

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04TARRANT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT COMM SYS AGREEMENT

SUBJECT

Authorize Execution of a Communications System Agreement with the Tarrant Regional Water District 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 System Agreement with the Tarrant Regional Water District for participation in the City of Fort Worth's two-way Public Safety Radio System at 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 system by other public safety agencies primarily in Tarrant, Johnson, Dallas, Denton, Ellis and Parker counties. 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 emergency responders to communicate with one another when responding to incidents.

In October 2019, the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) approved a Communications System Agreement to operate on the City's Public Safety Radio System. TRWD will provide its own radios and dispatch center, but will utilize the City's radio infrastructure for its public safety communications.

TRWD also approved a Radio Subscriber Support Agreement under which the City will install, configure, program, maintain and repair TRWD's two-way radios. The City's performance of these additional services will not impact its ability to meet City department requirements. It will, however, provide additional external revenues to help support the Public Safety Communications System. The Subscriber Support Agreement will also ensure that the equipment supporting the users of the City's radio system is operating within manufacturer specifications, which is a critical requirement of the digital technology used with the City's Public Safety Communications System.

Total annual revenue is estimated at \$5,000.00

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

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation the Information Technology Solutions Department and the Financial Management Services Department have the responsibility for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City under this Agreement. Revenue from this agreement is estimated at \$5,000.00 annually.

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