

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Samuel T. Sanchez, Animal Care Administrator

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CARE FACILITY DONATION FUND ACCOUNT

DATE: February 11, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the establishment of a dedicated revenue and expenditure account titled "Animal Care Facility Donation Fund" and authorizes the acceptance of all monetary donations from sources that support the initiatives for responsible pet ownership and shelter operations within the Animal Care Division.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Animal Care Division has provided a service to the citizens in San Antonio by enforcing animal care regulations and operating a shelter. In response to concerns expressed by the City Council and the general public; it is enhancing its services and through partnerships and collaborations it will be providing an off-site spay/neuter and adoption program, on-site treatment, and a volunteer program which promote the welfare of animals in the facility.

There has been an interest within the community to donate funds to the Animal Care Facility to support such strategic efforts. The donations would be utilized to sponsor animals for spay or neutering, complete payment of adoption fees, medications for the treatment of sick or injured animals, educational efforts, to support foster care, to purchase pet supplies, or any other item the donor requests the funds be targeted for.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action addresses the desire by the general public that their donated funds be spent for a specific purpose at the Animal Care Facility and would be consistent with City Council's position that responsible pet ownership be promoted and that the health and safety of the general public be maintained.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance establishes a new dedicated revenue and expenditure account and authorizes the acceptance of donations to begin in Fiscal Year 2004/2005. The revenues will be deposited and annual

appropriations made from it will be addressed during the City's annual budget development process. This ordinance requires no general fund or public health support fund commitment. This fund is not intended to support operation of the Animal Control Facility.

COORDINATION

The Animal Care Division has coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS


Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



Samuel T. Sanchez



Frances A. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager



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AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED REVENUE ACCOUNT TITLED "ANIMAL CARE FACILITY DONATION FUND" AND AUTHORIZES THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL MONETARY DONATIONS FROM SOURCES THAT SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND SHELTER OPERATIONS WITHIN THE ANIMAL CARE DIVISION.

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WHEREAS, the Animal Care Division has provided a service to the citizens in San Antonio by enforcing animal care regulations and operating a shelter; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns expressed by the City Council and the general public; it is enhancing its services and through partnerships and collaborations it will be providing an off-site spay/neuter and adoption program, on-site treatment, and a volunteer program which promote the welfare of animals in the facility; and

WHEREAS, there has been an interest within the community to donate funds to the Animal Care Facility to support such strategic efforts; and

WHEREAS, the donations would be utilized to sponsor animals for spay or neutering, complete payment of adoption fees, medications for the treatment of sick or injured animals, educational efforts, to support foster care, purchase pet supplies, and any other item the donor requests the funds be targeted for; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to establish a dedicated revenue account that authorizes the acceptance of donations to begin the current fiscal year FY04/05. The revenues will be deposited and annual appropriations made from it will be addressed during the City's annual budget development process; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. Fund Number _____ entitled "Animal Care Facility Donation Fund" is established.

SECTION 2. Acceptance of donations begins the current Fiscal Year 2004/2005.

SECTION 3. The Animal Care Division is authorized to accept donations from the public for deposit to said account. Annual appropriations made from it will be addressed during the city's annual budget development process.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective on and after February 24, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February 24, 2005.

M A Y O R

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney