

Sponsor: Mayor Betterton

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA, that the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Florence and Lauderdale County regarding animal control services in the County is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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MAYOR

ADOPTED & APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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CITY CLERK - TREASURER

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **BETWEEN LAUDERDALE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE**

Lauderdale County ("County") has requested that the City of Florence ("City") provide animal control services in Lauderdale County pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. The County will appropriate \$100,000.00 to the City annually to contribute to the cost of operating the animal shelter, and will pay the City \$150,000.00 annually to provide animal control services in Lauderdale County as set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding for a period of five (5) years beginning October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2029. The city agrees to provide two animal control officers for the purpose of providing animal control services throughout Lauderdale County.
2. From 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., seven (7) days per week, the City will respond to all animal control/service calls throughout Lauderdale County. The city will respond to calls regarding (a) dogs and cats running at large, (b) dogs and cats injured in public rights of way, and (c) calls from the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to assist in handling and controlling dogs and cats. Calls involving large or exotic animals shall be referred to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and/or the County.
3. From 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., seven (7) days per week, the City will respond to animal control/service calls throughout Lauderdale County regarding (a) dogs and cats running at large (b) dogs and cats injured in public rights of way and (c) calls from the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to assist in handling and controlling dogs and cats. Calls involving large or exotic animals shall be referred to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and/or the County.
4. The animal control officers will not issue any citations outside of the city limits. The animal control officers will cooperate with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Deputy in investigations related to any animal control issues.
5. The animal control officers will not go on private property in the performance of their duties under this MOU unless they have the property owner's permission or unless the Sheriff's Department is present and has the legal authority to enter onto such property.
6. During the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the City and the County will explore the possibility of lowering the cost of animal control and shelter services in the City and County by building a surgery center at the animal shelter and hiring a veterinarian to work at the Shelter. The County hereby agrees to pay for the construction and equipping of the future surgery center at the animal shelter if it is built. The County will also consider contributing funds for other capital improvements in the future that could lead to further savings in the cost of animals control and shelter services.
7. At the end of each one-year period during the term of this MOU, the City and County will review the terms herein and determine whether any revisions to the MOU are necessary. Either party to this MOU may cancel the MOU for any reason upon 90 days written notice to the other party.

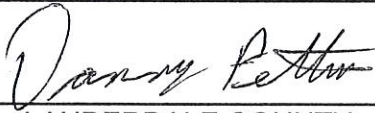
This the 28th day of October, 2024.

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Mayor, CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

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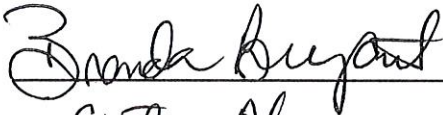
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Its: \_\_\_\_\_



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Chairman, LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Attest:



Its: County Admin