

Bill No. [5011](#)

Ordinance No. _____

Requested by: Sara Evers

Sponsored by: Mike Elam

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE KENNELING SERVICES OR KENNELING SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, certain municipalities located within St. Charles County have indicated a desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Charles County to provide kenneling services or kenneling and enforcement services within their municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, some of these municipalities currently have a department or division responsible for enforcement of animal control regulations within their municipal boundaries but wish to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Charles County to provide only kenneling services for animals detained within their municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, other municipalities located within St. Charles County do not have a department or division responsible for enforcement of animal control regulations within their municipal boundaries and wish to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Charles County to provide kenneling and enforcement services within their municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center has the capacity to kennel the expected additional animals on

behalf of the municipalities located within St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Division of Humane Services has the resources and ability to enforce on behalf of municipalities, the St. Charles County Animal Control Ordinances which will be adopted by certain municipalities located within St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities, utilizing County kennel services have adopted the County's fee schedule for kennel services; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County will be reimbursed by the participating municipalities for all costs associated with the performance of the enforcement services agreed upon, pursuant to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit II; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of some local governmental functions provides for a more efficient use of municipal resources and better municipal services to the citizens of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, Section 70.220 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, authorizes intergovernmental contracts between political subdivisions for the purposes herein set out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The County Executive, or the County Executive's designee, is hereby authorized to execute agreements with municipalities within St. Charles County for kenneling services and further authorized to execute agreements with municipalities within St. Charles County for kenneling and enforcement services for jurisdictions adopting St. Charles County animal control ordinances.
- Section 2. The agreements, authorized by this ordinance, shall be substantially the same in form and content as Exhibit I (Kenneling Services) and Exhibit II (Kenneling Services and Enforcement) attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 3. The County Executive, or the County Executive's designee, is hereby authorized to execute any amendments or renewals to be authorized under the agreements, provided that they are substantially the same in form and content as the agreements approved herein.
- Section 4. The County Executive has indicated that compliance with the terms of the agreements authorized by this ordinance shall be the responsibility of the Director of Public Health.
- Section 5. The agreements authorized by this ordinance shall be valid upon the passage of an ordinance of the governing body of each participating governmental entity and lawful execution of that agreement as required by Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri.

DATE PASSED

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

COUNTY REGISTRAR

EXHIBIT I

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE KENNEL SERVICES

This Agreement to Provide Kennel Services (the "Agreement"), into as of the date of signature by the undersigned by ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (hereinafter "COUNTY") and _____, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "MUNICIPALITY") is subject to the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I - KENNEL SERVICES

- A. In consideration of the MUNICIPALITY'S covenants hereinafter expressed, the COUNTY agrees to which shall consist of canine and feline boarding services, and may consist of boarding services for other species, provided that any boarding services for such other species shall be subject to the sole discretion and approval of the Director of COUNTY'S Division of Humane Services on a case-by-case basis.
- B. The MUNICIPALITY agrees:
1. To adopt relevant portions of the COUNTY'S Animal Control Ordinance as provided in Article II of this Agreement; and
 2. To adopt the COUNTY'S fees for services set forth in the Ordinances of St. Charles County ("OSCCMo") § 205.240, for the purpose of collection by the County from citizens of MUNICIPALITY using those certain services performed pursuant to the Animal Control Ordinance to be adopted as provided as set forth in 1. above and in Article Two of this Agreement.
 3. The COUNTY shall collect and retain one hundred (100%) percent of all fees duly adopted by MUNICIPALITY on behalf of COUNTY pursuant to Article II, including but not limited to kennel boarding fees, adoption fees, disposal fees, drop-off fees, euthanasia fees, spay/neuter fees, surrender fees, quarantine/difficult animal boarding fees, and microchip fees.
 4. The Director of COUNTY's Division of Humane Services shall have sole discretion in any and all decisions related to care and/or disposition of all animals kenneled or boarded pursuant to this Agreement.
 5. The MUNICIPALITY shall retain one hundred (100%) percent of all fees or fines it may duly adopt or impose in addition to the COUNTY fee schedule adopted by MUNICIPALITY pursuant to Article II for kennel or animal boarding related services. COUNTY shall NOT be responsible for the collection of any such fees or fines in excesses of the COUNTY'S fees for services performed under the Animal Control Ordinance.
 6. The MUNICIPALITY shall adopt a feral cat program as provided for pursuant to OSCCMo § 205.225. Such a program shall be substantially in the form of the "Outline for Feral Cat Program" (attached hereto as Exhibit A).
 7. The MUNICIPALITY shall be allowed access to the COUNTY'S Pet Adoption Center ("Facility"), located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376, once per quarter, for the purpose of completing a walk through and inspection of the Facility. This walk through and inspection shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the COUNTY and the MUNICIPALITY.

8. The COUNTY shall record and report to the MUNICIPALITY on a monthly basis, the date the animal arrived at the Facility, the animal's species, the animal's sex, the animal's breed (if known), a brief description of the animal's color, the animal's microchip number (if applicable), the MUNICIPALITY'S case number, and the date and disposition of the animal for all animals housed by the COUNTY pursuant to this agreement. This report may also include: Total number of canines, felines, and other species taken into custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species euthanized on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY adopted during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY released to foster care during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY released to animal rescue organizations during the reporting month; and Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in the custody of the COUNTY, at the Facility, on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY at the time of the report. This report shall be provided to the MUNICIPALITY on or before the tenth day of the following month and may be transmitted electronically.
- C. The COUNTY shall provide no further services related to or involving Animal Control and Enforcement other than the kennel and boarding services explicitly provide for herein.

ARTICLE II – PARTICULAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. The MUNICIPALITY shall adopt sections of the COUNTY'S Animal Regulations required for the performance of this Agreement. The sections to be adopted are set out as follows: Chapter 205, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri, Article I: In General, Sections 205.010-205.020; Article III Registration and Impoundment, Sections 205.110-205.147; Article V: Additional Services provided by the Division of Humane Services, Sections 205.220-205.225 and 205.235; and Article VI: Fees, Penalties and Enforcement: Section 205.240.
- B. The MUNICIPALITY shall adopt the COUNTY'S animal regulations authorizing the COUNTY'S Department of Public Health to collect fees for services under Article VI, Section 205.240, OSCCMo.
- C. The MUNICIPALITY shall adopt any amendments to the COUNTY'S regulations referenced in Article II, Paragraphs A and B of this Agreement, that the COUNTY may enact in the future, subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri.
- D. The MUNICIPALITY shall certify a copy of its act adopting Animal Regulations, OSCCMo, and any amendments to those regulations, to (1) the St. Charles County Registrar; and (2) the COUNTY'S Department of Public Health.

- E. The MUNICIPALITY may elect NOT to adopt Sections 205.142: Procedures and Requirements for Declaring Dogs to be Dangerous and for Handling such Dogs, and 205.145 Control and Euthanasia of Dangerous Dogs by notifying the COUNTY, in writing, at the time this Agreement is executed that the MUNICIPALITY has elected not to adopt Section 205.142: Procedures and Requirements for Declaring Dogs to be Dangerous and for Handling such Dogs, and 205.145 Control and Euthanasia of Dangerous Dogs. Such writing shall be attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III – LIMITATIONS

- A. The contract hereby given is not assignable and is to be exercised solely by the COUNTY and the MUNICIPALITY as provided herein.
- B. The MUNICIPALITY shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and requirements now in force or enacted in the future.
- C. Nothing herein shall require the COUNTY to file any legal action in the enforcement of the regulations described herein.

ARTICLE IV – LIABILITY

To the extent permitted by law, the MUNICIPALITY shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless the COUNTY from and against the loss, cost, claims, demands, damage and/or expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit, or judgment for damages to property or injury to or death of persons, including the officers, agents and employees of either party herein, and including payment under any workmen's compensation law, or under any plan for employee's disability or death benefit, which may arise out of or be caused in whole or in part by the fault, failure, or negligence of the MUNICIPALITY, its agents, servants or employees in performing its obligations under this contract.

To the extent provided by law, the COUNTY shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless the MUNICIPALITY from and against the loss, cost, claims, demands, damage and/or expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment for damages to property or injury to or death of persons, including the officers, agents and employees of either party herein, and including payment under any worker's compensation law, or under any plan for employee's disability or death benefit, which may arise out of or be caused in whole or in part by the fault, failure, or negligence of the COUNTY, its agents, servants or employees in performing its obligations under this contract.

ARTICLE V – TERM, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

- A. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2022, and shall terminate on December 31, 2022.

B. This Agreement shall automatically be renewed for additional one (1) year terms, beginning on January 1st of each year and December 31st of each year, for a period of 5 years, unless either party gives written notice of the party's intent not to renew this Agreement on or before December 1st of each year. Notice to the other party shall be provided at the address shown on the signature page.

C. This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto at any time by giving forty-five (45) days prior written notice to the other party at the address shown on the signature page.

MUNICIPALITY:

Date

ATTEST:

City Clerk

COUNTY:

ST CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI
100 North Third Street, Suite 216
St Charles, Missouri 63301

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive

Date

ATTEST:

County Register

Exhibit A

OUTLINE FOR FERAL CAT PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program is to decrease the number of unwanted kittens being born. For six months out of the year, the shelter is severely overburdened with a high volume of kittens. A large percentage of these kittens are feral and community cats. The shelter has limited space and resources to house and care for all these cats. By reducing the number of unwanted kittens being born, the number of cats and kittens entering the shelter should likewise decrease. This will decrease euthanasia and allow for a more efficient use of valuable resources.

FERAL CAT PROGRAM:

A Feral Cat Program consists of all of the following:

- Education - All Animal Control Officers and other city staff responsible for assisting the public with animal related concerns must be able to educate the public about feral cats and the programs available. Staff will need to distribute Feral Cat educational handouts, TNR information, and make referrals. These educational materials are available on the internet at no cost to municipalities. The St. Charles County Division of Humane Services will offer training to Animal Control Officers or any other municipal staff.
- Animal Control Support – Animal Control Officers must contact individuals in the field after receiving a complaint of or becoming aware of a multiple-cat problem area. Animal Control Officers must determine if there is a caregiver or a food source. If a caregiver is located, that caregiver must be educated as to the issues of feral cat overpopulation and provided with solutions to aid in reducing the feral cat population, such as assistance with Trap, Neuter, and Return (“TNR”) or clinic referrals. Animal Control Officers should strive to educate individuals who provide care to feral cats as to the issue overpopulation without criminalizing such behavior.
- Affordable or Free Spay/Neuter Services – Implement a regular, free or low cost spay/neuter, vaccination, and ear tip program in your community. A few ways to implement such a program are set out below:
 - Work with local veterinarians to develop a program in your community where feral cats can be taken to a clinic, spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and ear tipped at one low-cost.
 - Implement a monthly clinic at a local veterinarian, city, or county facility, subsidized by the municipality, where feral cats will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and ear tipped at one low cost.
 - Partner with St. Charles County to utilize the Operation Sterile Feral Clinic (OSF) and offer subsidies to municipal residents.
- Trap, Neuter, & Return or TNR - Implement a program whereby free-roaming, un-owned cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and ear tipped for identification purposes then returned to the locations where they were found. If those locations are deemed unsafe or otherwise inappropriate, feral cats should be relocated to barn homes if possible. Kittens young enough to be socialized and friendly adult cats are typically placed in adoption programs rather than returned to the outdoors. Cats found suffering with terminal or untreatable illness are euthanized.

EXHIBIT II

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE KENNEL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

This Agreement to Provide Kennel Services and Enforcement of St. Charles County's Animal Control Ordinance ("Agreement"), entered into as of the date of signature by the undersigned, by and between ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (hereinafter "COUNTY") and _____, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "MUNICIPALITY"), is subject to the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL SERVICES

- A. In consideration of the MUNICIPALITY'S covenants hereinafter expressed, the COUNTY agrees:
1. To provide kennel services which shall consist of canine and feline boarding services, and may consist of boarding services for other species, provided that any boarding services for such other species shall be subject to the sole discretion and approval of the Director of COUNTY'S Division of Humane Services on a case-by-case basis; and
 2. To enforce its Animal Control Ordinance as adopted by MUNICIPALITY, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.
- B. The MUNICIPALITY agrees:
1. To adopt the COUNTY'S Animal Control Ordinance, as provided in Article II of this Agreement.
 2. To adopt the COUNTY'S fees for services set forth in the Ordinances of St. Charles County ("OSCCMo") § 205.240, for the purpose of collection by the County from citizens of MUNICIPALITY using those certain services performed pursuant to the Animal Control Ordinance, as provided in Article II of this Agreement.
 3. The COUNTY shall collect and retain one hundred percent (100%) of all fees duly adopted by MUNICIPALITY on behalf of COUNTY pursuant to Article II, including but not limited to kennel boarding fees, adoption fees, disposal fees, drop-off fees, euthanasia fees, spay/neuter fees, surrender fees, quarantine/difficult animal boarding fees, and microchip fees.
 4. The Director of COUNTY'S Division of Humane Services shall have sole discretion in any and all decisions related to care and/or disposition of all animals kenneled or boarded pursuant to this Agreement.
 5. The MUNICIPALITY shall retain one hundred (100%) percent of all fees or fines it may duly adopt or impose in addition to the COUNTY fee schedule adopted by MUNICIPALITY pursuant to Article II for kennel or animal boarding related services. COUNTY shall NOT be responsible for the collection of any such fees or fines in excesses of the COUNTY'S fees for services performed under the Animal Control Ordinance.
 6. The MUNICIPALITY shall pay COUNTY for services provided pursuant to this Agreement, at the annual rate set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and

incorporated herein by reference. The MUNICIPALITY shall remit payment no later than January 10th of each contract year.

7. The MUNICIPALITY shall be allowed access to the COUNTY'S Pet Adoption Center ("Facility"), located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376, once per quarter, for the purpose of completing a walk through and inspection of the Facility. This walk through and inspection shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the COUNTY and the MUNICIPALITY.
8. The COUNTY shall record and report to the MUNICIPALITY on a monthly basis, the date the animal arrived at the Facility, the animal's species, the animal's sex, the animal's breed (if known), a brief description of the animal's color, the animal's microchip number (if applicable), the MUNICIPALITY'S case number, and the date and disposition of the animal for all animals housed by the COUNTY pursuant to this agreement. This report may also include: Total number of canines, felines, and other species taken into custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species euthanized on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY adopted during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY released to foster care during the reporting month; Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in COUNTY custody on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY released to animal rescue organizations during the reporting month; and Total number of canines, felines, and other species held in the custody of the COUNTY, at the Facility, on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY at the time of the report. This report shall be provided to the MUNICIPALITY on or before the tenth day of the following month and may be transmitted electronically.

ARTICLE II – PARTICULAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. The MUNICIPALITY shall adopt:

1. COUNTY'S Animal Regulations, (Chapter 205, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri), except that Article IV, Section 205.170, Subsection A, OSCCMo, so amended and adopted as follows: "Zoning Compliance. The applicant for an original kennel registration shall present to the Director a written statement from the MUNICIPALITY'S zoning officer that the establishment of a kennel at the proposed site is not in violation of the MUNICIPALITY'S zoning regulations or is permissible either as a legal non-conforming use or under conditional use permit."
2. COUNTY'S animal regulations authorizing the COUNTY'S Department of Public Health to collect fees for services under Article VI, Section 205.240, OSCCMo.;
3. Appropriate penalties as allowed by law;
4. Authorization for enforcement of such regulations through the County Municipal Court;
5. A Feral Cat Program pursuant to Section 205.225 OSCCMo. Such a program shall be substantially in the form of the "Outline for Feral Cat Program" (attached hereto as Exhibit B);

6. Any amendments to Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, OSCCMo, that the COUNTY may enact in the future, subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and
 7. Any amendments to the COUNTY'S regulations authorizing fees for services under Article VI, Section 205.240, OSCCMo, that the COUNTY may enact in the future, subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri.
- B. The St. Charles County Counselor's Office and the St. Charles County Division of Humane Services shall be responsible for all enforcement services performed pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. The MUNICIPALITY shall certify two (2) copies of its act adopting Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, OSCCMo, and any amendments to those regulations, and deliver one (1) such certified copy each to:
1. The St. Charles County Registrar; and
 2. The COUNTY'S Department of Public Health.
- D. The MUNICIPALITY may amend any provision of the COUNTY'S Animal Regulations SECTIONS I through SECTION IV, provided:
1. The COUNTY consents in writing, signed and executed by the County Executive, to such amendment prior to its adoption by the MUNICIPALITY; and
 2. The MUNICIPALITY provides the COUNTY with a certified copy of any such amendment within thirty (30) days of its adoption by the MUNICIPALITY.

ARTICLE III – LIMITATIONS

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MUNICIPALITY:

ST CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI

By:
Title:

By: Steve Ehlmann
Title: County Executive

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

County Registrar

Exhibit A

(Annual Rate to be supplemented with updated numbers)

Exhibit B

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PURPOSE:

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