



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Fire

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Cassey Ogden, Deputy City Manager

DATE: 03/25/2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving and authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Denton and Denton County for Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Services for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$127,251; and declaring an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Services between the City of Denton and Denton County provides fire protection and emergency ambulance services by the Denton Fire Department to designated unincorporated areas within the County.

This ongoing Interlocal Agreement is often delayed in the County’s legal approval process, which also includes review by the Denton County Fire Chiefs Association and approval by the Commissioners Court as part of their budget process. After the City of Denton signs the agreement, the County Commissioners takes official action. Even though the contract is approved after its starting date, the agreement becomes effective October 1, 2024. The total appropriation to pay for fire protection and emergency ambulance services in the unincorporated County area is determined each year by Commissioners' Court.

In previous years, a set reimbursement rate per fire call or emergency ambulance transport was determined and funding was allocated to contracted departments providing service. This year, the County has developed a combined fire and ambulance agreement with a funding formula outlined in the chart below.

Denton County Fire and Ambulance Funding	
Fixed Readiness Sum	\$10,000
Fixed Sum for Fire Calls and Ambulance Transports	\$113,545
Three Percent (3%) COLA	\$3,706
TOTAL	\$127,251

*The fixed sum for fire calls and ambulance transports is based on the number of fire calls and ambulance transports made and reported by the City in fiscal year 2024.

The County is no longer requiring jurisdictions to count calls and deliver invoices to the Fire Marshal’s Office. This is to reduce the workload of sending call data, processing, and invoicing.

With Denton County's new system, the contracting jurisdictions receive funding in a lump sum after the contract is executed. For FY 25-26, the previous year's calls for service to each jurisdiction were calculated with a 3% cola to offset increases in cost and volume.

This 3% percent COLA approach will be replicated on a two-year contract for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for a total of a 6% increase. City of Denton amounts are scheduled to be \$131,069 in FY 26-27 and \$135,001 in FY 27-28.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On December 12, 2023, City Council authorized an Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for Ambulance Services and Fire Protection under Ordinances 23-2259 and 23-2260.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The total Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Fire Protection and Ambulance Transport Services is \$127,251, which is an increase of \$3,706 from the prior year contracts. All revenue from this agreement is deposited into the General Fund.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet
- Exhibit 2: Ordinance with Attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

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