

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

FROM: Tad Stone, Director
Department of Emergency Services

DATE: April 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Humane Society Vero Beach & Indian River County Florida Inc., and the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

On May 1, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners entered into a Extension to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Humane Society Vero Beach & Indian River County Florida Inc., to provide animal shelter services. The current MOU is due to expire on April 30, 2022 and at this time, the Society wishes to enter into a new MOU to provide animal shelter services for Indian River County for a period of twenty-four (24) months, with the option to extend the MOU for an additional two (2), twenty-four (24) month periods with any necessary revisions under the consent of both parties. One noteworthy change to the new MOU contains an article regarding the release of ear-tipped cats when not creating an environmental or public health issue.

FUNDING:

There is no direct cost for approving the Memorandum of Understanding. During the twenty-four (24) month term, Indian River County shall pay a flat monthly fee of \$42,500 for the services described in the MOU, equaling a total of \$510,000 annually (\$1,020,000 over the full contract term). This is an increase of \$3,500 per month from the current rate of \$39,000. These funds will be budgeted and available in General Fund/Agencies/Humane Society, account number 00111062-088310.

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ANNUAL AMOUNT
General Fund/Agencies/Humane Society	00111062-088310	\$510,00.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Shelter Services between the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County Florida, Inc., and Indian River County Board of County Commissioners.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding between Humane Society Vero Beach & Indian River County Florida Inc., and Indian River County Board of County Commissioners