

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



**BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: January 28, 2025**

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**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Denise McGrath, Chief of Police

**Topic:** Agreement with the South Suburban Humane Society

## **PURPOSE**

Staff requests the Village Board approve an agreement with the South Suburban Humane Society of Matteson, IL to serve as a shelter for stray animals collected by public safety personnel.

## **PROCESS**

The South Suburban Humane Society (SSHS) incorporated in 1970 as a small group of volunteers who brought homeless pets into their homes and worked to find them permanent homes. From those humble origins, the society grew to become a 501c3 nonprofit organization operating a state-of-the-art 19,000 square foot animal resource campus in Matteson, IL that takes in more than 4,000 pets annually. The facility houses a Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, a Low-Cost Veterinary Services Clinic, and a variety of far-reaching community services.

Since 2018, the Village of Homewood has partnered with the South Suburban Humane Society (SSHS) to shelter stray animals and reunite them with their owners. SSHS has been significantly impacted by rising costs and the ongoing dog population crisis.

SSHS has made changes to their previous agreement structure. The agreement has changed from an annual agreement to a three-year agreement. This new agreement would be effective February 1, 2025 through January 30, 2028. The pricing structure has also changed to the graduated schedule listed below.

<b>Per animal intake fee</b>	
<b>Agreement Year</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Year 1	\$250
Year 2	\$375
Year 3	\$500

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## **OUTCOME**

The approval of the service agreement will enable the Police Department to utilize the services of the South Suburban Humane Society for the temporary shelter of stray animals found within the Village.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- **Funding Source:** General Fund
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$7,500
- **Cost:** Dependent on number of stray intakes

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

Completed

## **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Approval of Service Agreement between the Village of Homewood and South Suburban Humane Society of Matteson, IL.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Service Agreement