

RESOLUTION R-2007-028

*Acceptance of the terms of Richland County's Resolution
for the co-location of the City of Columbia and Richland County Animal Care Services*

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WHEREAS, Richland County Council has passed a resolution to provide for the co-location of Animal Care Services at the City of Columbia's existing Animal Shelter; and,


WHEREAS, Richland County's resolution contemplates a memorandum of understanding or agreement between Richland County and the City of Columbia which will include, but not be limited to, certain terms as set forth in Richland County's resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia City Council is in agreement with the terms as set forth in Richland County's Resolution; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 23rd day of May, 2007 that the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract between Richland County and the City of Columbia for co-location, expansion and operation of the City of Columbia and Richland County Animal Care Services and said contract shall include but not be limited to the terms contained in Richland County's resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Requested by:

Councilmember Sinclair


MAYOR

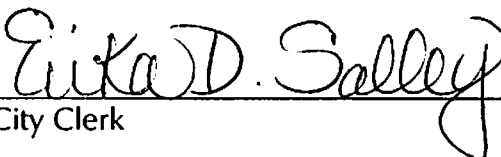
Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:


Interim City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) A RESOLUTION OF THE
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TO COMBINE HOLDING FACILITIES FOR ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Richland County (the "County") and the City of Columbia (the "City") desire to co-locate Animal Care Services in one facility for the efficiency of operations and provide streamlined customer services that will expedite the redemption of lost pets and increase community-wide adoptions; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City by resolution mutually agree to combine holding facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City will finalize the terms of this resolution in a Memorandum of Agreement/Contract negotiated between the County Administrator and the City Manager by August 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the City shall include, but not be limited to, the following terms:

1. The County agrees to pay for the capital expansion of the City's Animal Shelter in the amount of \$1,200,000 and also be responsible for the contingency cost of construction that exceeds the estimates provided by architects. The County will escrow funds for construction and the City will present bills for timely payment from the County to the City.
2. The County agrees to pay a per diem cost for housing of animals at the Columbia Animal Shelter. The cost of \$14.00 per day per animal for animal impoundment and euthanasia will be the annual cost standard. Future increases will be managed through the budgeting process for both jurisdictions. A budget request will be forwarded to the County on or before February 1st of every fiscal year to address potential increases.
3. All policy decision changes relating to "Animal Care Management" will be forwarded to the City Manager and County Administrator for resolution before implementation.
4. An Animal Advisory Committee will be established by both jurisdictions to serve as an oversight committee to make recommendations regarding improving animal care services provided to the citizens of the community. The Committee will be comprised of the County Administrator or his designee, City Manager or his designee and two members each of City and County Councils. The Committee will meet at least once a year prior to presentation of the Animal Care budget.
5. The City will accept all dogs and cats from Richland County Animal Care as of the date of the new expansion. During the capital construction the City Manager and County Administrator will be responsible for developing an emergency action and future capital plan that would address future expansion needs of the facility and emergency situations that would impact the operations of the facility. This