



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Douglas Schulze, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Doug Schulze, City Manager

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-20, Directing City Manager to Re-Establish Animal Shelter at Charles Street Facility and Authorizing Animal Shelter Staff

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-20.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning has not had an active animal shelter since January, 2024. The number of stray dogs roaming and abandoned in Banning has grown, which creates health and safety problems for the animals as well as people in the community. In late 2024, the City Council provided direction to move forward with plans to establish an animal shelter at the former fire station located at 5261 W. Wilson Street. While this location is a viable option for an animal shelter, it is not an ideal location and will take 3 - 6 months to make building repairs and install kennels. In addition, the facility is located in close proximity to residential uses creating concerns about noise impacts. Finally, the property will likely be needed in the next 5 - 10 years as a fire station location due to growth in Banning and Beaumont.

Fire Station 20, located on Sixth Street in Beaumont, has the highest call volume in Riverside County and will not have capacity to continue to serve the assigned area with increased call volume. As such, a new fire station will likely need to be staffed to relieve Station 20 of call volume. The former fire station at 5261 W. Wilson Street will require improvements and repairs, but it is within the area a new station would likely be placed with future build-out of Tri-Pointe Home's Atwell Project and the Loma Linda Mission Heights Project.

The Charles Street Shelter is a viable short-term solution and could be activated within a few months. Capacity of the shelter is limited and building repairs are needed, but the facility could be used while the City works on planning, design, funding and construction of a new animal shelter. The timeline for occupancy of a new animal shelter is projected to be 24 - 30 months. The Charles Street Shelter has 30 kennels and approximately 15 kennels could house 2 large dogs. There are currently no crates/kennels for small dogs or cats, but the office building could be used for small dog, cats and puppies as well as storage and laundry. A portable office space would be needed for staff, volunteers, and adoptions. This facility is not a viable long-term option due to its location in an area that frequently floods and lack of kennel capacity.

JUSTIFICATION:

Animal control and shelter services are the responsibility of the City. Riverside County Animal Control has not responded to requests for a contract and does not appear to be interested in providing service to the City of Banning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Projected expenses for animal control and animal shelter at the Charles Street facility is \$820,000 to \$850,000 annually. Annual revenue is forecast to be \$144,000 annually. General Fund impact will be \$670,000 to \$700,000. This fiscal impact does not consider partnerships with neighboring cities or Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve and provide staff alternate direction.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [DRAFT In-House Animal Control Budget.xlsx](#)
2. [Resolution 2025-20, Animal Shelter Charles.docx](#)