



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 15, 2022

**DEPARTMENTS:** SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** ROBERTO FILICE, CHIEF OF POLICE

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**TITLE:** AGREEMENT WITH SPAY NEUTER IMPERATIVE PROJECT CALIFORNIA

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Spay Neuter Imperative Project (SNIP) California for services related to mobile spay/neuter clinics.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the execution of an Agreement with Spay Neuter Imperative Project (SNIP) California, with total costs not to exceed \$43,200, for services related to mobile spay/neuter clinics.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas wishes to support low-cost spay/neuter services for pets owned by residents as well as feral cats caught within the City. Availability of affordable spay/neuter services is a key factor in the efforts to reduce the number of unwanted animals that end up in the local animal shelter. In 2020 and 2021 the City of Salinas was the recipient of two bequests which must be dedicated toward Animal Services. The Police Department has already used these funds to support eight mobile spay/neuter clinics between July and December 2021, and now wishes to dedicate an additional \$43,200 to fund another 12 mobile spay/neuter clinics through June 30, 2022.

### BACKGROUND:

Availability of spay/neuter services is a key factor in the efforts to reduce the number of unwanted animals that end up in the shelter and for both cats and dogs, spaying and neutering helps prevent unwanted and unplanned litters of kittens and puppies that may contribute to the problem. Pet owners want to be responsible and not contribute to pet overpopulation, but many of our City residents do not have the ability to pay for spay or neuter services for their animals.

The Spay Neuter Imperative Project (SNIP) California provides free and low-cost mobile spay and neuter services via the SNIP Bus. For a sponsorship fee of \$3,600, the SNIP Bus will provide spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccine for approximately 30 owned (domestic) pets, or will provide spay/neuter surgery, ear tip, rabies vaccination and FVRCP vaccination to approximately 40 feral cats. When a clinic is sponsored, there is no charge to the residents receiving these services. The SNIP Bus will also provide additional vaccinations and other services (microchips, medical treatments, etc.) as per the Contractor fee schedule. The City wants to sponsor clinics to be held within the City of Salinas and exclusively for animals residing within the City limits.

In December 2020 the City of Salinas received a bequest from the estate of Jacquie K. Johnson, and in July 2021 the City received a bequest from the estate of Lorraine I. Brenneman. Both bequests require these funds to be dedicated toward Animal Services. The City utilized \$28,000 of these funds to support eight mobile clinics between July and December 2021. During these eight clinics a total of 271 animals were spayed or neutered - 151 owned/domestic pets and 120 feral cats. The Police Department now wishes to dedicate an additional \$43,200 to fund 12 clinics to be held between February 15 and June 30, 2022.

If approved, the first clinics will held on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and will provide services to both owned (domestic) animals and feral cats within the City. Future clinics will be scheduled based upon availability of SNIP Bus veterinary and volunteer staff, with sufficient notice to allow the adequate communication to residents. Funding for services beyond June 30<sup>th</sup> will be addressed as part of the FY 2022-23 budget process.

#### POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Police Department plans to share information regarding this Agreement and our partnership with SNIP during the Police Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) Meeting in February 2022. During that meeting, committee members will have an opportunity to learn more about this Agreement and services available through this partnership with SNIP.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Efficiencies.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department has coordinated with the Administration and Finance Departments on the funding for these mobile spay/neuter services. The department will coordinate with the Monterey County Health Department during the implementation process.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No additional funds are requested to support this Agreement. These services will be funded from bequests received during 2020 and 2021 and currently held in trust account 2508.40.4170.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Agreement - SNIP