



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Don Bland, CAWA, Chief Animal Services Officer *Don Bland*

Through: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2023,

SUBJECT: **Response to Council Resolution 20230608-046**

Please use this memorandum as an update to [Council Resolution 2023608-046](#), which directed the City Manager to conduct a review of Animal Services Office (ASO) policies to facilitate and implement citywide microchipping and animal welfare services.

ASO has evaluated the current free microchip measures, ensured that all police, fire, and recreation centers are outfitted with microchip scanners, and reviewed policies and practices that could potentially limit the application of the microchipping program. ASO is working with the Law department to assess additional information needed to meet the requirements of the Resolution.

Additional time will be required to complete the work. An update will be provided on January 31, 2024.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 512-978-0565.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager