

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to enhancing the spay and neuter voucher program, adjustments to the voucher program to increase the amount of veterinarians who accept the vouchers and increasing the amount of vouchers issued, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hernandez – Soto-Martinez):

INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to report back within 90 days on:

- a. The current DAS spay/neuter voucher program, including amount of vouchers issued annually, the monetary value of the vouchers, the income threshold required to qualify for a voucher, and the number of veterinarians in the City who accept the vouchers compared to the overall number of veterinarians in the City.
- b. The average cost across veterinary clinics in the City for a full price spay/neuter.
- c. Suggested adjustments to the voucher program to increase the amount of veterinarians who accept the vouchers and to increase the amount of vouchers issued.
- d. Any additional veterinary services that could potentially be subsidized for adopters by vouchers, the cost of those services, and recommendations on how to move forward a voucher program for said services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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 May 17, 2023, your Committee considered Motion (Hernandez – Soto-Martinez) relative to enhancing the spay and neuter voucher program, adjustments to the voucher program to increase the amount of veterinarians who accept the vouchers and increasing the amount of vouchers issued, and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
HUTT:	YES

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