

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04WISE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

SUBJECT

Authorize Execution of a Communications Systems Agreement with Wise County for Participation in the City of Fort Worth's Two-Way Public Safety Radio System at No Cost to the City of Fort Worth (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a Communications Systems Agreement with Wise County for participation in the City of Fort Worth's Two-Way Public Safety Radio System in which the Wise County will reimburse its share of operations and maintenance to ensure no cost to the City of Fort Worth.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (City) maintains Agreements to provide access to its two-way radio systems by other public safety agencies in North Central Texas. In return for this access, external agencies help offset the City's expenses through the payment of annual fees. In addition, access to the Fort Worth Public Safety Radio System by multiple jurisdictions enhances the ability of first responders to communicate with one another when responding to incidents.

In October 2019, Wise County (County) approved a Communications System Agreement to use a portion of the City's digital Public Safety Radio System. The County will provide its own radios, radio towers and infrastructure required to provide coverage for the County, but will utilize the City's P25 radio master switch or core, to run its system. The addition of the County will require no change or expansion to the City's radio system.

To ensure the software and hardware levels of the radio systems remain current and under support, the City utilizes a Motorola System Upgrade Agreement that encompasses all external agencies which connect to the City's P25 master switch. The use of a single System Upgrade Agreement to cover all users results in a 14 percent discount in the cost for all agencies, including the City. The Communications System Agreement with Wise County allows the City to invoice the County for its share of the Motorola System Upgrade Agreement as well as the County's annual subscriber fee. The annual charges to be invoiced to Wise County is estimated to be \$35,752.00.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Wise County

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation, funds will be deposited into the General Fund. The Information Technology Solutions Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City, and prior to any expense incurred, the Information Technology Solutions Department also has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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