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AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT
WITH THE SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY
FOR AN ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM
FOR STRAY ANIMALS WITH THE OPTION TO
RENEW FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE ONE-YEAR
TERMS.**

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WHEREAS, in September 2011, the Animal Care Services Department (ACS) updated its Strategic Plan by focusing on three key Departmental priorities: 1) enhanced enforcement; 2) controlling the stray animal population; and 3) increasing the City's live release rate; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2015, ACS added a fourth strategic priority to engage and educate the community; and

WHEREAS, ACS's live release rate in FY 2012 was 38%; and

WHEREAS, ACS reached its goal two years ahead of schedule - achieving a live release rate of 77% in FY 2013 and in FY 2017 the live release rate reached a historic 91%; and

WHEREAS, these rates are due in large part to the efforts of community rescue partners, staff, and the many residents who adopted animals from ACS; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) is a local charitable animal protection organization that focus on improving the lives of animals in the community by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue options, spay/neuter, and community education; and

WHEREAS, initially approved by City Council in June 2012, this agreement allows SAHS to select from stray animals initially impounded at ACS and house them at a safe and accessible holding facility for the appropriate stray hold period; and

WHEREAS, in addition, SAHS will assist in contacting possible owners, finalizing return-to-owner (RTO) arrangements, and adopting any animals not reclaimed; and

WHEREAS, given the city-wide issue of animal overpopulation, ACS continues to look for innovative partnerships and programs to further enhance ACS's strategic goals and ACS's stray animal intake capacity - and this program allows ACS to free up kennel space and increase its capacity; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the Animal Care Services Department or his designee is authorized to execute a one-year agreement with the San Antonio Humane Society for an alternative housing program for stray animals with the option to renew for two consecutive one-year terms. A copy of the agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. [FISCAL LANGUAGE PENDING]

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day ____.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney