

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	18-05		
Date action introduced:	01/09/2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
Date action taken:	01/09/2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	<i>KM</i>		

Action Title: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bethel Friends of Canines for Use of the Dog Pound Facility.

Attachment(s): Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Originator: Peter A. Williams, City Manager & Burke Waldron, Police Chief

Certification of Funds

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation	\$
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This legislation (v):

Creates revenue in the amount of:	\$
Creates expenditures in the amount of:	\$
Creates a savings in the amount of:	\$ 6,133.40/annually (salary)
Has no fiscal impact	\$

Funds are (v):

<input type="checkbox"/> Budgeted	Line Item:
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Budgeted	

Signature of Finance Director: _____

Summary Statement:

With the announced retirement of Joan Dewey as President and tireless leader of the Bethel Friends of Canines, the organization finds itself in a legal situation of not having a secure kennel facility for the animals that it rescues.

Until a more permanent solution can be worked out, Bethel Friends of Canines has requested to use the City's Dog Pound Facilities to house rescue animals. In exchange, Bethel Friends of Canines has agreed to be responsible for the feeding, watering and waste control of all animals housed at the Pound.

The City would not lose its responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Facility, nor would it lose its responsibility for enforcement of the Bethel Municipal Code in regards to Loose Dogs. However, the task of caring for the animals at the Pound would shift from City personnel to volunteers of Bethel Friends of Canines. This would free up approximately 1-2 hours of manpower per day at the Police Department.