



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION R-1819-28: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$2,175 FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE DONATIONS LIABILITIES ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE SHELTER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER TO BETTER FACILITATE REUNIFICATION OF LOST PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS.

BACKGROUND: The Norman Animal Welfare Center often receives general unsolicited donations to the facility for unspecified uses. These donations are accepted and deposited within a dedicated account where they are maintained until requested and approved for disbursement for use within our facility. This item is being brought forward for that purpose. The Animal Welfare Oversight Committee has advocated for this software module and is in support of the action.

DISCUSSION: The Norman Animal Welfare Center staff has worked diligently with the shelter management software vendor to provide real time on-line posting of all animals at the facility under the mandatory 5 or 7 day stray holding period. This is a routine service provided within the animal sheltering industry to better facilitate reunification of lost pets with their owners. A onetime cost of \$1,695 is requested to provide the initial module with a recurring monthly maintenance fee of \$48 thereafter. The initial fee plus ten months maintenance totals \$2,175. The funds being requested for distribution were provided to the facility with no stipulations or requests for a specific purpose. Staff believes the expenditure is being made in good faith that would satisfy the intent of any individual donor's efforts to support and better the facility, our animals and our staff. The requested service will be purchased as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that \$2,175 be appropriated from Other Liabilities / Animal Control (010-0000-227.24-31) to Animal Welfare Division, General Supplies/Software (account 010-6070-441.30-18) to purchase the software.