

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM TSU

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Payments from the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in an Amount Up to \$62,500.00, and Authorize Execution of Related Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas State University for Operations to Discourage the Sale of Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, or Tobacco Products to Persons Younger than 21 Years of Age, for Fiscal Year 2025

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of payments from the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in an amount up to \$62,500.00; and
  2. Authorize the execution of related Agreement with Texas State University for operations to discourage the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is request authorization to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Contract as provided by the *Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code* between Texas State University (Texas State) and the City of Fort Worth Police Department for Fiscal Year 2025.

The Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in San Marcos (Texas State) coordinates the Tobacco Enforcement Program (Program). The Program allocates funds to local law enforcement agencies to conduct controlled buy/sting operations and follow-ups at tobacco permitted retail outlets and sales and use tax permitted e-cigarette retail outlets. The controlled buys/sting operations are conducted in order to discourage retailers from selling tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age. Texas State will provide the City of Fort Worth (City) an amount up to \$62,500.00 to perform the sting operations.

Participation in the Program provides a significant benefit to the community. The Program provides the Fort Worth Police Department with additional opportunities to enforce laws regarding youth access to tobacco products. The City will receive an amount of \$125.00 per sting operation. The amount received will offset a portion of the overtime and associated fringe benefits for the officers participating in the Program. The City will be responsible for costs associated with vehicle mileage, fuel, buy money and a stipend for minors participating in the Program. The City's expenses will be covered by various funding sources, including but not limited to general funds.

This contract will service ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas State University-San Marcos

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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 deposited into the General Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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