



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator

**From:** Robert Baty, Chief of Police

**Date:** 3/29/2022

**Subject:** Increase to Fund 113 - Pet Adoption Fund

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### **Background**

Part of the Sitka Animal Shelters mission is to help control the pet population by spaying and neutering all animal that are surrendered and/or abandoned to the Shelter and to do that we must pay the vets. The price of vet care has gone up significantly over the past couple of years.

### **Analysis**

Every year the shelter gets an influx of kittens in the spring, all requiring fixing and vaccinating and last winter (2021) a large number of kittens were born “off season”, therefore depleting the funds. On top of the extra kittens this winter, the Shelter has had an unprecedented number of dogs surrendered in the past eight months, all requiring veterinary care. We are requesting a supplemental appropriation of donated funds to Fund 113 – Pet Adoption Fund in anticipation for the 2022 kitten season we are now entering to pay for spays, neuters and vaccinations. These funds will also cover the cost of healthcare all the dogs being turned in, as well as any animal hoarding situations we might come upon.

### **Fiscal Note**

The supplemental appropriation will increase budgeted expense by \$10,000 in the Pet Adoption Fund. This fiscal year the fund has generated about \$11,000 and has spent nearly \$15,000.

### **Recommendation**

Pass ordinance 2022-08 to increase the Pet Adoption Fund to cover the healthcare costs associated with the surrendering and abandoning of animals.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022
(Pet Adoption Fund)

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska as follows:

1. CLASSIFICATION. This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and is not intended to be a part of the Sitka General Code of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to make a supplemental Operations appropriation for FY2022.

4. ENACTMENT. In accordance with Section 11.10 (a) of the Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, the Assembly hereby makes the following supplemental appropriation for the budget period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Table with 4 rows: FISCAL YEAR 2022 EXPENDITURE BUDGETS, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, Fund 113 -Pet Adoption Fund – Operations: Increase appropriations in Contracted/Purchased Services in the amount of \$10,000 for veterinary care.

EXPLANATION

Due to the influx of kittens in the Spring, all requiring fixing and vaccinating, the veterinary care cost will deplete what was budgeted in FY22. This will increase the appropriation in the Pet Adoption Fund to accommodate such cost.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 26th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading: 4/12/2022
2nd and final reading: 4/26/2022

Sponsor: Administrator