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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Bill McCarthy, Chief of Police

### SUBJECT—

Animal Rescue League / Animal Shelter Services Contract

### SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Police Department will enter into a three-year contact with the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. (5452 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ankeny, IA, Tom Colvin, President) to provide Animal Shelter Services to the City at the Des Moines Animal Shelter, 1615 SE 14<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines, IA. The City will continue to own and maintain the facility. The Animal Rescue League (ARL) will accept animals delivered to the facility and will hold the animals for the specified impoundment periods. If the animals are not redeemed, they become the property of the Animal Rescue League upon release by the Chief Humane Officer. The Animal Rescue League will spay or neuter adopted animals and will ensure that the animals are properly vaccinated and licensed. The Animal Rescue League will remit certain redemption fees and all licensing fees to the City. Amendments to Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code are also on the June 6, 2005 agenda and are necessary to enable the Animal Rescue League to provide the contracted services.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

The contractual cost will be \$316,000 to the ARL. The City of Des Moines will reduce shelter personnel overhead by \$310,000 and retain \$62,000 of revenue (boarding and impound fees).

The net effect will be \$6,396.89 per year savings (\$19,190.67 for the life of the contract). The ARL will lease the City shelter for \$1.00 per year.

**RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

The City of Des Moines will pay the Animal Rescue League to provide Animal Shelter Services to the citizens of Des Moines at the current location of the Des Moines Animal Shelter, 1615 SE 14<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines, Iowa. The Des Moines Police Department will continue to handle all animal control issues such as: animals at large, animal bites, dangerous or vicious animals or animal annoyance issues. The City will lease the Animal Control Shelter building to the Animal Rescue League for \$1.00 per year. The Des Moines Police Department will be provided office and parking space at the facility and will continue to operate at the location, 1615 SE 14<sup>th</sup>, thus minimizing any disruption of service or confusion to the public. Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code was reviewed and the appropriate changes have been drafted to will allow a third party contractor, such as the Animal Rescue League, to operate the animal shelter.