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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager 

DATE: December 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A letter from Pitt County Manager Scott Elliott regarding changes to Pitt County Animal Services

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Attachments

cc: Dave Holec, City Attorney
Carol Barwick, City Clerk

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Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager
City of Greenville
P.O. Box 7207
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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Re: Pitt County Animal Services

Dear Ms. ~~Lipscomb~~ *Barbara*:

As you may or may not be aware, the Pitt County Animal Shelter has a history of providing municipality-requested euthanasia for those animals the municipality has not been able to adopt out and for which the Shelter does not have space. This is obviously not a best practice and is the most unfortunate outcome for those animals which would otherwise be deemed adoptable. This is not only unfortunate for the animals, but is also extremely strenuous for those Shelter staff who are responsible for providing that service. Staff are being asked to put down animals on the spot without adequate time and ability to determine their condition and/or adoptability. One of the goals of the Animal Services Department is to reduce the number of euthanasia outcomes.

At its November meeting, the Pitt County Animal Services Advisory Board, which is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to provide advisory support for Pitt County Animal Services operations, voted to implement a change in the euthanasia protocols implemented within the department. Currently, when space is not available and the municipality brings animals to the Shelter, upon request of the municipality, Pitt County Animal Services has provided euthanasia.

Effective January 1, 2016, Pitt County Animal Services will no longer provide "walk up" euthanasia services on behalf of your municipality. The municipality will be required to call to determine the availability of space prior to bringing animals and arrange for a mutually agreed upon drop off of the animals. If space is not available, it will be the municipality's responsibility to arrange for the proper handling of the animal(s). As a reminder, Pitt County Animal Services works in conjunction with several agencies, inside and outside of the County, to facilitate adoptions. The County's partner agencies include the Humane Society, Pitt Friends, and others. We would be happy to work with your municipality to establish a similar working relationship with these partner agencies.



Again, this change will go into effect January 1, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this change in protocol, please feel free to contact me directly at (252) 902-3000.

Thank you,



Duane T. Holder
Deputy County Manager/CFO

cc: D. Scott Elliott, County Manager
Michele Whaley, Animal Services Director