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DATE: November 18, 2024

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Violi Veterinary Care, PLLC d/b/a Stamen Animal Hospital to provide rabies specimen preparation as requested by the County, for the period from January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2026 for the total amount not to exceed \$20,000, payable at the stated rates in the attached Schedule "A"

The County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Violi Veterinary Care, PLLC d/b/a Stamen Animal Hospital ("Contractor"), to provide rabies specimen preparation as requested by the County, for the period from January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2026 for the total amount not to exceed \$20,000, payable at the stated rates in the attached Schedule "A" (the "Agreement").

The Agreement will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the County and its residents by testing pets and other animals for the presence of rabies that will protect residents from potentially contracting rabies. This is in accordance with Sections 2140 through 2145 of the New York State Public Health Law.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to confirm the presence of rabies in pets and other animals ("specimens") for the presence of rabies, and where indicated and necessary, by providing preventive treatment (vaccinations) to County residents who were or may have been exposed to suspect rabid specimens. All potential rabies incidents are investigated to determine if there is a need for treatment to prevent the onset of rabies upon exposure to a suspect specimen.

The Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the WCDH Animal Rabies Vector Unit by recording the number of confirmed rabid specimens through monthly reports and from specimen reports from the Contractor. On an annual basis, approximately 300 to 400 specimens are tested for the presence of rabies.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)viii – medical and health related services.

Your approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Violi Veterinary Care, PLLC d/b/a Stamen Animal Hospital ("Contractor"), to provide rabies specimen preparation as requested by the County, for the period from January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2026 for the total amount not to exceed \$20,000, payable at the stated rates in the attached Schedule "A" (the "Agreement");

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County Appropriations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Budget Year	Dollars
101	27	0010-8120	4443	2025-26	20,000

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)

2025-2026 Start Date 01/01/2025 End Date 12/31/2026

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid 100% _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____

\$20,000

(must match resolution)

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SCHEDULE "A"

Specifications and Fee

RABIES SPECIMEN PREPARATION FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Services to be provided regardless of size/weight of animal, will include the following as necessary:

- A. Euthanasia
- B. Decapitation
- C. Carcass Disposal **
- D. Brain extraction (necropsy) would be performed as needed and is included in the following reimbursement fees.

The foregoing to be reimbursed in total in the amount of \$120.00/specimen for 2025.

The foregoing to be reimbursed in total in the amount of \$140.00/specimen for 2026.

** An additional fee (not to exceed \$100) may be charged to the County for the red bag waste disposal of a known rabid carcass.

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