



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1410, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month lease agreement with Emancipet, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, for approximately 28,000 square feet of space at 7201 Levander Loop, Buildings I & K, Austin, Texas 78702 for an annual lease rate of \$100.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Since 2005, Emancipet's flagship East Austin clinic, located at the Austin Animal Center has offered low-cost spay/neuter and preventive/primary care services. Emancipet serves the general public, specifically lower-income families. In an effort to provide services to a lower-income population, Emancipet establishes clinics in areas with the highest social vulnerability scores per the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index which considers the socioeconomic factors of transportation, disability, and language as possible impacts to accessibility of care. Emancipet provides veterinary care at a set rate that is, on average, 30% - 50% lower than market rates at for-profit veterinary hospitals. No one is turned away for their inability to pay.

The East Austin clinic currently sees over 30,000 veterinary visits annually, with an increasing demand to grow the services provided allowing them to serve more pets each year. This directly results in healthier pets who live longer, happier, and more active lives. The vast majority of pet owners describe their bond with their pets as similar to that of a human family member. Providing low-cost care to their pets, supports the well-being of pet owners and their families. Emancipet will be required to report annually on the following Performance Measures:

- Average daily visits by service type;
- Average Transaction Fee by service type;
- Average Wait Times;
- Total patients/clients served and,
- Post-surgical complication rates.

Emancipet operates out of two on-site modular buildings at the Austin Animal Center. Utilizing these facilities at 7201 Levander Loop will allow for continued preventative and primary care services for families with dogs and cats. Emancipet will be responsible for its own utility costs, including electric, water, and wastewater.

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The Strategic Facilities Governance Team has reviewed and approved this request.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.