

Introduced by the Law Enforcement and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING REIMBURSABLE COSTS FOR PROVIDING SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES TO ANIMALS AT INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

RESOLUTION #11-057

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Animal Control Department receives approximately 4,500 animals annually; and

WHEREAS, of those 4,500 animals the majority of them (approximately 70 percent) are unaltered which is often a primary reason for their homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has made a goal through the Companion Animal Welfare Fund to support projects that increase the sterilization of dogs and cats adopted from shelters to prevent the continued overpopulation of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Animal Control currently adopts 1,400 - 1,500 animals annually but are unable to ensure that each animal is spayed and neutered prior to adoption due to lack of funding and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 310 dogs and cats were adopted unaltered in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Animal Control could better ensure each animal is spayed or neutered prior to adoption with the assistance of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Grant to purchase surgery equipment, supplies and labor to conduct spay/neuter surgery of ICAC animals on-site at the shelter; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the community benefiting from the spaying and neutering of each animal prior to adoption, the department would also realize cost savings in the form of reductions in resources and employee time; and

WHEREAS, this agreement, which is for the fiscal year of 2011, will reimburse expenses including surgery supplies, equipment and labor associated with the spaying and neutering of shelter animals; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount for authorized reimbursement to the Animal Control Department is \$10,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Ingham County Animal Control Department to participate and sign agreements with the Michigan Department of Agriculture for reimbursement of expenses up to \$10,000, for the time period of March 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to amend the Ingham County Animal Control's 2011 Budget and future budgets in accordance with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are authorized to sign any necessary contract documents consistent with this Resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Yeas: Celentino, Holman, De Leon, Copedge, Schafer, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 2/10/11**

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 2/16/11**