

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**SUBJECT**

Authorize Execution of Agreement for Sexual Assault Medical Examination Services with the Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network to be Reimbursed by the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 Per Year and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of an Agreement for sexual assault medical examination services with the Tarrant County Hospital Distract d/b/a JPS Health Network;
  2. Authorize the Agreement to begin October 1, 2019 and expire September 30, 2020;
  3. Authorize the Agreement to be renewed for up to four successive one-year periods; and
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing appropriations in the General Fund, in an amount up to \$150,000.00, pending receipt of reimbursement funds.
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**DISCUSSION:**

Sexual assault medical examinations have been conducted at John Peter Smith Hospital (JPS), a division of the Tarrant County Hospital District, for more than 30 years. In 1978, a cooperative effort between JPS, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office and the Fort Worth Police Department was established in an attempt to provide a more complete and uniform collection of evidence, thus benefiting the criminal investigation procedure. The Attorney General's Office of the State of Texas establishes victim eligibility and allowable reimbursable expenses and will reimburse the City up to \$1,000.00 per case.

The Police Department will use the Agreement to provide professional examinations for an estimated 240 sexual assault cases for Fiscal Year 2020. The charges for emergency room, tests performed and a hospital fee will be billed to the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 per case as allowable and reimbursable expenses by the State of Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program.

**RENEWAL OPTIONS:** This Agreement may be renewed for up to four additional one year periods at the City's option at a cost of up to \$100,000.00 per renewal period. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

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

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and execution of the Agreement, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the General Fund. The Police Department is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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