

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23397	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date:	4/11/2013	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Forest Service to coordinate efforts related to prevention, training for, detection, and suppression of wildfires; and management and training for prescribed fires and other incidents to improve efficiency and effectiveness. The initial term is one year and the parties may renew for up to five (5) additional one-year terms on mutual consent.

Amount and Source of Funding

No funding is required

Fiscal Note

I fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Previous Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Fire Service expired 02/24/13 with no extension for the current year.
For More Information:	Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, 974-0130; Assistant Director Jim Linardos, 974-4104
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement between the Texas Forest Service, a member of the Texas A & M University System and an agency of the State of Texas (TFS), and the City of Austin (City) is to provide mutual support, cooperation, and assistance for prescribed fire management, fire prevention, and fire preparedness. This Agreement will provide for technical support and training and will allow TFS and the City to request equipment, personnel, and appropriate personal safety items as necessary to ensure the safety of employees participating in interagency incident management efforts. Parties understand that the resources available from the City under this Agreement are limited to the resources of the Austin Water Utility Department, Wildlands Conservation Division, and the Austin Fire Department.

The Austin Water Utility Department has had an Interlocal Agreement with TFS for numerous years. The proposed agreement language has been revised to include the Austin Fire Department as an additional party to the agreement.