

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed changes to the New Hope Program's policies and fees.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ORDINANCE to change City codes to increase the adoption fee paid by New Hope partners from \$40 to \$50.
2. AMEND code changes so that animals over six years old or adopted from the red or blue lists are released at no cost to the New Hope partner.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Department of Animal Services (DAS). Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 15, 2013, your Committee considered a June 5, 2013 DAS report relative to proposed changes to the New Hope Program's policies and fees. According to the DAS, the New Hope Program is to expand opportunities for dogs, cats, and rabbits in the custody of the DAS to find permanent homes by partnering with qualified 501(c)(3) organizations. The last revision to the Program was in 2010 and the DAS is recommending changes to efficiently operate the program and further DAS goals. Currently, New Hope fees are \$40 for the spay/neuter deposit and \$5.50 per dog license tax. This amount does not cover the average cost of sterilizing dogs and cats which is \$68. The DAS must subsidize the additional cost to spay/neuter these animals.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the DAS report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now referred to Council for further consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

MEMBER **VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

FUENTES: YES

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