

Sedgwick County

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Legislation Text

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AGREEMENTS WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BoCC) AND THE CITIES OF ANDALE, KECHI, AND GARDEN PLAIN TO RECEIVE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL (SCAC) PROGRAM.

Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Health Director, Division of Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the terms of the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Background:

On October 5th, 2016, the BoCC approved a request for the Division of Health to establish and enter into new contracts developed with standardized language to provide three (3) different options for cities to select based on their level of need for animal control services and to formalize mutual aid agreements with 2nd and 3rd class cities located within Sedgwick County.

The new contracts provide three (3) different options for cities to receive animal control services: *full service*, *limited service*, or *mutual aid*.

Both *limited service* and *full service* contracts include animal pick-up and mutual aid; only *full service* contracts provide additional enforcement and prosecution services. The *mutual aid* contract was established for the provision of mutual aid assistance only, for either the city or the county, in the event of an emergency situation involving animals.

Cities seeking to enter into *full service* agreements agree to be governed by Animal Control codes within Chapter 5, Sedgwick County Code. If a city elects to adopt its own codes, the *full service* agreement would be removed and the city would be eligible for a *limited services* agreement or a *mutual aid* agreement. The Cities of Andale, Garden Plain, and Kechi have requested to enter into a *full service* agreement with Sedgwick County.

Alternatives: The Board of County Commissioners could elect not to enter into the agreements to provide services.

Financial Considerations:

Revenue generated will be managed through fund center 41001-110.

Legal Considerations:

The duration of this contract is from time signed and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by either party unless one of the parties notifies the other in writing not less than 30 days prior to effective date of termination. The County has authority to enter into this agreement pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101 fourth, which notes the authority for counties to enter into contracts in relation to concerns of the county. This agreement is also a contract between municipalities as contemplated within K.S.A. 12-2908. Approval is by simple majority vote.

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Policy Considerations: N/A