



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	January 9, 2025
Originating Department	Police
Contact Person	Chief Mike Harden
Title	Resolution 24-1994/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with PAWS for Animal Sheltering Services

Legislative History

- First Presentation – January 9, 2025
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-1994
 2. Purchased Services Agreement between City of Lake Forest Park and Progressive Animal Welfare Society, Inc. for Animal Sheltering Services
 3. AG-21-049 – PAWS Agreement for services 2022-2024
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Executive Summary

The Lake Forest Park Police Department (PD) uses the Progressive Animal Welfare Society for animal control and shelter services. Their current contract expired at the end of 2024, and PD would like to continue to use their services for 2025-2026.

Background

PD has been using PAWS for many years. PAWS has an excellent reputation in animal control and animal welfare communities and has performed exceptionally well over the past years for LFP. PAWS continues to have the capacity to continue services for LFP and is closer and more convenient for staff and citizens than the King County shelter.

They have decided to increase their fees starting in 2025 from \$220/animal to \$238/animal and from \$20/animal to \$25/animal per night for boarding. PAWS has agreed to keep the 2024 rates for the months of January and February, with the new rates going into effect in March, 2025.

The 2025-2026 PAWS intake rates will increase as follows:

Fees are payable to PAWS by LFP as follows:

Fees Charged Pursuant to the Services Agreement:		
Fee	Amount	Description
Administrative Fee for Animals	\$238	Fee for each Animal (for example: stray or impounded dog, cat, accepted by the PAWS Companion Animal Shelter.
Boarding (per day)	\$25	Payable for each night an Animal is held by PAWS at the contracting municipality's request beyond the 10 day stray hold, per I.F.3
Additional Fee for Failure to Provide Veterinary Care	\$200	Per section I.E., payable if contracting municipality= delivers an Animal in need of urgent veterinary care to the PAWS Companion Animal Shelter without prior authorization from PAWS.
Urgent and Necessary Veterinary Costs	Varies, up to \$300	Payable to PAWS for direct costs incurred for urgent and necessary veterinary care at intake, per I.E., up to a total \$300 per Animal if payable by contracting municipality, or, actual cost of invoiced care if paid by the Animal's owner.
DOA Disposal Fee	\$45	For non-private cremation and disposal of deceased animals.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Current budgeted allotments are sufficient to handle the increase in fees.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the contract 	PD will continue to use PAWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not approve the contract 	PD will need to find a different service for animal control and shelter services

Staff Recommendation

As this is a routine contract, staff recommends waiving the three-touch rule and adopting the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with PAWS.