

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/30/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0938

LOG NAME: 22CITYWIDE LITTER ABATEMENT CREWS NO.4

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of the Fourth Amendment to Contract with Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc., to Increase the Contract Value for the UpSpire Program by \$1,857,962.40, for a New Annual Amount Up to \$4,500,000.00, to Support Illegal Campsite Clean-Up and Citywide Litter Control for the Environmental Services Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of the Fourth Amendment to City Secretary Contract No. 58382 with Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc., UpSpire Program, to increase the amount by \$1,857,962.40 for a new annual amount up to \$4,500,000.00 to support illegal campsite clean-up and citywide litter control through the Environmental Services Department.

DISCUSSION:

In August 2022, the City of Fort Worth issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure an annual agreement for labor, materials, and equipment to abate litter throughout the City of Fort Worth for an annual amount of up to \$1,914,520.00. The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc., through its UpSpire Program, (UpSpire) was awarded the RFP to fulfill these services. On October 25, 2022, City Council approved Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) 22-0855. On October 26, 2022, the City entered into City Secretary Contract No. 58382 (the "Agreement") with UpSpire.

The following table contains information about the previous amendments to the Agreement

Amendment Number	Amendment Information
58382-A1	Payment schedule clarified
58382-A2	Expanded services to include supplemental collection and removal of trash, litter, and debris along designated state highways and highway segments within the City
58382-A3	Increased annual spending authority to a new total contract amount up to \$2,642,037.60 to support litter cleanup in greenspaces along City highways and litter cleanup efforts through the City's Neighborhood Improvement Projects.

Current Request (Fourth Amendment)

Environmental Services is requesting authorization for a Fourth Amendment to the agreement for litter abatement services, increasing the contract amount by \$1,857,962.40 for a new annual amount up to \$4,500,000.00. The additional funding will enhance the City's capacity to address illegal campsite cleanups as well as various needs throughout the City, including, but not limited to, litter and debris removal. Currently, the agreement provides for up to 13 crews: 11 city-focused crews and 2 crews dedicated to supplemental Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway cleanup. Approval of this amendment will expand contract authority to allow for up to 10 additional five-person citywide crews, subject to budget availability and operational needs. With this amendment, the agreement will support a total of up to 23 crews: 11 city-focused crews, continuing 2 supplemental TxDOT highway cleanup crews, plus 5 newly added crews to focus on illegal camping and debris cleanup, and up to 5 additional crews to support special events and pilot projects. The amendment will also provide flexibility for the mobilization of various needs and clarify services to include separation and sorting of recyclables in waste streams, when possible.

Funding will be budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account within the Environmental Protection Fund for Fiscal Year 2026. Other funding sources may include grant funds, donations, or alternate City funds, as available.

This amendment will not change any other agreement terms or conditions of the contract.

AGREEMENT TERMS - The current term of this agreement will expire on October 25, 2025, with two renewal options remaining thereafter.

EXEMPT PROCUREMENT - The City Attorney's Office has determined that litter abatement may be exempt from competitive bidding under the provisions of Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code as necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents. Nevertheless, the City chose to voluntarily procure this agreement through the competitive process, as allowed, to ensure the City receives a fair and equitable contract.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Environmental Protection Fund to support execution of the amendment. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Environmental Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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