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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

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DATE: May 22, 2018

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (MOU) on behalf of the City of Denton with the Texas Department of Public Safety, relating to the enforcement of State Laws on uniform commercial vehicle weight enforcement within Texas Transportation Code Chapter 621, Subchapter F; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Since 2006, the Denton Police Department has worked cooperatively with the Department of Public Safety on commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement. A component of this partnership involves enforcement of motor vehicle weight standards. These standards are defined within Texas Transportation Code Chapter 621. In order to perform enforcement activities under Chapter 621, the Police Department is required to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (MOU) with the Department of Public Safety that specifies the roles and obligations of each agency. This Agreement must be renewed every two (2) years, or more often when promulgated by the Department of Public Safety.

The Department of Public Safety provides training, testing, and certification of specified Denton Police officers who are assigned to commercial motor vehicle enforcement activities. They may conduct random, in-person observation of weight enforcement inspections conducted by the Police Department in order to ensure that the officers are adhering to Department of Public Safety certification standards.

The Police Department agrees to certification training of their officers and to adhere to their training and enforcement standards in weighing a commercial motor vehicle. The Denton Police Department has purchased approved scales that meet State standards. The Department also agrees to provide required annual reports on enforcement activities to the Department of Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approves the Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (MOU) with the Department of Public Safety to continue commercial weight enforcement program.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community
Related Goal: 4.1 Enhance public safety in the community

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2: Ordinance

Exhibit 3: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (MOU)

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