

## ORDINANCE NO. 2130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FY 11 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PAY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF WICOMICO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury in previous years has paid the Humane Society \$67,311 to provide shelter for animals brought in from City residents and the City Animal Control Officers, and;

WHEREAS, in the FY 2011 General Fund budget, the City only provided \$48,475 for these services, and;

WHEREAS, a January 1, 1970 the City entered into an agreement with the Humane Society, such that they City would pay 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the operating expenditures related to the services they provide, and;

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient funds in the Police Department budget to increase the amount to the agreed upon \$67,311, and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient balance in the General Fund contingency to allow for this transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that the City's Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund budget be and is hereby, amended as follows:

- 1) Decrease the Debt Service & Other Uses by \$18,836
- 2) Increase the Police Department by \$18,836

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, was finally passed by the Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010.

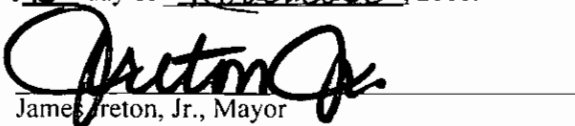
ATTEST:

  
Brenda J. Colegrove, City Clerk

  
Louise Smith, President  
Salisbury City Council

Approved by me this

23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2010.

  
James Preton, Jr., Mayor

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## Office of the Mayor

**To:** City Council  
**From:** John R. Pick   
**Subject:** Budget Amendment for the Humane Society Payment  
**Date:** November 2, 2010

At your September 20, 2010 work session, Council postponed action on a requested budget amendment to increase the amount budgeted for the City's contribution to the Humane Society. Since that work session, the City Attorney, the Acting Police Chief and I met with the Board of Directors of the Humane Society and the City Attorney has been in touch with the County Attorney to obtain further information.

Based on our discussion with the Board and the information obtained from the County Attorney, we concluded that it would take considerable time to negotiate a new agreement with the Humane Society and the County. We would also need a more complete discussion with the Mayor and Council about the direction we wish to take before entering into negotiations. As a result, we request that the Council again consider the attached budget amendment, which is based on the negotiations that the Mayor had with the Board of the Humane Society. This budget amendment increases the Police Department budget by \$18,836, which is the difference between the amount in the Police Department budget to be paid to the Humane Society (\$48,475) and the amount that the Humane Society has received annually from the City for the past three years (\$67,311). This budget amendment would allow us to continue our current arrangement with the Humane Society while we explore other options or other arrangements.

According to Ed Baker, the County is not negotiating a new agreement with the Humane Society. They have reduced their funding to the Humane Society and he anticipates that they will reduce their funding again next year. These reductions have resulted in a reduction in the number of Animal Control Officers that are employed by the Humane Society and subsequently there has been a reduction in the amount of animal control service being provided in the County outside of the City limits. As you are aware, the City hires its own Animal Control Officers and provides animal control services within City limits. The County's contributions still cover 3/5ths of the Humane Society's operating budget.

The City of Fruitland has adopted its own animal control ordinance and will be assuming animal control services within its city limits. They will continue to utilize the services of the Humane Society for sheltering animals. The payment arrangements for these services have not yet been worked out.

The Town of Delmar has had a part-time Animal Control Officer for a number of years and they have also

utilized the Humane Society shelter; however, they make no payments to the Humane Society for these services.

According to the Shelter Director, the shelter received approximately 20% of its animals from the City.

cc: Mayor Ireton  
Lore' Chambers  
Ivan Barkley  
Pam Oland  
Paul Wilber  
Brenda Colegrove