

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Concerning Mutual Aid Fire Services with Tarrant County Emergency Services District One

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement concerning mutual aid fire services with Tarrant County Emergency Services District One; and
 2. Receive a one-time payment of \$8,500.00 from Tarrant County Emergency Services District One.
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DISCUSSION:

The Tarrant County Emergency Services District One (TCESD1) desires an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth) for mutual aid fire services. The Agreement is authorized pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code (Interlocal Cooperation Act). Neighboring fire departments often enter into mutual aid agreements to augment emergency response resources at major incidents or to gain emergency response efficiencies in areas where adjacent jurisdiction resources are located in close proximity.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Fort Worth's response will be limited to assistance within unincorporated Tarrant County, the jurisdiction of TCESD1, and may include response on an as-needed basis to working structure fires, emergency medical incidents, grass fire incidents, and certain hazardous material or technical rescue situations. TCESD1's response to Fort Worth may include response on an as-needed basis to working structure fires, emergency medical incidents, and grass fire incidents. Response from both departments shall be subject to the availability of personnel and equipment.

TCESD1 and Fort Worth will be legally responsible for the conduct of their respective fire department employees regardless of whether such employees were performing duties under this Agreement at the request of the requesting department and regardless of whether such employees were acting under the authority, direction, suggestion or orders of an officer of the requesting jurisdiction. Both departments agree to reimburse each other for actual costs other than ordinary operating costs incurred by each other in the performance of this Agreement, except that both cities shall be responsible for all costs associated with their own equipment, including damage and breakage. Reimbursement shall be made on an incident-by-incident basis, with the exception of a one-time payment of \$8,500.00 to be made to the City of Fort Worth by TCESD1 after execution of the agreement. This one-time payment is their standard practice as a sign of goodwill to the partnering department.

Business Equity: A M/WBE goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

This Agreement is consistent with the other mutual aid agreements between Fort Worth and adjoining jurisdictions for fire services.

This agreement will serve 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: Tarrant County Emergency Services District One

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, of the General Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the Agreement. The Fire Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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