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MADACC Member Agreement
Executive Summary

The MADACC Board of Directors, at its October 13 meeting, approved changes to the MADACC Member Agreement. The revised Agreement has to be unanimously approved by all participating municipalities in order to replace the current agreement.

Most of the revisions to the agreement are technical in nature. There are also some substantive changes. All of the changes are listed below:

Technical Changes:

- Update the statutory reference to 66.0301. The statutes have been revised since the original agreement so statutory references need to be updated.
- Simplify the language governing election of the Officers of the Board.
- Eliminate language involving the “Chair” and “Vice Chair” of the Operations Committee. The Committee operates with a President and Vice-President; the language is changed to reflect this reality.
- Eliminate duplicative language dealing with the definition of capital improvements.
- Eliminate outdated language referring to a “fiscal agent”. MADACC staff perform this function.
- Eliminate outdated language referring to the conditions of withdrawing from the agreement.
- Include language to formally allow sharing of license revenue between MADACC and the members. Sharing of license revenue was implemented in 2008; this updates the agreement to reflect this reality.

Substantive Changes

- Require the full Board of Directors to meet at least twice each year. The current agreement requires only one meeting. Historically, there have been at least two meetings each year.
- The full Board has to approve capital improvement expenses that cost \$10,000 or more. The current agreement requires Board approval for capital improvement expenses that cost \$5,000 or more. This gives the Operations Committee and MADACC staff more flexibility in purchases.
- Requires capital expenditures in excess of \$500,000 for debt service for capital costs to require two-thirds approval by the Board of Directors. This approval is not currently required.
- Removes the spending limit on operating costs. The current limit is the lesser of (a) CPI, (b) GDP price index, or (c) ERP. The consensus among the Board of Directors was that rather than have the member agreement strictly limit the budget increase, it makes more sense to have the Board of Directors exercise direct control over the budget increase through their approval of the budget.
- Modify the scope of services to allow MADACC to provide limited adoption service and limited veterinary services. MADACC wants to improve adoption and veterinary treatment of animals in order to decrease the euthanasia rate.