



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Heber Lefgren

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:**

Authorizing a contract with Dr. Courtney Bridgeman for in-house spay/neuter services.

**SUMMARY:**

An Ordinance authorizing a contract in an amount up to \$200,000.00 with Dr. Courtney Bridgeman to provide veterinary in-house surgical services for a term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 with the option of two (2) one-year renewals. Approximately 12,500 spay and neuter surgeries will be performed under this contract on annually.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Animal Care Services (ACS) clinic operates seven days a week maintaining the shelter health of pets in our care and preparing pets via spay/neuter and specialized surgeries for live release placement through adoption or transfer to ACS rescue groups; necessitating the need for relief Contract Veterinarians to aide ACS Veterinary staff in performing these valuable services. Retaining the services of high-volume surgery providers allows ACS to maintain maximum daily operations of performing between 17,000 and 19,000 spay/neuter and specialized surgeries in-house annually by our Staff and Contract Veterinary team.

Sterilizing pets through spay/neuter surgeries is key in controlling the stray and roaming animal population in San Antonio. Nearly 60,000 spay/neuter surgeries are performed annually through the collaboration of many community partners including the City of San Antonio Animal Care Services Department (ACS) - who supports over 42,000 of surgeries. Dr. Bridgeman was selected for this contract since Fiscal Year 2015.

The City issued an on-going Request for Application (RFA) in August 2017 soliciting applications for qualified and experienced candidates for Contract Veterinarians at ACS. Due diligence was done by ACS staff ensuring

that all Veterinarians are currently licensed to practice Veterinary Medicine in the State of Texas. For this contract, the Small Business Economic Development (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to no certified Small, Minority, Women, and Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (SMWBE's) registered within the program.

#### **ISSUE:**

This Ordinance authorizes a contract in an amount up to \$200,000.00 with Dr. Bridgeman to provide in-house surgical services for a term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 with the option of two one-year renewals. Animal Care Services (ACS) is anticipating Dr. Bridgeman to perform approximately 12,500 surgeries annually with this contract.

The Animal Care Services Director is authorized to amend the contract and adjust surgery rates to accommodate for specialized surgeries or additional medical services and increase total compensation, subject to funding availability.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If this contract is not approved, ACS will re-advertise the Request for Application to select another contracted veterinarian. This would result in a decrease in the number of surgeries performed daily at ACS.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Animal Care Services is requesting approval for a contract in an amount up to \$200,000 with Dr. Courtney Bridgeman to provide veterinary in-house surgical services for a term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 with a two one-year renewal option. Funds are included in the FY 2019 General Fund Budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance authorizing a contract in an amount up to \$200,000.00 with Dr. Bridgeman for ACS surgical services.