

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Claire Powell, City Manager

**FROM:** Chris McGinn, Director of Neighborhood and Inspection Services

**DATE:** November 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control Services Between the City of Allen, City of Arlington, City of Grand Prairie, City of Grapevine, City of Irving, City of Mesquite, City of Plano, City of Richardson and the City of Lewisville; and Authorization for the City Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute the Agreement.**

### BACKGROUND

In 2018, several municipal Animal Services departments entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) to create a mutual aid network. The primary purpose of this ILA is to enhance community safety and well-being by establishing a protocol for participating cities to assist one another with animal control services in the event of a large-scale emergency or disaster. Under the agreement, a city experiencing a crisis can request aid and other members will provide essential services like temporary housing, food, and care for animals in need. There is no cost to participate in the ILA; cities are only billed for services requested and rendered, with reimbursement provided.

### ANALYSIS

The City of Lewisville submitted a request to the ILA's Coordinating Committee on September 10, 2025, to join the agreement. Our request was reviewed for alignment with the ILA's mission and our city's capacity to both provide and receive aid. Following a thorough review, the committee voted to approve the request on September 15, 2025. This majority vote signifies the committee's confidence in the city's ability to be a reliable and valuable partner in this mutual aid network. The inclusion in the ILA strengthens Lewisville's commitment to emergency preparedness and provides a clear and established framework for protecting the community's animals during a crisis.

### CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement as set forth in the caption above.