



## ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20240513-008

Date: May 13, 2024

Subject: City of Austin Spay-and-neuter Services

Motioned By: Vice Chair Ann Linder

Seconded By: Commissioner Whitney Holt

### Recommendation

The Animal Advisory Commission recommends that updates be made to contracts regarding the provision of spay-and-neuter services.

### Description of Recommendation to Council

The Austin Animal Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council and the Austin City Manager's Office update the terms of the City's contracts that govern the provision of spay-and-neuter services in order to expand access to these services to meet the growing needs of the community and to reduce the number of animals entering the shelter system. The Commission recommends that these updates include:

- 1) Adding performance measures for the minimum number of spay-neuter surgeries to be provided, broken down by animal type (dog/cat), sex (male/female), and size with regards to dogs (large breed/small breed).
- 2) Allocating funding for spay-neuter services separately from funds dedicated to the provision of wellness services such as vaccines, microchips, and other veterinary care not directly related to animals receiving spay-neuter surgeries.
- 3) Incorporating quarterly reporting requirements with updates to be delivered in person to the Austin Animal Advisory Commission.

### Basis for Recommendation:

The provision of spay-and-neuter services is an integral part of maintaining Austin's status as a No-Kill community, and contracts for the provision of these services must be updated to account for dynamic and growing community needs. These suggested updates are intended to help ensure that funding for spay-neuter is spent where those needs are greatest and to keep the public informed by providing for reporting requirements.

### Vote: 11-0

For: Chair Ryan Clinton, Vice Chair Ann Linder, Parliamentarian Nancy Nemer, Commissioners Amanda Bruce, Beatriz Dulzaides, Luis Herrera, Whitney Holt, Sarah Huddleston, Paige Nilson, Lotta Smagula, and Larry Tucker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Laura Hoke was off the dais.

Attest:

Eric Anderson, Staff Liaison, Office of the City Clerk