

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 153

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF
PAYMENTS TO THE SOUTH JERSEY ANIMAL SHELTER
WITHOUT PREJUDICE PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATION
OF A SHELTERING AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 2025

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 just received a proposed agreement for year 2025, which continues the rate for basic shelter services at the same rate as the proposed 2024 proposed Agreement; and

WHEREAS, until an Agreement with SJAS for 2025 is negotiated, it is fair and reasonable for the City to pay for basic shelter services being provided at the rate for basic shelter services set forth in the 2025 Agreement until 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 at the 2025 rate for basic shelter services without prejudice pending final approval of a sheltering agreement.

Adopted: March 25, 2025

President of Council pfs

ATTEST:

City Clerk rgf