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Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Animal Control Services Agreement

This Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2014 by and between the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation ("City") and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska ("County") for the purpose of establishing a mutually agreed upon plan and procedures for the delivery of Animal Control Services outside the corporate limits of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska and within the jurisdictional limits of Lancaster County during an emergency disaster event.

The City will:

1. Provide Animal Control services in the County during an emergency, if there are sufficient city resources to respond while maintaining the core Animal Control services needed in the city.
2. Implement county-wide procedures for first response, transportation, care, sheltering and owner contacts associated with companion animals (pets) in the event of an emergency. For purposes of this Agreement, the term Animal Control Services shall include the following:
 - a. Companion animal rescue
 - b. Transporting companion animals
 - c. Facilitating veterinary care for injured companion animals
 - d. Providing temporary shelter for companion animals whose owners have not been identified
 - e. Providing necessary assistance to law enforcement as directed by the Incident Commander or the Health Director
 - f. Maintaining records necessary to assure companion pets are returned to their rightful owners
 - g. Dispatching personnel and equipment to necessary locations at the direction of the Incident Commander or the Health Director.


3. The City, through the Animal Control Division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, will track and monitor all relevant cost information related to Animal Control Services provided pursuant to this Agreement needed and /or required by the Lancaster County Emergency Management, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for purposes of claiming reimbursement for the costs and expenses associated with said services. This includes, but is not limited to, completing designated forms for tracking and documenting staff time (including overtime and on-call hours), injury and incident reports, and supplies and resources consumed. Actual costs for expenses will be submitted for reimbursement.
4. Animal Control Staff will take direction from the Health Director and operate under the Incident Command structure of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as prescribed by FEMA. Animal Control will follow the protocols set forth by County Management, NEMA and FEMA in the event of a larger disaster and/or a State or Federal declaration of disaster.
5. Animal Control staff will work directly with the Capital Humane Society and any other necessary departments or agencies during the emergency disaster response to provide sheltering, owner identification and other basic care needs for those animals directly affected by the disaster.
6. Animal Control staff will participate in ongoing incident command briefings, daily meetings, after action discussions and any other meetings as assigned by the Health Director.

The County will:

1. Initiate a request for Animal Control services and assistance through the Lancaster Emergency Operations Center or the Health Director. The County may make requests for personnel and other resources including, but not limited to; Animal Control Officers, Dispatchers, vehicles, and other animal control equipment. Livestock issues will be handled at the direction of the Health Director, EOC or the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
2. Compile and submit all documents necessary to track, monitor and report all reimbursable support services provided by the City. This includes, but is not limited to the following: time activity reports, overtime reports, maintenance and equipment reimbursement, volunteers, injury and medical information and other costs associated directly with a request to respond.
3. The County will assist in the facilitation and assure that reimbursement attempts for Animal Control services outside the City are completed. In the event no state or federal reimbursements are received, the County will compensate Animal Control for the cost of any and all services provided.


This agreement shall remain in full force and effect for one (1) year from the date of execution hereof and shall be automatically renewed every year thereafter unless terminated by either party giving one (1) year's written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate.

EXECUTED this 23 day of September, 2014, by Lancaster County, Nebraska.

By: 
Larry Hudkins, Chair
Lancaster County Board of
Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

This 23 day of
September, 2014.


Deputy County Attorney
for JOE KELLY
County Attorney

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 2014, by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

City of Lincoln

By: _____
Mayor Chris Beutler

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

This ____ day of _____, 2014.

City Attorney