



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager, Neighborhood Services  
 Subject: Contract No.42400040 Amendment: City of Albany for Animal Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend an existing contract (contract number 42400040) and execute any necessary amendments thereafter with the City of Albany to provide certain animal care services, for which the City of Albany will pay the City of Berkeley \$413,582 for services performed from FY2027 through FY2029, for a new not to exceed amount of \$704,601.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The FY2026 budget currently reflects revenues of \$105,672 from the City of Albany for animal care services. The contract with the City of Albany is anticipated to generate additional revenue to cover the costs of providing shelter operations and field service as outlined below:

- FY2027 - \$133,806;
- FY2028 - \$137,821 (FY2027 rate plus a CPI of 3%); and
- FY2029 -- \$141,955 (FY2028 rate plus a CPI of 3%).

The total not to exceed amount for the three-year contract amendment is \$413,582, which results in a not to exceed total contract amount of \$704,601. The City of Albany will reimburse the City of Berkeley for these additional estimated costs, and revenues will be deposited into the Animal Shelter Fund (account 115-21-203-000-0000-000-000-444310-).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley has provided certain animal care services to the City of Albany for many years. The current contract between the City of Berkeley and the City of Albany expires on June 30, 2026, which gives the City an opportunity to renegotiate the terms of the contract to more fully cover the estimated actual costs.

Upon request by the Albany Police Department, the City of Berkeley performs the following services:

1. Quarantine biting animals.
2. Hearing for vicious and dangerous dogs.
3. Impound stray domestic animals, at large or confined.
4. Rescue and seek veterinary treatment for injured animals.
5. Collect and dispose of deceased animals.
6. Investigate, quarantine and report upon vicious animals endangering the public or causing a traffic hazard.
7. Ensuring that a dog or cat that is not sprayed or neutered that is impounded shall be sprayed or neutered at the owner/guardian's expense before being returned to the owner or/guardian, per the provisions of Albany Municipal Code Section 10-4.6, and that the City Administrator designates City of Berkeley Animal Control Supervisor as the Hearing Officer per AMC Section 10-4.6(D).

The City of Berkeley also provides the following shelter services to impounded City of Albany animals:

1. Veterinary attention when deemed necessary by the City of Berkeley.
2. The orderly and humane administration of euthanasia of animals not adopted, redeemed or otherwise transferred from the custody of the Berkeley animal shelter.
3. The disposal of deceased animals.

The City of Berkeley is responsible for maintaining current and accurate records of all animals received in or from the City of Albany.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3204.1 as amended by AB 339. This project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

### BACKGROUND

The City of Albany does not operate its own animal shelter or employ Animal Control Officers. As a result, it relies on outside assistance to provide care and shelter for small animals within the city that are lost, stray, abandoned, or in need due to accident or illness. The City has provided these Services to the City of Albany since 2014. In 2024, Berkeley Animal Care Services took in 2,037 animals, with an average cost of \$1,255.22 per animal. Between 2014 and 2024, Berkeley Animal Care Services took in an average of 106.6 animals annually from Albany. Using the actual cost per animal multiplied by Albany's average intake provides a more accurate rate and removes the subsidy currently provided by the City of Berkeley.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley is well equipped to and capable of providing the services outlined above for the City of Albany.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND EXISTING CONTRACT NO. 42400040 AND ANY AMENDMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR ANIMAL CARE SERVICES FOR FY2027-FY2029 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,582, FOR A NEW NOT TO EXCEED (NTE) TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$704,601.

WHEREAS, The City of Albany requires field services and law enforcement for animal matters in their jurisdiction: and

WHEREAS, The City of Albany requires assistance in providing care and shelter for small animals within its City that are in need by reason of accident, sickness or being lost, stray or abandoned: and

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley is well equipped to and capable of providing these services to the City of Albany.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to amend Contract No. 42400040 and execute any necessary amendments thereafter, including additions to the contract's not-to-exceed total in incremental amounts that fall within the City Manager's expenditure authority, with the City of Albany for animal care services for FY2027-FY2029 in the amount of \$413,582, for a new Not to Exceed (NTE) total contract amount of \$704,601.