



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Sara Hensley, City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Texas, Texas Department of Public Safety, authorizing the Denton Police Department to perform Uniform Commercial Vehicle Weight Inspections and Enforcement; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Since 2006, the Denton Police Department has worked cooperatively with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement. The goal of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement is to reduce commercial motor vehicle accidents, fatalities, and injuries through consistent, uniform, and effective CMV safety programs. The CMV program detects, corrects or temporarily puts out of service commercial vehicles that exhibit safety defects, driver deficiencies, and unsafe motor carrier practices before they become contributing factors to crashes and a hazard to the citizens of Denton.

DPS provides training, testing and certification of officers within the Traffic Section of the police department who are assigned to commercial motor vehicle enforcement activities. These officers may conduct random, in-person observation of weight enforcement inspections to ensure adherence to the Department of Public Safety certification standards. In order to perform enforcement activities under Chapter 621, the Police Department is required to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Public Safety that specifies the roles and obligations of each agency. The Department agrees to certification training of their officers, purchase the approved scales to meet State standards and provide the required annual reports on enforcement activities. This agreement must be renewed every two (2) years and will be effective from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve this ordinance.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Council approved Ordinance 19-1916 on August 13, 2019, Ordinance 21-1446 on July 27, 2021, and Ordinance 23-1474 on August 15, 2023.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost to the City of Denton.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance - MOU

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