



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

CM/DCM/ACM: Kenneth Hedges

DATE: August 4, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County, Texas, a duly organized political subdivision of the State of Texas, to exempt Denton County from notifying or submitting a building permit for any new construction or renovation of a building or facility owned by Denton County to the City of Denton; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The City of Denton currently reviews and inspects permits for work completed by Denton County. There was a House Bill 3234 which went into effect on September 2025, lowering the population threshold where Cities can no longer require counties to permit from 3.3 to 1 million. This is based on census population and would be effective for Denton County after the 2030 census.

The bill specifically states “a political subdivision may not require a county to notify the political subdivision or obtain a building permit for any new construction or renovation of a building or facility owned by the county if the construction or renovation work is supervised and inspected by an engineer or architect licensed in the State”.

Denton County has requested to be exempt from notifying the City and/or obtaining a building permit for any new construction or renovation of a building or facility owned by the County as stated in TLGC Sec. 245.007 in advance of the statutory requirement. In keeping with the continued partnership with Denton County, this agreement exempts the County from obtaining building permits, they are required to continue complying with the building standards of the City during construction or renovation of a building/facility. The County must also continue to obtain permits or approvals for any city utility connections, work within public Rights-of-Way, or other approvals expressly required by applicable law that are independent of building permit requirements.

While this would impact future revenue for the City in receiving permitting fees, the City’s fees are based on cost recovery, and there would not be staff time associated with the review and inspections of these future permits allowing staff to work on other projects/permits.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this request.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

None.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The City has received \$114,968 in permitting revenue from the County since 2020 and estimates this would impact an estimated \$200,000 in future revenue.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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