

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20694	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	1/17/2013	Department:	Municipal Court
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for a five year term to withhold vehicle registrations for people with outstanding traffic warrants, fines, and unpaid red light camera cases. The anticipated yearly cost will not exceed \$15,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Municipal Court's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Operating Budget.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	The original agreement was signed in March 2008.
For More Information:	Rebecca Stark, Clerk of the Municipal Court, 512-974-4692
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In 2008 the City entered into an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to participate in a "Scofflaw" program which involves withholding vehicle registration renewals on eligible delinquent cases in an effort to gain compliance. Eligible cases include delinquent traffic and red light camera cases. The cases are flagged to withhold renewal and then the hold is released when the case is resolved. Last year, 1,558 cases were flagged and 1,722 holds were released at a cost of about \$7,000. The Municipal Court estimates that \$130,476 in additional revenue was collected by the City as a result of this program.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), took over the responsibility of regulating vehicle ownership and registration from the Department of Transportation in November 2009. The TxDMV has requested a new interlocal agreement with the City to continue the City's participation in the program.