



**Mount Pleasant Police Department**

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 July 25, 2016

Current Animal Service Contract(s) Review and Recommendation

Mount Pleasant Animal Services 2015-2016 annual budget is \$207,252.00. The 2015-2016 budget represents the salary for 3 full time employees, operating expenses, and expenses used for the care of shelter animals. To supplement operating expenses the shelter routinely accepts donations from the community and foundations to pay for food, animal medical expenses, and vaccines.

Shelter employees and volunteers have worked hard to bring down the number of animals euthanized over the past 4 years. Record keeping provides for an accurate accounting of animals brought into the shelter. Animals are not allowed to be dropped off without being evaluated as to where they came from, health, and where the person delivering the animal lives.

Below are the 2015 numbers and percentages that mirror 2014 averages and number of animals accepted.

<b>Animals Delivered to Shelter</b>	<b>2015 Total YTD Impounds</b>	<b>% of all Impounds for all 2015 Year</b>
Animal Control MP	889	36%
Mount Pleasant Public	613	25%
Titus County Public	607	24%
Pittsburg Animal Control	392	15%
<b>Total Delivery Activity</b>	<b>2501</b>	<b>100%</b>

The accounting of animals for the past two years identifies that the City of Mount Pleasant brings in approximately 61% of all animals to the shelter. Titus County residents bring in approximately 24% of animals to the shelter. The 2016 numbers to date identify that Titus County is trending at 22% for the year with animal intake from county residents.



# CITY OF MT. PLEASANT ANIMAL CONTROL CALENDAR MONTHLY REPORT 2015

## December 2015

AC Officer Activity	2015 This Month	Prior Month 2013	Month to Month % Change	2015 Total YTD	2014 This Month	2014 Total YTD	# YTD + or -	2015 % Change YTD From 2014
Calls for Service	60	59	2%	774	56	973	-199	-20%
Animal Bite Reports	0	4	-100%	20	2	45	-25	-56%
Warnings Issued	1	0	100%	23	1	12	11	92%
Citations Issued	2	1	100%	54	3	18	36	200%
Complaints filed with Court	1	16	-94%	37	0	12	25	208%
Animals Delivered to Shelter	2015 This Month	Prior Month	2015 Total YTD Impounds	% of all Impounds for all 2015 Year	2014 This Month	2014 Total YTD	# YTD + or -	2015 % Change YTD From 2014
Animal Control	76	77	889	36%	109	561	328	58%
Mount Pleasant Public	40	33	613	25%	71	516	97	19%
Titus County Public	37	32	607	24%	11	1067	-460	-43%
Pittsburg Public	30	22	392	16%	23	345	47	14%
Total Delivery Activity	214	164	2501	100%	214	2488	13	1%
Animal Disposition From Shelter	2015 This Month	Prior Month 2013	Month to Month % Change	2015 Total YTD	2014 This Month	2014 Total YTD	# YTD + or -	2015 % Change YTD From 2014
Animals Reclaimed by Owner	8	9	-11%	206	27	145	61	42%
Animals Adopted	54	58	-7%	576	63	511	65	13%
Animals given to Rescue Org's	66	41	61%	520	39	365	155	42%
Animals Euthanized	65	42	55%	1123	96	1645	-522	-32%
Animal Died Natural Causes	1	0	100%	24	2	17	7	41%
Total Animals Released	194	150	29%	2451	227	2683	-232	-9%
Animals Chipped	55	53	57	623	44	523	100	19%
Adoption without Fee	3	21	N/A	67	5	23	44	191%
Adoption Fees Received	\$2,762	\$2,165	N/A	\$29,591	\$3,570	\$32,256	-\$2,665	-8%



The numbers from animals that are found by the public are slightly deceiving. Both the city and county face an issue with animals being abandoned. Animals roam and people who abandon animals will usually place the cat or dog in an area they believe the animal will be taken in. Animal abandonment is a criminal offense but determining where the found animals come from in the city or county is virtually impossible.

Titus County initiated an agreement for Animal Shelter Services on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1997. This contract is now 19 years old and provided for a monthly payment of \$700.00 with a CPI increase. Currently, the monthly check provided by Titus County is \$1,021.00 due to the CPI increases.

MP Animal Services	Total Facility Budget \$207,252 or broken down below by Animal Intake should be	Monthly Expense Evaluated by total Animal Intake should be	Current Monthly Payment by Contract	Current Yearly Payment by Contract
Titus County at 20%	\$45,595	\$3,799	\$1,021	\$12,252

There is a huge disparity in expenditures for the shelter services provided to Titus County. This disparity is based on the number of animals delivered to the shelter by county residents. These are both surrendered or found pets.

Mount Pleasant Animal Services has a budget of \$207,252 to run shelter operations. We also use donations to cover expenses to help save as many animals as possible. In 2015 the shelter accepted 2,501 animals. This averages to \$82.86 cost per animal based on expenditures. The city is absorbing much of the cost taking in abandoned animals from the county.

In review of our current operating expenditures and agreements with Titus County I am recommending the following rate increases to address disparities of cost based on the collection, care, adoption and disposal of animals.

- Titus County currently pays \$12,252 per year on the contract. The current expense per animal the county is paying is \$20.18 ( $\$12,252 / 607 \text{ animals} = \$20.18$ ) based on animals received and monies paid by the county.

Titus County is not being asked to fund shelter operations but to pay their share for animal care and adoptions. In review of expenses for housing, animal care, food, medical needs, adoptions and disposal, I am recommending a contract fee increase.

The proposed 2016 yearly contract fee is derived from evaluating animal intake for the past two and one-half years.

- Titus County proposed yearly contract fee is \$40,000 with a yearly CPI increase based on animals received from county residents at 20% of intake less \$1,450. ( $2105 \text{ budget } \$207,252 \times .20\% \text{ intake} = \$41,450 - \$1,450 = \$40,000$ )

- As noted the amount of intake has been at 24% but is currently trending at 22%.
- 24% of animal intake and care would cost the county \$49,740
- 22% of animal intake and care would cost the county \$45,595

The contract fee would stay in effect even if the amount of animals decreased or increased. Titus County is still receiving a huge benefit in cost savings even with this rate increase by not having to fund a full time shelter for the county. In addition, the county has had years of cost saving by paying a low rate compared to actual animal intake.

Respectfully,

Wayne Isbell, Chief of Police

**AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL  
AND PROTECTION SERVICES**

This Agreement made and entered into this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997, between the City of Mount Pleasant (hereinafter called "The City") and Titus County (hereinafter called "The County"), an Agreement concerning Animal Control and Protection Services, each acting herein by and through its duly authorized officials.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Pleasant operates a department known as Animal Control and Protection, operates and maintains a shelter for dogs and cats, and has personnel certified by the State of Texas as an Animal Control Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to provide animal protection services for residents outside the city limits of Mount Pleasant, this agreement is herein acknowledged and approved.

**AGREEMENT**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of services provided, it is agreed as follows:

**I. General**

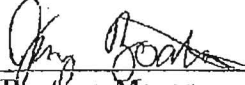
- 1) The City will only accept dogs and cats from county residents. (Dogs and cats shall hereinafter be called animals.)
- 2) The City will not respond outside the incorporated City Limits of Mount Pleasant. Animals must be brought to the shelter at 1500 N. Mulberry by a county resident or county official.
- 3) Dangerous animals that have bitten an individual will not be accepted by the City.
- 4) No animal for quarantine purposes will be accepted by the City.
- 5) County residents that deliver animals to the shelter and have no knowledge of the ownership of same, will be required to sign a statement to the fact that the owner of the animal is not known, the individual has no knowledge of the owner of the animal, the animal has not bitten any individual, and that the animal is not suspected of having rabies.
- 6) County residents will be allowed to relinquish ownership of an animal, upon payment of current and appropriate fees of \$15 for each adult animal or \$15 for each litter under the age of six (6) months.



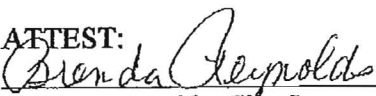
- 7) County grants permission to the City to euthanize animals seventy-two (72) hours after delivery to shelter, except when the animal is mortally injured or diseased, whereby animal will be euthanized upon receipt. An owner of an impounded animal who wishes to redeem said animal, shall comply with all state and local ordinances, laws, rules and regulations. Prior to redemption of animal by owner, owner must provide proof of current rabies vaccination and pay all applicable fees, which shall include current charges for rabies vaccination (if needed) and payment of impoundment fees (\$15.00 first day and \$5.00 each subsequent day).
- 8) Upon receipt of animal by City, all state and local ordinances, laws, rules and regulations shall apply to the sheltering, adoption, redemption or euthanization of animal.
- 9) The City will accept animals only to the extent that holding pens are available.
- 10) The County will pay the City \$700.00 monthly for this service. This fee shall pay for the county's portion of shelter operations. The City shall maintain full responsibility for said shelter and employees within the department.
- 11) The shelter will be opened 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (excluding city holidays, approved sick leave or vacation time). The City reserves the right to adjust hours in accordance with appropriate facilitation of animal control and protection operations.
- 12) At such time present facilities are deemed to be inadequate, written notification shall be given the county judge and both parties shall seek appropriate alternatives to alleviate inadequacies.
- 13) The city reserves the right to increase the monthly payment from the county (as stated in item 10) equivalent to the percentage increase that occurs during the previous calendar year in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the State of Texas.
- 14) The County agrees to purchase one multi-cage unit to house small animals at an approximate cost of \$500.00. This unit will be purchased after execution of contract.
- 15) This agreement shall remain in effect until one entity chooses to terminate same with sixty (60) days written notice to the other.

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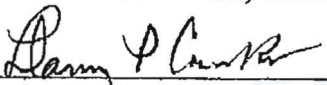
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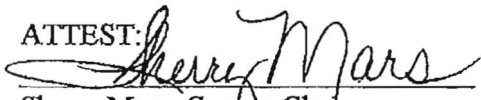
  
Jerry Boatner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Reynolds, City Secretary

COUNTY OF TITUS, TEXAS

BY:   
Danny Pat Crooks, County Judge

ATTEST:   
Sherry Mars, County Clerk