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	Agenda Item No.	53A
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>12-093</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code regarding contractor veterinarian fees, adding animal relinquishment fees and trap deposit.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amending the Municipal Code section 18-17 regarding contractor veterinary fees and section 18-18 which adds animal relinquish fees and trap deposits. These inclusions to the Municipal Code are necessary due to the pending contract with the Animal Rescue League.(ARL) The new contract references these new code changes. Waiver of readings is recommended by the Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contract the Police Department has negotiated with the ARL is dependent on these changes to the Municipal Code:

When the animal shelter is operated by a contractor, the contractor’s veterinary fees that are approved by the Chief of Police or the Chief’s designee may be collected by the animal shelter staff for emergency animal care services. Such fees may be collected and retained by the contractor prior to release of the animal from impoundment. In no event will the City of Des Moines pay for the veterinary care provided by the contractor’s veterinarian.

A person may be charged with an animal relinquish fee as set in the schedule of fees adopted by the City Council by resolution to voluntarily give up ownership of their animal. If a contractor is operating the animal shelter, the contractor may charge, collect and retain such fee for ownership of animals relinquished to the contractor.

A person may be charged a refundable trap deposit as set in the schedule of fees for live animal traps for domestic animals. If a contractor is operating the animal shelter, the contractor may charge and collect such deposit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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