



## Memorandum

May 11, 2022

To: City Administrator Buchholtz

From: Chief Antoine

Re: Animal Control Services Contract

Dear Administrator Buchholtz,

In November of 2021 the city council approved a contract with Dover Kennels/ Animal Control and Impound Services out of Andover, MN. I was notified by Dover Kennels that they will be closing as of June 1, 2022 and will no longer provide services to any cities they had contracts with.

I have explored other options for animal control and have found that there are limited options and most options are very expensive. I have spoke with the Humane Society of Minnesota and they are willing to take the City of Spring Lake Park on for animal control. I have attached a sample contract for you and Attorney John Thames to review.

The police department would be responsible for transporting any impounded animals to the Coon Rapids Humane Society location. Our officers would have full access to the impound facility. The basic charge for an impounded animal would be \$24.00 which the city would incur that cost when the animal is picked up by the owner. If the animal is not claimed then the city would be charged \$208.00. If there is a mandatory quarantine of the animal for a bite then the city would be charged \$416.00 if the animal is not claimed. If the animal is claimed the owner pays for any fees.

The police department would take back over the enforcement of potential dangerous or dangerous dog cases until further notice.

The Humane Society of Minnesota will send over a contract for signatures once they have finalized everything. This contact would be in effect for one year and we could review at the end of the year to see if we would like to resign. This contract would be for canines only.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Chief Josh Antoine