



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 8/26/2025

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Item Creation Date: 8/12/2025

Doc1238112480 - Veterinary Services for HPD - ORDINANCE (Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI)

Agenda Item#: 1.

### **Background:**

**P36-Doc1238112480 - Request for Proposals received September 23, 2024 - Approve an ordinance awarding a contract to Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI in the maximum contract amount of \$530,341.96 for veterinary services for the Houston Police Department.**

### **Specific Explanation:**

The Chief of the Houston Police Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a **three-year contract with two one-year options**, to **Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI** in the maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$530,341.96** for veterinary services for the Houston Police Department.

The scope of services requires the contractor to provide veterinary services to the canines assigned to the HPD. Services include, but are not limited to, annual examinations, therapy, deworming, and X-rays as required to maintain the canines' health. The contractor shall be on call 24 hours a day, seven days per week, including weekends and holidays, to respond to incidents as needed.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the state of Texas bid laws, and as a result, one proposal was received from Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI. The evaluation committee consisted of employees from the Houston Police Department.

The proposals were evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. Responsiveness
2. Responsible
3. Financial Stability
4. Technical Competence
5. Price Proposal

Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI received a high score and was deemed the best-qualified veterinarian to meet the requirements outlined in the RFP.

### **M/WBE Participation:**

M/WBE Zero-Percentage Goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

### **Pay or Play Program:**

The contract requires compliance with the City's Pay or Play program regarding health benefits for employees of City contractors. In this case, the contractor provides health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with City policy.

### **Hire Houston First:**

This award requires compliance with the City's Hire Houston First (HHF) ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston businesses and supports job creation. In this case, Hometown Veterinary Hospital, PLLC dba VERGI is a designated HHF company, but they were the successful awardee without application of the HHF preference.

### **Fiscal Note:**

Funding for this item is included in the FY2026 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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8/13/2025

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**Jedediah Greenfield**

**Chief Procurement Officer**

**Finance/Strategic Procurement Division**

<b>Estimated Spending Authority</b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>Out Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Houston Police Department	\$80,341.96	\$450,000.00	<b>\$530,341.96</b>

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$530,341.96 – General Fund (1000)

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Ownership Form	Backup Material
Tax Report	Backup Material
Certification of Funds	Backup Material
Conflict of Interest Form	Backup Material
OA 4600015778	Backup Material
Partially Executed Contract	Backup Material
HHF Certification	Backup Material