




Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2018
To: Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager
From: Jamey Cantrell, Animal Services Director 
Subject: Animal Services Interlocal Agreement

In recent years, tornados and damaging storms left several area Animal Services programs temporarily unable to meet the needs of their respective communities due to increases in demand or destruction of necessary equipment. Surrounding cities, including Plano, offered assistance to these programs until they were able to obtain the resources needed to be able to meet their citizens' needs.

Many cities found they were unable to assist due to a lack of an Interlocal Agreement for these services. A group of managers and directors of local programs came together to create an agreement to ensure all agencies can ask for assistance when needed and provide assistance when they are in the position to do so. This agreement was modelled after the interlocal agreement all police departments are a part of that enables them to assist each other when needed.

This Interlocal Agreement does not mandate any city agreeing to it to provide any service. It only states that assistance will be provided when requested if the assisting agency has the available resources to do so. If the assisting agency does not have the manpower, equipment, or shelter space to provide the help,

Plano has been fortunate to not have experienced a catastrophic disaster that incapacitated Animal Services operations, but there is no guarantee that won't happen in the future. This agreement will enable the City to better meet the citizens' needs should this occur and provide assistance to other jurisdictions in their times of need. Failing to approve the agreement will diminish the ability to request help when needed and could limit the City's ability to provide available resources to neighboring jurisdictions when disasters strike.