

**ITEM NO. (15) AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL
CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012 (PUBLIC SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the five-year agreement with County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control to provide animal control services for the city of Carson, for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to Approve New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, and 15A on motion of Gipson and seconded by Williams and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Council Member Williams, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Davis-Holmes
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Santarina



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 1, 2014
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

Submitted by Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.
Director of Community Services

Approved by Nelson Hernandez
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

Since 1968, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control has provided the City of Carson with animal control services. The most recent agreement was approved by City Council at the May 1, 2007 meeting (Exhibit No. 1). That agreement expired on June 30, 2014. Staff recommends that a new five-year agreement with the County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control be approved for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019 (Exhibit No. 2).

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the five-year agreement with County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control to provide animal control services for the City of Carson, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE such other action as the City Council deems appropriate that is consistent with the requirements of law.

IV. BACKGROUND

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control has provided the City of Carson with animal control services since 1968. These services include providing kennel and animal shelter services, shelter and treatment of all animals, reptiles and fowl delivered to the shelter from within the boundaries of the City, impounding stray dogs and cats, disposal of dead animals and enforcement of state statutes and municipal animal control ordinances.

July 1, 2014

The rates for these services for FY 2013/2014 are as follows:

ACTIVITY	RATES
Dog license processing fee	\$2.45 per license
Animal license field enforcement fee	\$67.34 per hour
Dog or Cat impound fee	\$20.07 per day plus Veterinarian costs
Housing for sick/injured pets	\$24.08 per day plus Veterinarian costs
Dead animal disposal at shelter	\$12.84 per animal
Animal Control Officer Field patrol	\$85.02 per hour

The cost for the services is offset by impound fees and housing fees, along with license fees collected at the shelter that are credited to the City monthly. For example, the cost for providing animal control services to the City of Carson in FY 2012/13 was \$342,623.64. The City received credits that totaled \$167,525.40 for the same year. The net cost to the City was \$175,098.24. However, it is anticipated that the total cost of the services for FY 2013/2014 will end up being \$222,000. Attached is the invoice from Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control for May 2014 that shows the typical breakdown of costs and credits to the city for FY 2013/2014. (Exhibit No. 3).

These rates are adjusted by the County Auditor-Controller annually, and effective July 1st of each year for the animal care and control services. (Exhibit No. 2). The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control has provided excellent service to the City of Carson. Based on their service, responsiveness, and overall performance, staff recommends that a new contract with County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control be approved. This contract will be a five-year agreement, commencing on July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2019.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for animal control services are included in the proposed FY 2014/15 budget in account number 01-90-905-158-6005. Funds to reflect the future annual contract costs will also be included in succeeding annual budgets.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Council action from May 1, 2007. (pg. 4)
2. Proposed contract with County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control for animal control services. (pgs. 5-23)
3. May 2014 invoice from County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control. (pg. 24)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____