



City of Saginaw

Community Services Department
333 W. McLeroy Blvd., Saginaw, Texas 76179

Council Agenda Background

To: Gabe Reaume, City Manager

From: Keith C. Rinehart, Director of Community Services

Date: City Council Meeting – September 17, 2019

PRESENTER:

Keith C. Rinehart, Director of Community Services

ITEM:

Consideration and approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services between the City of Saginaw and the City of Blue Mound.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Saginaw currently operates Animal Control Services for the purpose of reducing general animal control problems in Saginaw. The City of Blue Mound currently has a need for such Animal Control Services and is not equipped to render such services. Both Saginaw and Blue Mound find it mutually desirable to enter into this Agreement.

“Animal Control Services” shall mean the services provided by Saginaw in response to a Blue Mound Call, including:

1. the humane capture of stray, unrestrained, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted animals and the humane transportation of captured animals to the Animal Shelter;
 2. response to calls regarding animals that have entered a person’s residence or onto property under the person’s possession and control;
 3. response to calls regarding animal bites and scratches, including the initial investigation of such incidents;
 4. the capture of a biting animal for state-mandated rabies quarantine observation by the Local Rabies Control Authority;
 5. response to calls regarding animal cruelty, including the initial investigation of such incidents;
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6. restraint of and the administration of the process for dangerous animals (as defined in the Blue Mound Code of Ordinances); and
7. enforcing and issuing citations for violations of the animal control regulations of the City of Blue Mound. Animal Control Services do not include trapping dangerous wild animals (as defined in the Saginaw Code of Ordinances), horses, or livestock, removal of deceased animals, or responding to barking dog violations.

Saginaw will provide one animal control officer to patrol Blue Mound occasionally on a daily basis.

Blue Mound has changed their animal control ordinances to mirror that of the City of Saginaw.

Saginaw shall be entitled to charge fees related to the impoundment or adoption of captured animals from Blue Mound. These fees include holding fees, shot fees, microchip fees, adoption fees and other standard fees as established in the Blue Mound Code of Ordinances. Saginaw shall be entitled to charge and collect these fees from the residents of Blue Mound, and Saginaw shall be entitled to retain these fees for the services that Saginaw is providing.

Saginaw animal control officers patrolling in Blue Mound shall issue all citations for violations that occur in Blue Mound on a ticket book provided by Blue Mound. All citations issued by Saginaw animal control officers shall be delivered to the Blue Mound Police Department Dispatch office. Any citations that need to be mailed will be mailed by the Blue Mound Municipal Court. All citations issued by the Saginaw animal control officers for violations that occur in Blue Mound shall be prosecuted in the Blue Mound Municipal Court. Any and all fines or fees collected from the prosecution of citations for violations that occur in Blue Mound shall be retained by Blue Mound.

Administration for both the City of Saginaw and City of Blue Mound mutually agree to this Interlocal Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services between the City of Saginaw and the City of Blue Mound.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Blue Mound agrees to pay to the City of Saginaw the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred & no/100 Dollars (\$1,500) per year, payable on May 1 of each year, for the Animal Control Services provided under this Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Interlocal Agreement

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 817-230-0351.

Thank you,

Keith C. Rinehart

Director of Community Services, City of Saginaw