

## City of Norman, OK

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File Name: WILDLIFE SERVICES - AQUATIC RODENTS Final Action:

Title: CONTRACT K-2021-3: A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY, WILDLIFE SERVICES DIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR CONTROL OF AQUATIC RODENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve or reject Contract K-2021-3 with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Wildlife Services Division effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and, if approved, authorize the execution thereof.

ACTION TAKEN:	

**Agenda Date:** 07/14/2020

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Attachments: Cooperative Agreement FY2021.pdf, Cooperative

Agreement Cover Letter.pdf

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## Text of Legislative File K-2021-3

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**BACKGROUND**: In order to provide for the free flow of streams and stormwater infrastructure in the urban area of Norman, it is necessary to remove aquatic rodents from the environment of these streams periodically. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF), Wildlife Services Division, has a program to provide for the control of these rodents. In addition, ODAFF is the organization that implements proper treatment of these animals. As

a result, the City can be assured that the ODAFF officials will proceed with the proper degree of care and respect for the animals that are removed from local urban streams and stormwater infrastructure.

**<u>DISCUSSION</u>**: This Cooperative Agreement has been renewed annually for a number of years at the beginning of each fiscal year. If approved, ODAFF personnel will monitor activity and respond to requests from Public Works Department, Stormwater Division, staff to remove rodents in areas where problems with flooding of adjacent structures could occur without this intervention. In FYE 2020, \$12,500.00 were expended in order to respond to over 40 calls from citizens in addition to routine staff generated requests for service on this Contract. Additional calls for service and reports of damage came from all parts of Norman including Brookhaven Creek, Imhoff Creek, Merkle Creek, Bishop Creek, Dave Blue Creek and various culverts. Based on discussions between City of Norman staff and ODAFF personnel, it was determined that additional work by ODAFF personnel was needed to adequately address the numerous requests received each year. An increase in budget of \$7,500.00 for a total contract amount of \$20,000.00 will allow ODAFF staff to provide a more concentrated focus on aquatic rodent activity within the City of Norman and will allow for a faster response time. The operating budget of the Stormwater Division contains funding for this agreement in Other Professional Services (Account No. 10550222-44099).

**RECOMMENDATION**: Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2021-3 and authorization of the Mayor to execute the cooperative agreement between the City of Norman and ODAFF.