Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 26, 2025	**Staff Contact:**	Eric Shumar, Director of Municipal and Community Services
Item Number:	2025-421-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4342

SUBJECT: Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services with Parker County.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The existing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Weatherford and Parker County for animal shelter services has been in place since 2000. Over the years, Parker County has consistently contributed 65–70% of the shelter's total annual animal intake. However, its financial contribution has remained under 50% of the shelter's operating budget.

The updated ILA will formally terminate and replace the outdated agreement, modernizing key elements including definitions, procedures, and financial obligations to align with current City standards. The current Animal Services budget is approximately $1.8 million annually.

Under the revised agreement, Parker County's annual fee will be based on its proportion of the shelter's total animal intake. Specifically:

- Parker County's share of the total budget (less shelter revenues and City ACO salaries) will be multiplied by its percentage of animal intake from the previous fiscal year.
- This formula ensures equity and brings Parker County's contribution in line with other municipalities contracting for similar services.

To ease the financial transition, the new ILA includes a three-year step-up period:

- FY 2026: Parker County will pay 80% of the calculated fee.
- FY 2027: Fee increases to 90%.
- FY 2028 and beyond: Full 100% of the calculated annual fee is due.

The ILA will automatically renew on an annual basis unless otherwise modified or terminated by either party under the agreement's terms.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

For the contract year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, Parker County shall compensate the City of Weatherford approximately $975,000. The exact amount is yet to be determined, as FY 2025 animal intake numbers need to be calculated at year end.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval for the City Manager to enter into the contract.

ATTACHMENTS

- 2025 ILA Animal Shelter Services with Parker County