



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

August 18, 2026

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SUBJECT: FY2027 Overview of Code Compliance Budget Reductions and Impacts

This budget response provides an overview of operational impacts related to Code Compliance budget reductions, including the PetSmart Alliance, Code Ranger, and Mobile Toolshed programs.

PetSmart Alliance (\$403K)

The PetSmart Alliance is operated by four full-time employees on both regular and overtime pay, with additional paid support from contract employees. As part of the 3% reduction requirements, Code Compliance included an option to disband the PetSmart Alliance location, including elimination of one Sr. Code Compliance Officer position and the contract labor and overtime. The remaining positions would be moved back to operations at the City animal shelter. While this is real savings, there is some offsetting loss in funding that the City receives in grants or other adoption-driven funding.

Operational impacts include finding placement for more than 1,000 animals annually, absorbing 11,680 additional "animal days," and extending average length of stay from 5 days to 14–17 days. Key performance areas such as live release rate, foster participation, volunteer engagement (especially youth), and overall adoption totals would decline, and Far North Fort Worth residents would lose nearby access to an EAC with extended hours, causing reduced visibility and community reach. Strategically, closing Alliance would diminish a long-standing and highly visible partnership with PetSmart Charities.

Adoptions:

Year	Alliance Adoptions	Total Adoptions by Animal Care/Control	Alliance Percent of All Adoptions
FY2022	1278	9648	13.25%
FY2023	1206	9427	12.79%
FY2024	1016	8983	11.31%
FY2025	1127	8488	13.28%
FY2026 (Year to Date)	895	7522	11.90%

Live Release Rate:

Year	Live Release Rate	Live Release Rate without Alliance Adoptions
FY2023	77.23%	71.93%
FY2024	79.77%	74.49%
FY2025	85.47%	79.33%
FY2026 (Year to Date)	88.54%	80.98%

Code Rangers (\$76K)

The program currently has 147 citizen volunteer accounts that are active; however, Code does not have a report that can show how many are actively participating. Code attempts to hold five classes a year but they are often cancelled due to low or no turnout. The typical recruit is usually active based on a specific personal Code issue, and once that issue is resolved, they stop participating in the program.

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Notices sent by Code Rangers:

Year	Number of Notices sent by Code Rangers*
FY2023	239
FY2024	621
FY2025	535
FY2026 (Year to Date)	440

*The average Code Compliance Officer performs roughly 4,000 inspections a year for comparison.

Mobile Tool Shed (\$76K)

The Mobile Tool Shed has been successful and an asset to residents attempting to gain compliance on their property. The feedback received has been appreciative, and the City has highlighted some of the success stories on social media. A total of 683 tools have been reserved for FY26 to date. There are already 57 future reservations as of 8/14/26. The service delivery is more dependent on the availability of tools; however, delivery of tools and instruction to residents on how to use them will be delayed with the proposed staff reduction.

Reservations by Council District:

Council District	Reservations
2	77
3	32
4	34
5	29
6	95
7	72
8	77
9	46
10	46
11	107
Before Capturing Data	68
Total	683

Reservations by Police Division:

Police Division	Reservations
Central	65
Northwest	112
North	91
East	117
South	128
West	102
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