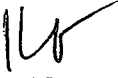



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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kayla Olsen, Director 
 Office of Management and Budget
SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Broward County Animal Care and Regulation Ordinance to Extend the S.P.O.T. Program

Summary

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 4 relating to animal care and regulation. The proposed change is to amend Section 4-30 relating to the Animal Care Trust Fund account and the Stop Pet Overpopulation Together ("S.P.O.T.") program to extend the repeal date of the S.P.O.T. program through September 20, 2015 to assist low-income Broward County residents in obtaining affordable sterilization for their dogs and cats.

Fiscal Impact

The S.P.O.T. program was adopted by the Board on September 9, 2003 and was scheduled to sunset after five years on September 30, 2008. The purpose of the program is to provide affordable sterilization to low-income residents. This has been accomplished by increasing cat and dog license fees by \$2.00, which is deposited into the Animal Care Trust Fund Account. Funds deposited in the Animal Care Trust Fund Account can only be expended for the purpose of pet sterilization (i.e. spay/neuter programs). At the September 9, 2008 (Item 28) Commission meeting, the Board authorized the extension of the S.P.O.T. Program to March 31, 2009, to allow staff time to finalize recommendations for a continued spay/neuter program.

By extending the S.P.O.T. program through September 30, 2015, the \$2.00 generated from each license tag sold will continue to be deposited into the Animal Care Trust Fund to provide for affordable sterilization. No fiscal impact is anticipated. The projected revenues of \$250,000 associated with the continuance of the program are already included in the FY2009 budget.

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