

**RESOLUTION NO. 5593**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, REVIEWING A SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AUBURN VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY TO ENSURE COMPETITIVE SERVICE PRICES

WHEREAS, the City provides its animal shelter services to the public through a contract with the Auburn Valley Humane Society (AVHS). The City's current AVHS contract was adopted by Resolution No. 4747 on September 19, 2011, and by its terms expires on December 31, 2026;

WHEREAS, paragraph IV(B) of the AVHS contract provides that AVHS shall establish the prices for its animal shelter services, subject to the City's right to periodically review them to ensure they are competitive with those of other animal shelters;

WHEREAS, AVHS provided its price and fee schedule for its services to the City for review on April 30, 2021. It is attached as Exhibit A to this resolution. Exhibit A includes both current AVHS fees, and proposed fee changes AVHS intends to make effective on July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's contract with AVHS, the City Council has reviewed the current and proposed AVHS prices reflected in Exhibit A to compare them with the prices charged by other local animal shelters for similar services;

WHEREAS, the prices AVHS currently charges for its services in Exhibit A are relatively competitive and comparable with those charged by other area shelters, with the exception of its animal impound charges (\$1,120 or \$2,080 for a 6<sup>th</sup> or subsequent impound, depending on whether or not the impounded animal is altered). This current impound fee is markedly higher than those imposed by other compared localities, such as the City of Seattle or Metro Animal Services (which serves the Puyallup area). However, in its revised fee schedule to take effect July 1, AVHS lowers its impound fees to range from \$180 to \$580 (depending on the number of impounds, and whether the animal is licensed or altered), making AVHS impound fees comparable with those charged by other local animal shelters.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

**Section 1.** After reviewing Exhibit A to ensure that the prices AVHS charges for its services are competitive, the City finds that AVHS currently charges competitive prices for its services in comparison to other local animal shelters, with the exception of its current charges for 6<sup>th</sup> or subsequent animal impounds, which AVHS intends to revise effective July 1, 2021 as set forth in Exhibit A. The City believes that the revised AVHS fee schedule in Exhibit A, to take effect on July 1, 2021, is competitive with those of other local animal shelters.

The City Council supports AVHS in its adoption of this revised fee schedule, and would support its adoption before July 1 to the extent practicable.

**Section 2.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon passage and signatures hereon.

Dated and Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

CITY OF AUBURN

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NANCY BACKUS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Shawn Campbell, MMC, City Clerk

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Kendra Comeau, City Attorney