



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements

Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on FORM 1, Section IV. Use EXACTLY the same service names listed on FORM 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

COUNTY:TYPE COUNTY NAME HERE

Service: *Type the Name of the Service to be Provided Here*

1. Check one box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

a.) Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

b.) Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

c.) One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service: **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

d.) One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

e.) Other (If this box is checked, attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

No

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, attach an implementation schedule listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

Local Government or Authority	Funding Method
Type Gov't/Authority Name Here	Detail Funding Here
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4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Provide Details Here

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

Agreement Name	Contracting Parties	Effective and Ending Dates
Name Agreement Here	List Contracting Parties Here	Effective - End
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6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

Provide Details Here

7. Person completing form: **Type Your Name & Title Here**

Phone number: **Type Your Phone Number Here** Date completed: Type Date Here

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? Yes No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

TYPE CONTACT NAME, TITLE & PHONE HERE

PUBLIC SAFETY
ANIMAL SHELTER AND ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of October, 2022, by and among **Whitfield County, Georgia**, a body politic and political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the “County”), the **cities of Dalton, Varnell and Tunnel Hill** and the **Town of Cohutta**, municipal corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Cities” and individually as a “City” or “Town”) and **Scott Chitwood, Sheriff of Whitfield County** (hereinafter referred to as the “Sheriff.”)

WHEREAS, OCGA §36-70-20 et seq. mandate that Whitfield County and all municipalities located therein shall participate in the development of a **Service Delivery Strategy** through which Whitfield County and said municipalities shall create and maintain a service delivery system which is efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County;

WHEREAS, OCGA §36-70-24(1) mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery, and that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken; and

WHEREAS, OCGA §36-70-25 mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy receive the approval of Whitfield County and the governing authorities of municipalities located within Whitfield County, as is more particularly described in that Code Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of the above-named parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, agree as follows concerning Animal Shelter and Animal Control Services within Whitfield County:

WITNESSETH:

1. Description of Current Service Delivery Arrangements.

Whitfield County is the sole provider of Animal Shelter services within Whitfield County. Whitfield County provides this service on a county-wide basis by providing an Animal Shelter for the safe shelter of domestic dogs and cats retrieved or surrendered in Whitfield County.

Whitfield County provides Animal Control enforcement for the unincorporated areas of the county through the Whitfield County Sheriff, who joins this Agreement.

The City of Dalton provides Animal Control enforcement within its jurisdiction through the Dalton Police Department.

The City of Tunnel Hill provides Animal Control enforcement within its jurisdiction through the Tunnel Hill Police Department.

The City of Varnell provides Animal Control enforcement within its jurisdiction through the Varnell Police Department.

The Town of Cohutta provides Animal Control enforcement within its jurisdiction through the Cohutta Police Department.

Whitfield County and the Cities agree to seek to maintain animal control ordinances which are as nearly identical as possible, both in form and in content, so as to reduce public confusion and to promote compliance countywide.

If any municipality hereto, at any time in the future, shall contract with Whitfield County and the Whitfield County Magistrate Court, pursuant to OCGA 15-10-150 et seq., then Whitfield County shall receive any funds, fines, or forfeitures related to the prosecution of each such violation.

No duplication exists in the delivery of animal control services within Whitfield County, due to Whitfield County's assumption by agreement with the above-referenced municipalities of the responsibility of being the sole provider of such service.

2. Future Service Delivery Strategy.

The parties hereto agree that the current service delivery arrangements described above are efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County. Therefore, the parties hereto agree that no need exists to change said service delivery arrangements.

Further, the parties hereto agree that no duplication exists in the provision of animal control services within Whitfield County, as Whitfield County is now the sole provider of said services.

The parties hereto agree that should any party undertake any action which may result in overlapping, competition, or duplication in the current service delivery arrangements or in the future service delivery strategy described in this Service Delivery Agreement, that party shall notify the other parties to this Agreement, so as to facilitate continued compliance with the requirements of Georgia law as referenced above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Service Delivery Agreement on behalf of the respective party set forth below, pursuant to the authority granted to each of the undersigned in the resolution by which each party approved and adopted this Service Delivery Agreement.

Whitfield County, Georgia

By: _____

Scott Chitwood, Whitfield County Sheriff

Whitfield County, Georgia

Jevin S. Jensen,
Chairman

Attest:

Blanca Cardona,
County Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Dalton, Georgia

David Pennington III,
Mayor

Attest:

Bernadette Chattam,
City Clerk
(SEAL)

Town of Cohutta, Georgia

Ron Shinnick,
Mayor

Attest:

Pamela Shinnick
City Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia

Kenny Gowin,
Mayor

Attest:

Melinda Griffin
City Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Varnell, Georgia

Tom Dickson,
Mayor

Attest:

Jamie Nance
City Clerk
(SEAL)