.0%			
18,000			INVESTIGATIONS										
18,001	Unchanged		Cruelty Investigations	\$	65.00	\$	175.15	\$	65.00	0.0%			Fee will reduce financial burden to cities and county, places financial responsibility for aggressive dogs on animal owners
18,002	Unchanged		Cruelty Investigations, follow- up	\$	25.00	\$	175.15	\$	25.00	0.0%			
19,000			PERMITS										
19,001	Increased		Commercial Kennel & Pet Shop	\$	275.00	\$	360.06	\$	360.00	30.9%			Full Cost recovery
19,002	Increased		Hobby Breeder (for 2 litters per year)	\$	175.00	\$	245.22	\$	190.00	8.6%			
19,003	Unchanged		Each additional litter 50TC3 designated non-profit operations will be exempt from commercial fee	\$	51.00	\$	245.22	\$	51.00	0.0%			
20,000			Non- Commercial/Multi- Animal										Not applicable in unincorporated areas
20,001			Altered and Unaltered Animals	\$	56.00	\$	245.22	\$	60.00	7.1%			
20,002	Increased		Altered Animals Only	\$	26.00	\$	245.22	\$	40.00	53.8%			
21,000			RABIES TESTING										
21,001	Unchanged		Head Removal Needed	\$	55.00	\$	116.65	\$	55.00	0.0%			
21,002	Unchanged		Lab and reporting needed	\$	30.00	\$	88.43	\$	30.00	0.0%			Educational community based program available to a broad range of incomes

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

Warren Jensen
County Counsel

By: _____ Date _____
Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY:

Bruce Gibson
Board of Supervisors

By: _____ Date _____
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Julie Rodewald
Clerk-Recorder

By: _____ Date _____
Clerk and Ex. Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A THREE (3) MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION
WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANIMAL SERVICES
DIVISION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles has contracted with the County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department Animal Services Division for Animal Control Services for many years; and

WHEREAS, the current contract for animal control services expired June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a Study Team comprised of representatives from the County and contracting cities have performed a comprehensive analysis of the Animal Services program and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Study Team has recommended a newly proposed method of cost allocation which may result in further increased costs for the City of Paso Robles; and,

WHEREAS, the Study Team, including a member of the Paso Robles Police Department, will continue working through FY 2010 to find alternatives to reduce contract costs, i.e. increasing animal service user fees, spay-neuter grant programs, micro-chipping programs, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, the County and the City wish to extend the existing contract for one (1) year at a rate of \$200,440 for the specified term, thereby rendering the previously approved contract extension null and void.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does authorize the Mayor to execute the "First Amendment to Contract for Animal Services" representing a one (1) year contract extension for animal control services between the City of El Paso de Robles and the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department Animal Services Division in the amount of \$200,440.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles, this 17th day of November 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk