



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE 3/17/09

SUBJECT: Request from Volusia County regarding funding for Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

DEPARTMENT: Administration

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is presented for discussion only

SUMMARY:

Attached is a letter from Volusia County regarding a mobile spay/neuter clinic. In April, 2006, Volusia County began offering a spay/neuter clinic. In June, 2007, Volusia County passed a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and asked cities to share the cost of a second mobile spay/neuter clinic. Volusia County states that the facility is not being fully utilized. Based on facility use, the County Council has agreed to offer the clinic at no charge to the cities for the remainder of the fiscal year that enact a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. After September 30, 2009, city participation would be required. This item is presented to Council for consideration at this time.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance Resolution Budget Resolution

Other Support Documents/Contracts Available for Review in Manager's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD Signed Date

FINANCE DEPARTMENT Approved as to Budget Requirements Date

CITY ATTORNEY Approved as to Form and Legality Date

CITY MANAGER *Wag* Approved Agenda Item For: 3/17/09

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved as Recommended Disapproved Tabled Indefinitely
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Frank T. Bruno, Jr.

cc: J. M. Parker
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February 23, 2009

Mr. Kenneth W. Parker
City Manager
City of Port Orange
1000 City Center Circle
Port Orange, FL 32129

Dear Mr. Parker:

In April 2006 Volusia County Council took the lead in reducing pet over-population by purchasing a mobile spay neuter clinic. The clinic went on the road beginning October 1, 2007 providing no-cost and low-cost animal sterilization to economically challenged citizens within the unincorporated area.

In June 2007, County Council passed a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and also invited municipalities to partner with county by passing a similar ordinance and share operating costs of a 2nd mobile spay/neuter clinic. In January 2009, in the first annual operational report to County Council, it was noted that the capacity of the mobile clinic had not been fully realized. Further, to date only one city has enacted a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance to provide their residents with this service.

To efficiently use available capacity, the County Council in its January 5, 2009 meeting, approved a first phase expansion of the current program. Continuing the operational concept as previously envisioned but now modified for the aforementioned reasons, this program will be offered within current operational capacity and limitations at no charge for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 to the cities which enact a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance.

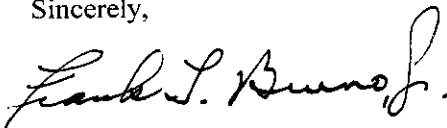
In order to begin the partnership, municipalities are asked to notify the county upon adoption of a mandatory spay neuter ordinance. Upon adoption, residents of that jurisdiction could call the Pet Vet Cruiser appointment line, determine if they qualify for no-cost/low-cost guidelines, and make an appointment for their animal to be sterilized at one of the scheduled locations most convenient for them. Citizens would be responsible for their part of the low cost or reduce cost depending on their income level. The cost to the cities would be free through September 30, 2009.

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After September 30, 2009 as currently envisioned, the Pet Vet Cruiser program (Phase II) would include city participation with the cost per surgery shared between city residents and their respective jurisdictions. Attached is an example of Phase II cost sharing to assist in budget planning and development for FY '09-10.

Your consideration to support this program is appreciated and will provide convenient service to your pet-owning residents and long-term benefit to your city by reducing pet over-population and cost of animal impoundments.

Sincerely,



Frank T. Bruno, Jr., Chair
Volusia County



James T. Dinneen
County Manager

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cc: Honorable Members of the Volusia County Council

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Pet Vet Cruiser
 Cost Sharing Analysis
 Phase II
 Example

Daily Operation Cost: \$1075. ($\$258,000. \div 240$ days)

Daily Procedure Cost: \$ 60. ($\$1075. \div 18$ surgeries per day = \$59.7)

Jurisdiction	<u>Dog/spay</u>	<u>Dog/neuter</u>	<u>Cat/spay</u>	<u>Cat/neuter</u>	<u>Total City Cost</u>	<u>*amt. pd. by resident</u>	<u>*net due from city</u>
A	1	2	2	2	\$420.	\$65.	\$355.
B	1	1	1	0	\$180.	\$30.	\$150.
C	1	0	1	1	\$180.	\$30.	\$150.
County	2	0	2	1	\$300.	\$40.	\$260.
Total	5	3	6	4	\$1080.	\$165.	\$915.

* Amount paid: 70% of surgeries @ \$5.00 & 30% of surgeries @ \$20.00