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## **Oshkosh Area Humane Society and the City of Oshkosh Reach a New Service Agreement**

**OSHKOSH, Wis., December 4, 2025** – The Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) and the City of Oshkosh are pleased to announce a new agreement that continues our long-standing partnership in providing high-quality animal services. The agreement reflects the shared commitment of both organizations to provide of high-quality care and services for stray domesticated animals found in the City of Oshkosh.

Ieva Engel, Executive Director of the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, added, "We are pleased to have reached an agreement with the City of Oshkosh and look forward to continuing our strong partnership. The Oshkosh Area Humane Society will continue delivering the exceptional, high-quality care and service that the animals—and the community we serve—deserve."

The Common Council will consider it at its next meeting on December 9, 2025. This outcome follows productive, collaborative discussions between the City and OAHS, reaffirming the mutual recognition of the essential services provided by the Humane Society and our joint dedication to sustaining them for future years.

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith said, "We appreciate the great relationship we have with the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. I'm excited that this agreement has been reached, and the City is poised to continuing to work with the Humane Society for years to come."

The agreement focuses on the city-specific needs providing shelter, care, and adoption services for stray domesticated animals found within the City of Oshkosh. The agreement spans from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, guaranteeing a structured and consistent service period. A fee of \$50,000 will be paid to provide services to the first 500 animals serviced in the calendar year as outlined in the agreement. Additionally, the agreement provides funding for subsequent animals over the initial 500 as outlined in the fee structure which is consistent with the approved budget amount.

The agreement reinforces the City's commitment to animal welfare and community service by continuing a collaborative services approach designed to continue providing reliable compassionate support for the animals in Oshkosh.

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