

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Soliciting Interest for Animal Control Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to issue a request for qualifications soliciting interest from licensed animal rescues for the purpose of determining whether contracting out Animal Control Services would be feasible and beneficial to the CCG.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to issue a request for qualifications soliciting interest from any licensed animal rescue that has established partnerships with the CCG and has an animal facility/shelter in Muscogee County for the purpose of determining whether the contracting out of Animal Control Services would be feasible and beneficial to the CCG.

Background: Recent national trends indicate improved services and a higher degree of customer satisfaction in communities with contracted Animal Care and Control Services.

Analysis: The City of Columbus will issue a request for qualifications to determine which local licensed Animal Rescues are interested in and qualified to submit a proposal for providing Animal Control services for Columbus, Georgia.

Financial Considerations: None at this time.

Legal Considerations: Revisions to the City Ordinances (Animal & Fowl) may be required.

Recommendation/Action: That the City Manager be authorized to issue a request for qualifications soliciting interest from any licensed animal rescue that has established partnerships with the CCG and has an animal facility/shelter in Muscogee County for the purpose of determining whether the contracting out of Animal Control Services would be feasible and beneficial to the CCG.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SOLICITING INTEREST FROM ANY LICENSED ANIMAL RESCUE THAT HAS ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CCG AND HAS ITS ANIMAL FACILITY/SHELTER IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE CONTRACTING OUT OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO THE CCG.

WHEREAS, recent national trends indicate improved services and a higher degree of customer satisfaction in communities with contracted Animal Care and Control Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Animal Care and Control Center has been maintaining a euthanasia rate that has been below 10% consistently and allows this facility to be identified as a No Kill facility; however their ability to be more pro-active in the community by providing more educational programs is limited; and,

WHEREAS, local licensed rescues have the ability and the staffing to become more absorbed in community programs that will benefit this community by providing services, education and enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the actions by the City Manager is to solely determine whether a move of this nature would be beneficial to the CCG; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager will present the findings of this solicitation to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the CCG is to provide the residents of Muscogee County with the best possible Animal Care and Control Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to issue a request for qualifications soliciting interest from any licensed animal rescue that has established partnerships with the CCG and has an animal facility/shelter in Muscogee County for the purpose of determining whether the contracting out of Animal Control Services would be feasible and beneficial to the CCG.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor