



## Staff Report

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### **Amendments to Inter-local Agreement with City of Washougal for Animal Control Services**

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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY:** The City of Camas contracts with the City of Washougal for Animal Control services, which includes expenses for the operation of the dog kennel located in the Port of Camas/Washougal Industrial Park. The City of Washougal also has a contract with the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society to help operate the dog kennel and facilitate care dogs impounded from the City of Camas. The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society also functions to help adopt out unclaimed dogs to new homes.

Several recent events have led the City of Washougal to conclude that they need to change some of these contractual arrangements and modify the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Camas. First, the City of Washougal hopes to close their dog kennel in the near future. With that facility closed, they are in need of a new facility in the local area that could accept dogs that are picked up and impounded. Second, the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society has merged with the Humane Society for Southwest Washington in a cooperative move designed to provide better service and more oversight. The Humane Society for Southwest Washington will be the lead vendor going forward who will be providing services to the City of Washougal. The HSSW has a facility located on NE 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, in Vancouver, that is equipped to handle dog impounds from Camas and Washougal.

With the City of Washougal's desire to close their dog kennel facility, combined with the dissolution of the Columbia Gorge Humane Society, Washougal finds it necessary to negotiate a new contact for these services with the HSSW.

This new arrangement will see costs go up for the services that are provided by the HSSW, as compared to those same services that were offered previously by the WCGHS.

The Washougal City Council is currently reviewing and authoring the same changes to the Inter-local Agreement so that their City Manager, Mr. Scott, can proceed in getting the necessary contracts in place to implement these changes.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** These changes will have a budget impact. The fees and expenses that are associated to shelter services increase under HSSW. They move away from the old "per dog" fee to a flat rate for each year. In addition, each year escalates the fee. And, we will be charged for dogs that are dropped off at the shelter by citizens who report that they found the stray animal within the city limits of Camas.

**RECOMMENDATION/RECOMMENDED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED:** This report is provided for Council information and possible future action.