



Memorandum

TO: City of Bloomington Common Council
FROM: Virgil Sauder, Director of Animal Care and Control
Aleksandra Pratt, Assistant City Attorney
DATE: November 19, 2024
RE: 2025 Animal Interlocal Agreement

The City of Bloomington, Monroe County, and the Town of Ellettsville have agreed to renew the annual Animal Interlocal Agreement. This Agreement provides that the City of Bloomington will house, care for and euthanize animals from Monroe County and the Town of Ellettsville at the City's shelter, and provide related services such as adoptions, responding to inquiries from the public and receiving and recording fees as applicable. In exchange, Monroe County and the Town of Ellettsville agree to pay the City a percentage of the Animal Shelter Operations Program 2023 Expenditures for those services. The amount of revenue to be paid to the City under the Agreement for 2025 will be deposited into the General Fund and used to fund the operations of the City.

2025 Change in Amount of Animal Shelter Operations

There are four main programs that go into the Animal Care and Control Budget: Animal Shelter Operations, Animal Control Field Operations, Education Program and Volunteer Program. When the formula was first agreed upon the portion of the Animal Care and Control budget that was considered to be Animal Shelter Operations was 56% of the total. Over the years, the Animal Shelter Operations growth has outpaced the other programs, taking over a larger portion of the overall Animal Care and Control budget. The percentage used for the 2025 interlocal calculation was increased to 65%. Monroe County and the Town of Ellettsville have agreed to these changes.

Formula for Interlocal calculation

The formula to calculate the Agreement amount looks at the actual numbers for expenditures and animal intake from the previous full year. Animal Shelter Operations expenditures are reduced by Actual Adoption Revenue and then this is divided by the total number of animals to obtain a cost per animal. This cost per animal is then applied to the number of animals received from Monroe County and Town of Ellettsville sources to obtain the Interlocal costs.

Cost Per Animal Calculation

(65% of 2023 expenditures - 2023 Adoption Revenue)/number of animals in 2023

2023 Animal Care and Control Expenditures	\$1,771,891.35
Animal Shelter Operations (65% of total)	\$1,151,729.38
2023 Adoption Revenue	\$97,090
Animal Shelter Operations Expenses for Agreement	\$1,054,639.03
Cost per Animal: Operations expense divided by 3,370 (total intake for 2023)	\$312.95

2023 Breakdown of incoming Animals by Jurisdiction and Source

Jurisdiction	ACO p/u	Surrender	Stray	Total
City	572	421	489	1,482
Counties Other than Monroe	0	243	187	430
Monroe County	332	364	688	1,384
Ellettsville	7	29	38	74
Combined Ellettsville and Monroe County	339	393	726	1,458

* ACO p/u - these are animals picked up in the field by City and County Animal Control Officers

Surrender - These are owned animals surrendered to the the shelter

Stray - Roaming animals brought to the shelter by citizens

2025 Agreement Amounts (Cost per animals x number of animals)

Jurisdiction	Total number of animals	Interlocal Cost
Monroe County	1384	\$433,122.80
Ellettsville	74	\$23,158.30
Combined Ellettsville and Monroe County	1,458	\$456,281.10

The Agreement will have a minor fiscal impact on the City in that it entails the receipt of \$456,281.10 from Monroe County and the Town of Ellettsville.