

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-167**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION  
OF CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS TO THE SOUTH  
JERSEY ANIMAL SHELTER WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATIONS OF A SHELTERING  
AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15 requires each municipality to have an animal shelter for unwanted, stray or injured animals within the confines of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, South Jersey Animal Shelter (SJAS) is the only shelter in Cumberland County and other shelters outside of Cumberland County will not accept animals from outside of their service areas, which leaves no ability for the City to have any competitive choice however in the matter of South Jersey Animal Shelter v. City of Vineland, the Court ordered the SJAS and City of Vineland negotiate in good faith for sheltering services on a yearly basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received a proposed agreement for year 2024, however certain terms therein are not acceptable to the City and the City has requested the SJAS negotiate in accordance with the Court Order and therefore, the draft agreement sent by SJAS has not been authorized to be signed pending the final negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, during the negotiation process, it is fair and reasonable for the City to pay for services being provided at the new rate subject to final negotiations as such services have been and continue to be provided in accordance with statutory requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Vineland that the CFO is authorized to continue payments to the South Jersey Animal Shelter without prejudice pending final approval of a sheltering agreement.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk