



Memorandum

September 15, 2025

To: Spring Lake Park City Council

From: Chief Antoine

Re: Animal Control Services Contract

Dear City Council Members,

In late 2022, the City Council approved a contract with the Minnesota Humane Society for animal impoundment services. However, in August 2025, we were informed that the Humane Society will be discontinuing all law enforcement contracts as part of a shift in their strategic direction. While they will continue to accept animals from Spring Lake Park residents after December 31, 2025, they will no longer accept animals brought in by the police department.

Since receiving this notice, I have explored alternative options for animal control services. Unfortunately, there are very few providers currently accepting new contracts with law enforcement agencies.

One viable option I have identified is **MN Companion Animal Care and Control (MN CACC)**. They are currently based in Hudson, WI, and are opening a new facility in Oakdale, MN, in October 2025. MN CACC has limited capacity for new contracts and will be accepting them on a first-come, first-served basis.

Attached is a proposed contract from MN CACC for **impound boarding services for canines only**. This contract mirrors the basic services we currently receive from the Humane Society, and after review, I found that MN CACC offers these services at a lower cost.

At this time, I am requesting City Council approval to enter into a contract with MN CACC for impoundment services. While we may consider expanding services in the future, I believe it is critical to secure this agreement now before their capacity is filled.

Please see the attached contract for full details. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Chief Josh Antoine