

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-250  
JUNE 17, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
LIMITED ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR PLEASANT HILL AND WINDSOR HEIGHTS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM MOULDER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SYNOPSIS —**

The Police Department has been providing limited animal shelter services to the cities of Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights. These services consist of the housing and destroying of *at large* animals captured by these cities. The intergovernmental agreement that provided for these services has expired. The cities of Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights wish to continue receiving these services, and the Police Department can continue to provide them. A new intergovernmental agreement has been prepared for consideration by the City Council. The agreement would be effective until July 1, 1999.

Fees for housing animals brought in under this agreement would be charged at the same rate as Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights impose on their own citizens. The residents of Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights are not charged for disposal of the animals. The \$10 charge covers the cost to Des Moines for disposal of the animals.

In 1995, Des Moines handled eight animals from Pleasant Hill and 10 animals from Windsor Heights.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

At the present level of service, the revenue to the City would represent \$200 - \$300 per year for both cities.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval of the agreement.

**BACKGROUND —**

Since the Police Department took over the animal control function in 1981, these types of services have been provided to various suburbs. At one time, these services were provided to West Des Moines, Urbandale, and Polk City, as well as Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights. Since then, the other three cities have found alternate ways of providing these services. Most recently, the City Council approved agreements to provide these services on January 29, 1989, by Roll Call No. 89-286. These agreements have expired, and Pleasant Hill and Windsor Heights wish to continue to receive these services.