

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/08/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0366

**LOG NAME:** 04CITY OF DALLAS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Communications System Agreement with the City of Dallas to Connect their Two-Way Public Safety Radio Systems Together for Interoperable Communications

---

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a communications system agreement with the City of Dallas to connect their two-way public safety radio systems together for interoperable communications.

---

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth) anchors a public safety radio communications system that provides primary communications to more than 75 agencies in North Texas. These agencies are primarily in Tarrant, Johnson, Ellis and Dallas counties. The City of Dallas (Dallas) is establishing a similar system scheduled for completion in early 2022.

Under the proposed agreement, Fort Worth and Dallas will establish a connection between the two systems. For normal operations, the systems will operate as totally separate systems, but for mutual aid operations will operate as a single interoperable communications system to be known as the North Texas Interoperable Radio Network (NTIRN). Fort Worth and Dallas will retain ownership and responsibility for managing and maintaining their respective communications systems. No additional costs will be incurred by Fort Worth resulting from this agreement.

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

---

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

**Submitted for City Manager's Office by:** Valerie Washington 6192

**Originating Business Unit Head:** Kevin Gunn 2015

**Additional Information Contact:** Donlen Ruffin 2017